

Troop 212 – Kernville Kickback

August 2015

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

This month we are trying something new and unique, as you can tell from the title above. We will be camping next to the Kern River at an elevation of 3000 feet where you can swim, hike, fish, relax, or float around on the river on an inner tube while drinking a cold soda. The weather will be warm during the day and nice at night. Make sure to bring your water shoes for this one.

As a result of the drought, the river is lower than normal and slower flowing which allows us the unique opportunity to swim in the mighty Kern right from our camp sites. This stretch of river is also world renowned for its Golden Trout fishing.

The name of the campground is Hospital Flat in Kernville and the GPS coordinates in 2 different formats are below. From Kernville, go 6.5 miles north on Sierra Way (Mountain 99) to the campground.

Latitude Longitude Latitude Longitude
35.82861 118.45778 or 35°49'43"N 118°27'28"W

Food shopping is scheduled for Thursday, August 13th, at Stater Bros.

Depart church parking lot: Friday, August 14th at 7:00 PM sharp

Return to church parking lot: Sunday, August 16th, at approximately 5:00 PM

Cost: **\$35.00/\$15** per person to cover the cost of camp fees and food for 4 meals, to include 1 lunch, 1 supper, and 2 breakfasts. **Please bring CASH or CHECK to the troop meeting on Monday, August 10th with the standard permission slip which can be found on the website.** All checks need to be made out to "BSA Troop 212".

We will be stopping off for lunch Sunday afternoon on the way home. Send some cash with your son(s) for this.

As with any BSA water event for safety, an additional qualification to attend this trip is having passed the BSA swim test, or equivalent swim capable certification, as determined by the Scoutmaster.

As a minimum, the following items should be packed with owners name on them;

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate clothing
(Day high ; 99°/Night low; 60°) | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Spray | <input type="checkbox"/> Water toys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brim Hat, Wide | <input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit (utensils, bowl etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing gear for streams | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun Block and Chapstick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit, personal | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Folding chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho | <input type="checkbox"/> Jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swim trunks | <input type="checkbox"/> Rope – 10 Feet | <input type="checkbox"/> Troop water jugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handy-wipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER SHOES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydration pack or Canteen
(FILLED at home) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dry clothes for evening | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag and Pad | |

Fishing gear on this adventure is encouraged, as long as you have your proper California Fishing License with you.

As is the tradition of Troop 212, this will be a very safe outing. We will have SPOT with us, so families can monitor our return transport progress for timely Sunday pick up in Long Beach. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Scouting,
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