

Troop 212 - Pioneering April 17th – April 19th 2015

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

This year's Pioneering weekend will test and build upon the skills learned during the program year, and at the Scout Skills weekend in March. On a Patrol Basis, Scouts will get a chance to test their skills in a competition involving, at a minimum, First Aid, Orienteering, Knots and Lashings, and Fire building. The best performing patrol wins dessert from the adult kitchen Saturday night. There will also be an optional low impact shelter building activity, Saturday afternoon, so bring supplies for a shelter.

This years story begins.....

After decades of warning, it has finally happened, an 8.1 magnitude earth quake has struck the Los Angeles basin. Utility service has been disrupted including water, electricity, natural gas, and cell phones. Food and gasoline are becoming scarce and selling at a premium, when they can be found. Civil unrest has erupted and bands of looters roam the streets as well as more organized gangs at all hours of the day. The decision is made to move to a safer place. Our escape is cut off to the north by buckled freeways and downed over-passes, and to the south by a leaking reactor at San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant. The decision is made to go east, to survive...

Food shopping is scheduled for Thursday, April 16th at Stater Bros. Scouts are reminded to shop for food that can be prepared at a campsite where Pioneering skills need to be demonstrated. Please note that Saturday's lunch must be carried and eaten during the program activity, so shop accordingly.

Meeting: Friday, April 17th at 7:00 PM – Church parking lot. For gear loading, please be prompt.

Departure: Friday, April 19th at 7:30 PM – Church parking lot.

Return Arrival: Sunday, April 19th, at approximately 4:00 PM – Church parking lot.

Location: **Palomar Observatory Campground, 35899 Canfield Rd. Palomar Mountain, CA. Cleveland National Forest (elevation: 4,875').**

Cost: \$25.00 / \$15.00 to cover the cost of 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts, camp fees, patch, and other program costs. **Please bring \$40.00 CASH or CHECK to the troop meeting on Monday, April 13, with the standard permission slip which can be found on the website.** All checks need to me made out to "BSA Troop 212".

Preparation: Troop meeting, Monday, for more details.

Uniform: Class "A" uniform during auto travel on Friday and Sunday.

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate clothing and sleeping attire
(Day high ; 80°/Night low; 35°) | <input type="checkbox"/> Daypack – with essentials | <input type="checkbox"/> Large black plastic trash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes suitable for hiking in cool to warm temps during the day and warm cloths for night | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydration pack or Canteen | Mess Kit (utensils, bowl, mug, etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hoodie and thermals or fleece for sleeping | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass, approved as per demo | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & paste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brim Hat, Wide | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit, personal | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and Chapstick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jacket, ski cap, gloves for night | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap and Comb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy hiking boots and extra socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches or Flint | <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils, Pens, Notebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag, Wicking Layer, and Pad | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Tote N Chip card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cloth | <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter supplies, tarp, rope, etc. |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Rope – 10 Feet | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch or way of telling time, not dependent on cell phone technology. |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 -2 Granola Bars | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Spray | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Lunch – Patrol provided | |

We expect the days to be warm, but the nights will be a little chilly. Please bring warm clothes for the evening. Sunday lunch will be on the road. Please send your scout with cash. NOTE: \$5.00 extra per vehicle if we need to use the day parking area and coin operated Showers are available.

As is the tradition of Troop 212, this will be a very safe outing. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at Scoutmaster@troop212.net. All the other leaders will not be allowed to answer any questions from now on.

Yours in Scouting, John Douglas, Scoutmaster