

Troop 212 Camping and Fishing Trip Mammoth Lakes, Ca. June 19-20-21, 2015

PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT COMPLETELY

Dear Scouts and Scouters:

This trip letter is very detailed for the camping and fishing trip to Mammoth Lakes, Ca. Mammoth Lakes is a spectacular destination for camping, hiking, fishing and horseback riding. On this trip, as part of our standard base camp program using Pine Glen Campground (site #15) , we will be traveling as three groups for fishing the nearby streams and lakes, Saturday, and early Sunday. For usual Standard Base Camp program, Option #1 , we will be using cars to visit the various fishing locations. We will offer two additional high adventure options that includes (Option 2) backpacking to Duck Lake to fish, spend the night, and return the next day or (Option 2) horseback riding to Hilton Lakes Basin to fish, spend the night, and return the next day. All options will require the use of tents, since rain is highly possible, and very warm sleeping bags, due to the high altitude and cold breezes still present at this time of year.

The Base Camp, Option 1, is similar to last years program, and is only limited by the car parking issues, and tenting space given to us since we have only one campsite this year. This will be reviewed in greater detail during Mondays meeting when we know for sure how many participants we need to plan for. If you wish to attend this option, participants must commit on Monday, June 15th with money and permission slips and assist with food shopping on Thursday, June 18th at 7 PM, since this will be troop feed trip. We need two adults to be the Base Camp Team Leaders , and Food Shopping Leaders of this Option. Please volunteer for these duties during Mondays sign up. This group will drive up with the troop Friday, and stay at Pine Glen Campground, site 15, for the full weekend. This group will wait for all other groups to return on Sunday afternoon at Pine Glen.

The Backpacking Option 2 is limited to 14 qualified people (estimated breakdown is 10 Scouts and 4 Adults) total due to permit availability. If you wish to go on the backpacking trip, participants must commit on Monday, June 15th with money and permission slips to pick up their backpacks and plan on attending the pack check and equipment pick up meeting on Thursday, June 18th at 7 PM. Please note; this is not a good first time backpack trip, and if you are among the few that have not yet returned the backpack gear from last month's trip, you are now on the " no fly" list for this trip. This group will drive up with the troop Friday, but NOT stay at Pine Glen Campground, but rather use a local condo as the stay over and launch location. The adult Team Leaders for this Option are Doug M. and Ron B. This group will meet with the main Base Camp Team on Sunday afternoon at Pine Glen.

The Horseback Option 3 is limited to 15 qualified people (estimated breakdown is 12 Scouts and 3 Adults) total due to permit availability. If you wish to go on this trip option, participants must commit on Monday, June 15th with money and permission slips, and plan on attending the equipment review and riding review meeting on Wednesday, June 17th at 7 PM. Please note; this is not a good first time horseback trip for those that have never been horseback riding before, but novice riders with a minimum of riding experience are welcome. We will be using elements of the backpacking gear as well. If you are among the few hat have not yet returned the backpack gear from last trip, you are now on the " no fly" list for this trip. This group will drive up with the troop Friday as well, and WILL stay at Pine Glen Campground Friday evening, and depart early Saturday morning after breakfast to the horse stables. There we will transfer our specially packed gear to the pack animals, and saddle up for this adventure. The horse assigned to each rider is the responsibility of each rider for the full trip, and will require proper feeding and overall care while at the overnight campsite tied to the picket lines. More details on this will be given during the Wednesday meeting at 7 PM. This group will meet with the main Base Camp Team on Sunday afternoon at Pine Glen after they return from the ride. As discussed during the Parent Meetings, this is a complicated option, and took time to set up, causing delay in publishing this letter. Some of the detail plans will be finalized based on the number of attendees. Because this is an expensive option, see below, it will only happen if we have enough participants enrolled on Monday. The primary adult Team Leader for this Option will be me. My co-leader will be determined on Monday.

Since this is a fishing trip, everyone is encouraged to bring their fishing gear properly packed for rough transport in cars, in backpacks or on pack horses. Having fishing gear is not a requirement to attend this trip, but it will be more interesting with fishing gear. The troop owns some fresh water fishing rods, and will be made available to any scout that reserves them before the departure date, on a first come, first serve basis.

There will be a fish fry dinner Saturday night for all Teams at their campsites, assuming these have been caught and properly cleaned in time. Please have the fish you have caught prepared (cleaned) and given to the Master Chef early enough so that dinner preparations can be finalized. Please determine with your Team Leader exactly what time this is. The Base Camp Team is reminded that fish cleaning is not allowed in the Pine Glenn campground and the Rangers will issue tickets with steep fines to those campsites that are not set up to be "bear aware". The other two team will need to clean their fish with even greater "bear aware" procedures. If you are among the few that just like camping, but are not able to eat fresh fish, please let your Team Leader know this BEFORE food shopping night so alternative arrangements can be made for you.

Parents that wish to track the troop on the return trip may do so by checking the SPOT information on the troop website. Scouts will also be encouraged to call their parents when they get close to the church.

Meeting: **Friday, June 19th at 5:30 AM** - Church parking lot with gear ready to go. **Please be prompt.**

Departure: **Friday, June 19th at 6:00 AM** – to avoid traffic and to get up there at a reasonable hour. We expect all participants to have had breakfast prior to departure, and have a bag lunch with drink packed for this trip. The trip is roughly 6 to 8 hours. All teams will use the afternoon to prep their gear for their option, and /or go fishing, depending on the Team Leaders determine.

Return: **Sunday, June 21th estimated 7:00-8:00 PM** - Church parking lot (assuming noon departure from Mammoth) Lunch will be at the Pine Glen Campsite for all teams at noon, and we plan on a 1 PM departure. Please bring some money for a quick dinner stop on the way home Sunday night.

Quick Gas stops will be made in Mojave and Bishop.

Location: **Pine Glen Campground, Mammoth Lake, Ca., campsite 15**
Just beyond Shady Rest Campground at Main Street (Highway 203) and Sawmill Cutoff Road in Mammoth Lakes. This campground has potable water and flush toilets, but no showers. Showers are available at a different facility across the street for \$6 if you wish.

Cost: **\$38.00/\$20 per person, Base Price (Option 1) is \$58.00.** \$38 will cover Food/supplies/ice for 6 Meals (FriSup, SatBr, SatLu, SatSup, SunBr, SunLu), Camp Fees and other costs. **\$20** will cover fuel costs. Carpooling required due to campground parking limit of vehicles and 1 troop trailer.

Backpacking, (Option 2) requires additional cost: \$10 more than Base Camp for per person to cover backpacking food and permits, making the cost for this option be \$48/\$20 , totaling \$68.00 p/p for this option.

Horseback, (Option 3) requires additional cost: \$10 more than Base Camp for per person to cover backpacking food and permits, plus \$150 p/p p/day, making the cost for this option be \$300 plus, \$48/\$20 , totaling \$368.00 p/p for this option.

If plan on attending any of these options, bring the payment and our standard signed permission slip to the Troop meeting on deadline day of Monday, June 15. The Patrol Leaders and Patrol Scribes will collect the money and permission slips from their patrol members. **NO COLLECTIONS AFTER MONDAY.**

Troop Meals for all Teams will be prepared Troop style, rather than Patrol style on this trip, so everyone is expected to pitch in where needed. Backpackers will be split up in groups of 3 for food and gear sharing.

Food Shopping for the Base Camp Team (Option 1) Thursday, June 18, at 7PM at Costco in Lakewood or Stater Bros. This will be determined by the Team Leaders on Monday and announced on Monday. Food shopping for the other two teams will be done sooner by their Team Leaders, so these other two team can meet on Wednesday and Thursday, as noted above.

Class A uniform will be worn during auto travel to and from Mammoth on Friday and Sunday.

Adults and Scouts that are 16 years or older are required to purchase their own fishing license. A two day license may be purchased in Mammoth on Friday or you may purchase one locally.

Weather predictions for all Teams has expected Daytime temperatures up to 80°/Nighttime low temperatures down to 30° s. Prepare accordingly.

PINE GLEN CAMPERS (Base Camp) :

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Spray | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap and Comb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brim Hat, Wide | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches or Flint | <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy hiking boots and extra socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass, approved as per demo | <input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit (utensils, bowl, mug, etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit, personal | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils, Pens, Notebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and Chapstick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cloth | <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & paste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handy-wipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Rope – 10 Feet | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydration pack or Canteen | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Day pack | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag and Pad | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel | |

BACKPACKERS and WRANGLERS:

At a minimum, the following items should be CONSIDERED if appropriate to be packed with owners name on them:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho/Rain Gear | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Spray !! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack/ Bag for Pannier | <input type="checkbox"/> Small baggy of Handy-wipes, | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brim Hat (suitable for rain!) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches or Flint |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper & trowel | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils, Pens, Notebook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight (small is best) | <input type="checkbox"/> water bottle filled with water | <input type="checkbox"/> Rope – 10 Feet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and Chapstick | <input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit (utensils, bowl, mug, etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Sleeping Bag and Pad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Small towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Riding boots | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire starter | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Bear Canister (shared) | <input type="checkbox"/> Trash bag/Ziploc bags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ace bandage | <input type="checkbox"/> trail snacks | <input type="checkbox"/> biodegradable soap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mole skin | | <input type="checkbox"/> aluminum foil |

Note: all items are either worn or carried on your back, so there is a premium for packing light

Please visit the Troop web site for additional information, including directions to the camp ground, the campground map, and a fishing gear checklist. As is the tradition of Troop 212, this High Adventure event, will be as safe as possible relying on all participants contributing to that safety. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me before the trip.

Yours in Scouting,

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