

TROOP #212 UPCOMING CLIMBING & RAPPELLING TRIP

November 20 – 22, 2015

Dear Scouts & Scouters;

This has always been a fun and safe outing, so we expect it to be so again this year. We will meet at the Church parking lot on Friday, November 20th at 7:00 PM, and plan to depart at 7:30 PM SHARP for the private 5-star resort of Joshua Tree Lake Campground, located north of the National Park at:

2601 Sunfair Road, Joshua Tree, CA 92252, Ph. (760) 366-1213

Even though the theme is Climbing and Rappelling, all other rank advancement opportunities will be encouraged. Scouts do not have to climb or rappel to attend this trip. We expect the daytime temps to be in the high 60's, and the nights in the low 40's. Please plan clothing needs accordingly.

We will be entering Joshua Tree National Park on Saturday morning and remaining most of the day. Drivers will need the park entry fee of \$20/vehicle at the gate. The Troop will reimburse the drivers.

Full uniform will be worn during travel on Friday and Sunday. Scouts, should have set up packing check lists for personal required items by theme and weather conditions. All Scouts should pack, as a MINIMUM:

- Extra socks & sturdy shoes
 - Sun Block-out,
 - Warm Jacket for evenings
 - Rugged pants for daytime use
 - Pens, Pencils, Notebook
 - Wide Brim Hat, Work Gloves
 - Sleeping bag & ground cloth
 - Webbing, carabiner & gloves
 - Personal eating utensils, bowl, and mug.
 - Scout Handbook , Water Bottle
 - Personal Flashlight & First Aid Kit
 - Compass, Poncho, Canteen, sunglasses
 - Soap, Comb, Chapstick
 - Tooth brush & paste
 - Pull-over hat
 - Insulated pad or air mattress
- **The price per person for this trip is \$ 30 / \$15.** The \$15.00 will be used to create a fuel fund for drivers. Drivers are not required to pay into the \$15 fuel fund. Trip fees and permission slips will be collected during the Troop meeting on Monday November 16th.
 - **The major components of climbing gear are provided by the troop;** including rope, spare webbing, anchor systems, and safety helmets.
 - **Each Scout should purchase 15 to 19 feet of one inch tubular webbing for use as a personal climbing harness and a locking carabiner...**as detailed during troop meetings with the Scouts.

Food shopping will be on Thursday, Nov. 19th, 7 PM at Stator Bros at Spring and Palo Verde. Scouts need to plan for a sack lunch on Saturday. Access to camp will be very limited from the climbing site.

We plan to depart from the campground on Sunday, at 12 PM and stop for lunch on the way home. Please be sure your scout has money for lunch.

We plan to arrive at church around 4:00 PM. Return times are always influenced by things beyond our control, such as how efficient we are at packing up Sunday, traffic, and general weather conditions. Therefore, I encourage you to check **SPOT** at the troop website frequently for updates. As is the tradition of Troop 212, this will be a very safe outing, due in no small way to the adult leadership who will assist by attending this trip.

Yours in Scouting,
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