

Troop 212 Scout Skills – March 24th – 26th 2017

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

This year's scout skills weekend will be at Los Alamos Campground, Pyramid Lake. A new venue for Troop 212! The program will include basic scout skills for newer Scouts including knots/lashings, map/compass, first aid, fire building, and troop equipment basics. JASMs and selected Life Scouts will use their experience and leadership to teach the younger scouts. Saturday afternoon Scouts will have the opportunity to fish or explore the lake (about 1.5 miles away). More experienced scouts will have the opportunity to showcase their cooking skills in a Silver Spoon competition Saturday night. Sunday will have a brief program with an opportunity to earn Cyber Chip, Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit (need advancement?) or go on an organized hike. This is preparation for a more rigorous Pioneering weekend.

Meeting: Friday, March 24th at 7:00 PM – Church parking lot. For gear loading, please be prompt.

Departure: Friday, March 24th at 7:30 PM – Church parking lot. It is an approximately a 2 hour drive (~95 mi) to the camping location, depending on traffic.

Return Arrival: Sunday, March 26th, at approximately 2:00 – 3:00 PM – Church parking lot.

Location: **Pyramid Lake Los Alamos Campground, Hard Luck Rd, Lebec, CA 93243**

Cost: **\$35.00** (gas, the cost of 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts, camp fees, patch, and other program costs.) This is the new one fee format. Drivers will still be reimbursed. **Please bring \$35.00 CASH or CHECK to the troop meeting on Monday, March 20th with the standard permission slip which can be found on the website.** All checks need to be made out to "BSA Troop 212".

Preparation: Troop meeting, Monday, March 6th, 13th & 20th Demo: Knots, compass & the ten essentials, camping gear.

Food Shopping: Thursday, March 23rd, Stater Bros at 7:00 PM. Scouts are responsible for meal planning and buying Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner (silver spoon) and Sunday breakfast.

Uniform: **Full 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
(Day high ; 60°/Night low; 35°, rain?) | <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"/> Pencil, Pen, 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 - Optional |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag and Pad | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel | |

We expect the days to be cool, and the nights will be very chilly. Please bring warm clothes for the evening. **Watch forecast for rain.**

Sunday lunch will be on the road. Please send your scout with cash.

We will need maximum parent and JASM participation to support the program.

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 John or Shawn before the trip (refer to the ScoutTrack directory for phone numbers and or email information).

Yours in Scouting,

John Douglas, Scoutmaster