**Troop 212 - Pioneering April 28th – April 30th 2017**

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 and will feature advanced skills challenges.** On a Patrol Basis, Scouts will get a chance to test their skills in a competition involving, at a minimum, First Aid, Orienteering, Knots / Lashings, and Fire building. Recent demos at Troop and JL meetings will be in play. The best performing patrol wins dessert from the adult kitchen Saturday night. In addition to the Pioneering challenge, there will be a Silver Spoon competition Saturday night. Sunday, will feature a morning hike or fishing at nearby Jenks Lake.

**Food shopping is at 7:00 pm Thursday, April 27th at Stater Bros.** Scouts should shop for two breakfasts, one lunch and one dinner. Silver spoon competition for dinner on Saturday night. Trail snacks recommended for Saturday and Sunday.

**Meeting: Friday, April 28th at 7:00 PM** – Church parking lot. For gear loading, please be prompt.

**Departure: Friday, April 28th at 7:30 PM** – Church parking lot.

**Return Arrival: Sunday, April 30th, at approximately 3 to 4:00 PM** – Church parking lot.

**Location: Barton Flats Campground, Angelus Oaks, CA, on SR38 a couple of miles past Camp Taquitz. (elevation: 6,300’).**

**Cost: One price: $35 (25 / 15)** covers the cost of 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts, camp fees, patch, and other program costs. **Please bring $35.00 CASH or CHECK to the troop meeting on Monday, April 24, with the standard permission slip which can be found on the website.** All checks made out to “ BSA Troop 212”.

**Preparation: Troop meeting demos, Monday, for more details**.

**Uniform:** **Class “A” uniform during auto travel on Friday and Sunday.**

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| **At a minimum**, the following items should be packed with owners name on them; * Appropriate clothing and sleeping attire**(Day high ; 70°/Night low; 45°, check)**
* Clothes suitable for hiking in cool to warm temps during the day and warm cloths for night
* Hoodie and thermals or fleece for sleeping
* Brim Hat, Wide
* Warm Jacket, ski cap, gloves for night
* Sturdy hiking boots and extra socks
* Sunglasses
* Sleeping Bag, Wicking Layer, and Pad
* Ground Cloth
 | * Daypack – with 10 essentials
* Hydration pack or Canteen
* Compass, approved as per demo
* First Aid Kit, personal
* Flashlight w/batteries
* Matches, Flint, lighter, magnifying glass
* Pencils, Pens, Notebook
* Pocket Knife
* Poncho
* Rope – 10 Feet
* Scout Handbook
* 1 -2 Granola Bars
* Insect Spray
* Your brain
 | * Mess Kit (utensils, bowl, mug, etc)
* Toothbrush & paste
* Toiletries (comb, deodorant, soap, etc)
* Sunscreen and Chapstick
* Small towel
* Toilet paper
* Extra gum
* Shelter supplies, tarp, rope, etc.
* Clear plastic drinking bottle
* Smoke shifter
* Fishing gear if you plan to fish on Sunday
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**We expect the days to be comfortable**, but the nights are forecast in the 40s or possibly lower. Check weather for Angelus Oaks the week of the trip. Please bring warm clothes for the evening and nights. Sunday lunch will be on the road. Please send your scout with cash. 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 .

Yours in Scouting,

John Douglas, Scoutmaster