

Troop 212 Winter Olympic Desert Triathlon 2/9-2/11, 2018

Welcome to the 2018 Winter Olympics! Your Boy Scout Troop has been chosen to participate in the newest of the Winter Olympic Games, the Desert Triathlon! The Desert Triathlon is a demonstration sport at this year's games. Depending on the response, it may be added as a regular part of the Winter Olympics in four years. This is a wonderful opportunity for the athletes and officials to experience the competition and the exciting venue, Calico, CA..

The Desert Triathlon is made up of three stages: running w/orienteering, shooting and biking.

The first stage of the race will involve running and orienteering. The route will be about one mile and will be on a combination hard pack dirt, loose gravel and sand with sections that are uphill, downhill and level. About half of the route will be on a dirt road and the other half will be cross-country through the desert. You will have to rely on your compass skills by taking a bearing to find a specific landmark.

The second stage of the race, scouts will show their prowess in shooting. The scout will have to secure their target a with a piece of rope using scout knots. Targets will be at a distance of approximately 10 to 15 feet. You will have 5 minutes to finish this challenge before continuing to the third and final portion of the race.

The third and final stage of the race, the biking portion, will be roughly 2 miles on a combination of hard pack dirt, loose gravel and sand with sections that are uphill, downhill and level. The course will be clearly marked. You will need to use a mountain bike or BMX bike for this type of terrain. The troop has two mountain bikes that may be reserved on a first come first served basis. You may also arrange to borrow a bike from a friend. **Do not bring a bike that is broken or has thin road bike type tires.** Please do a safety inspection on your bike before the trip and be sure it is in safe working order. **A bike helmet will be mandatory to participate.** We also recommended that riders have gloves, elbow guards and kneepads.

The winners will be determined by whoever has the shortest overall time to complete the route. Keep in mind that the faster you finish the challenges, the more time you can shave off your final time. The winners and awards will be announced at campfire Saturday night.

Participation in the timed triathlon is also 100% optional and all troop member are invited to attend this trip. This is a fantastic opportunity to camp in the desert when it is cool and to have fun being with your friends. You also have the option to go through the course just for fun without competing and with no time recording.

During your down time while you are waiting for your heat to start or after you have finished the race, you will have the opportunity to participate in various activities such as creating camp gadgets, advancement, archery and desert geology.

Sunday morning your bike riding skills and nerves will be tested with Troop 212's infamous Fear Factor!

Troop 212 will provide eye protection, BB rifles. BSA mandates that scouts may not personally transport BB rifles. **No scout is to pack his own BB rifle in his gear.** Please contact Fred Rawling if you have a BB rifle that you are willing to let the troop borrow for this event. Please put your name on EVERYTHING.

Important note: The State of California has enacted legislation that prohibits any person from furnishing, loaning, or otherwise providing a minor any BB firing device, firearm or live ammunition without the express permission of his or her parent or legal guardian. It is necessary for you to give consent for your child to participate in any shooting sports activities. **PLEASE USE THE RANDSBURG PERMISSION SLIP FOR THIS TRIP POSTED ON THE TRIP PAGE.**

Our campsite will be a dry camp and we will need all attending adults to bring ice and water. The troop's water jugs will be available at the Monday night meeting before the trip. We will also need Firewood.

Food shopping is scheduled for Thursday, February 8th at Stater Bros. at 7PM

Depart church parking lot: Meet Friday, February 9th at 7:00 PM, depart at 7:30PM

Return to church parking lot: Sunday, February 11th at approximately 4:00 PM

\$20.00/\$15 to cover program materials and food for 4 meals, to include 1 lunch, 1 supper, and 2 breakfasts. The extra fuel cost is for the 2nd trailer needed to haul the bicycles.

Please bring CASH or CHECK to the troop meeting on Monday, February 5th with TWO (2) copies of the RANDSBURG PERMISSION SLIP which can be found on the website.

All checks need to me made out to "BSA Troop 212".

We will be leaving Calico on Sunday around 12 noon and we will be stopping for lunch along the way home. **Send lunch money with your scout.** We should arrive at the church parking lot around 4PM. Please check Spot for travel updates.

This is a winter camping trip so be prepared for cool days and cooler evenings.

However, the weather is forecasted for low 40's in the evening and low 70's during the day. It may also be windy.

At a minimum, pack the following items with the owners name on them:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap and comb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wide brim hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches or flint | <input type="checkbox"/> Proper footwear for the events |
| <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"/> Sunblock 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"/> Long underwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small day pack | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag and insulated pad | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike patch kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike helmet | <input type="checkbox"/> Bug Repellant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike pump | <input type="checkbox"/> Elbow & knee Pads |

**Yours in Scouting,
Russ Turley (Trip Leader)
Fred Rawling (Theme Leader)
Ty Smith (Theme Leader)**