**Troop 212 - Pioneering March 23th – March 25th 2018**

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

**This year’s Pioneering weekend will test and build upon the skills learned during the program year, and at the recent troop demos.** 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, Fire building, and Cooking. Recent demos at Troop and JL meetings will be in play.

**Food shopping is at 7:00 pm Thursday, March 22th at Stater Bros.** Scouts should shop for two breakfasts, one lunch and one dinner. Trail snacks recommended for Saturday.

**Meeting: Friday, March 23th at 7:00 PM** – Church parking lot. For gear loading, please be prompt.

**Departure: Friday, March 23th at 7:30 PM** – Church parking lot.

**Return Arrival: Sunday, March 25th, at approximately 1:30 to 2 PM** (after lunch) – Church parking lot. If there is a large church event, at the time of pick up, go to McBride HS at 7025 Parkcrest at Los Coyotes.

**Location: Firestone Scout Reservation, 19001 Tonner Canyon Rd. Brea 92821. Please print the map from the website.**

**Cost: One price: $40 (35 / 5)** covers the cost of 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts, camp fees, patch, and other program costs. **Please bring $40.00 CASH or CHECK to the troop meeting on Monday, March 19, with the standard permission slip which can be found on the website.** All checks made out to “ BSA Troop 212”. **Bring money for lunch on Sunday.**

**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 ; 70s°/Night low; 50s°, 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
* Clear water bottle
* Steel wool, 9v battery
* Cotton, lint or other tinder
* 6 to 12” long 2x4 lumber
* GPS device or smart phone

Don’t go buy one!! 2 or 3/patrol will suffice. |

**We expect the days to be cool to comfortable**, but the nights are forecast in the 40s or possibly lower. Check weather for Brea 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.

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