## **NOVEMBER TRIP, UPDATE**

MESSSAGE FROM THE SCOUTMASTER TO ALL TROOP PARENTS ABOUT CHANGING THEMES FOR THE UPCOMING NOVEMBER CAMPING TRIP.

THE ORIGINAL PLAN TO HAVE A RAIL BIKE THEME IN NOVEMBER HAS BEEN POSPONED BECAUSE THE PROPOSED LOCATION IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE, AND THE RAIL RIDING DEVICE STILL REQUIRES SOME ENGINEERING MODFICATIONS. THE JUNIOR LEADERS HAVE PLANNED TO TRY AGAIN IN 2019. IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE STILL GOING HIGH ADVENTURE THIS NOVEMBER; MYSTERY LOCATION BACKPACKING ADVENTURE SEARCHING FOR THREE AIR PLANE CRASH SITES. SINCE THIS IS A SERIOUS HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP, AND WE WILL NEED ADULT DRIVERS AND ADULT BASE CAMP SUPPORT. PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

To all Troop 212 Scouts: We will meet Friday evening, November 16, AT 7 PM, Church parking lot. You will be prepared with a fully packed backpack, ready for a mystery location event, in your class B uniform. We will be returning to the same parking lot on Sunday between 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM. Set up for the first night camp will be where the cars drop you off, in the middle of nowhere. This will be a speedy drop off in the middle of open desert country, where there is no water, and only accessible by dirt road. These cars will be sent away very quickly upon arrival, so be prepared, because these drivers will not be camping with you. In fact, they will be going far, far away. Hiking will begin the next morning to search for three plane crash sites in the area, and to investigate the reason for their crashing so close to each other. You will be given a map of the area Friday night at drop off. It will not indicate your location. It will contain important information that will assist you in determining your location. You will select the route, by group decision, to the crash sites, any water oasis destinations that you may require, and your Saturday night camping location. Sunday you select the best route to the extraction location that is marked on your map. Be prepared to determine your present location throughout the hike using any devices you wish to use, such a compass or even including your GPS, if you have one. If you select an incorrect oasis for Saturday night, camp will be a dry version.

Cost of the trip will \$25.00 (\$15.00/ \$10.00) to cover the costs of 1 trail dinner and two trail breakfasts, plus \$10 for auto fuel costs. The personal lunches and trail snacks will be the responsibility of each scout. Please bring the \$25, and the properly completed permission slip, to the troop meeting on Monday, November 12th. You will pick up your backpack that night as well. Temps will be 70's daytime and 30's at night. Please remember to bring plenty of water.(min 2 liters), a compass, and money for Sunday lunch. The troop will provide the tent, stove, cook set and stove fuel, when you pick up the troop provided food on Thursday, 7 PM, at the meeting hall, November 15th. All other items required for this type of trip would be your standard BP gear used in the past. Wind is a constant element on this trip, so please remember to bring a windbreaker.

ANY ADULTS WISHING MORE DETAILS ABOUT THIS TRIP, OR HAVE QUESTIONS, CAN FEEL FREE TO GIVE ME A CALL.

Thx

John