**Rappelling day trip to Stoney Point**

**Saturday, November 10, 2018**

Dear Scouts & Scouters;

The theme for this trip is climbing and rappelling and it will be a short day trip to Stoney Point. Everyone will need to bring a sack lunch and enough water for the day. There are also no bathrooms on site. The advance crew of instructors will leave in the early morning to set up the ropes so everything is ready before the troop arrives.

The troop will provide the major climbing gear components which include the ropes, webbing and safety helmets, but the trip attendees will need to provide leather gloves.

For those of you interested in purchasing your own gear, there are 2 harness options to consider. You may purchase 15 to 19 feet of **one inch tubular webbing** which will be used as a climbing harness or you may opt to purchase a factory made climbing harness. The factory made harness will be more comfortable but they do not have a lot of adjustability whereas the webbing is not as comfortable but can be used over and over and doesn’t have to be replaced each time your son has a growth spurt. You may also purchase your own locking gate carabiner.

Class B uniforms will be worn for this event. Let everyone see who we are!

All Scouts should pack, as a MINIMUM:

Sturdy shoes or hiking boots  Sack lunch with personal eating utensils

Sun Block-out,  2 liters of water per person, minimum

Wind breaker or light jacket  Personal first aid kit

Long pants  Canteen and sunglasses

 Leather gloves

Wide Brim Hat  Day pack

**Meet at the church parking lot: Saturday, November 10th at 7:00 AM**

**Depart from the church parking lot: Saturday, November 10th at 7:30 AM**

**Return to church parking lot: Saturday, November 10th at about 5:00 PM**

**There is no cost for this trip, but you should bring some gas money for the drivers. !**

There are two permission slips required for this event. One is the standard troop permission slip, and the other is the Long Beach Council Climbing/Rappelling Release form. Both can be found on the troop website on the “Trips” page for this event. Permission slips for this trip will be collected in the church parking lot the morning of departure.

We are also in need of adult drivers for this event. The drive is about 60-90 minutes each way depending on traffic. Please show your support and come enjoy a relaxing day on the rocks.

Yours in Scouting,

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