

## Troop 212 - Pioneering April 12-13-14 2019

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

**This year's Pioneering weekend will build upon the skills learned during the program year, and at Scout Skills weekend last month.** In addition, the events will draw on subjects covered during the most recent Troop meeting. On a Patrol Basis, Scouts will get a chance to show off their skills in competitions involving, at a minimum, First Aid, Cooking, Orienteering, Knots and Lashings. The best performing patrols, in addition to winning ribbon awards, will also win Pioneer Bucks, for their patrol to use to purchase needed items during the weekend.

### ***This year's story begins.....***

Getting to our location for Pioneering weekend will not be easy. To make sure we get there safely, we will meet, as we usually do, 7:00 PM at the Church parking lot on Friday evening. From there we will proceed to the Long Beach Airport where a chartered, cheap, flight that will take us to our special destination. The flight is very long, and when we arrive, we will need to set up our camp in a special way. We will have most of the contents of our trailer air shipped with us for this event. Troop propane will an issue requiring special handling due to TSA regulations. As is the case for all airlines, each scout is allowed two bags; one is a small carry on allowed on their lap, perhaps a small day bag would be most ideal for this, and the other can be your standard black canvas bag that gets checked into the luggage storage pods. Further details will be provided that evening when we "land".

**Food shopping is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, at Stater Bros.** Scouts are reminded to shop for food that can be prepared at a campsite where Pioneering skills need to be demonstrated.

**Meeting:** **Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** – Church parking lot. For gear loading, please be prompt.

**Departure:** **Friday, April 12 at 7:30 PM** – Church parking lot.

**Return Arrival:** **Sunday, April 14th, at approximately 2:00 PM** – Church parking lot. Please check SPOT for updates. We are going to be flexible about our schedule and stopping for lunch, or not, on the way home. That will be decide by the troop that Sunday morning of the trip. Each Scout should bring lunch money just in case.

**Location:** **Mountain High Scout Camp.**

**Cost:** **\$25.00 / \$10.00** to cover the cost of 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts, camp fees, and other program costs, and a special discounted airline ticket. **Please bring \$35.00 to the troop meeting on Monday, April 8th, with the standard permission slip which can be found on the website.**

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

**Uniform:** **Full uniform during auto travel on Friday and Sunday.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>At a minimum</b> , the following items should be packed with owners name on them; | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Spray                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap and Comb                       |
| Appropriate clothing  | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches or Flint                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy hiking boots and extra socks |
| <b>(Day high ; 86°/Night low; 54°)</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit (utensils, bowl, mug, etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brim Hat, Wide   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils, Pens, Notebook             | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and Chapstick             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass, approved as per demo  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit, personal  | <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & paste                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight   | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Ropes – Each 10 Feet long         | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jacket                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cloth   | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Smoke Shifter                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bag Dorito Corn Chips  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 -3 Granola Bars                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Gum                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydration pack or Canteen  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag and Pad                | <input type="checkbox"/> Magnifying Glass                    |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel                         | <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Volt Battery                      |

**We expect the days to be quite warm**, but the nights will be a little chilly. Please bring warm clothes for the evening, and any other "survival" gear that will fit in the bag.

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](mailto:Scoutmaster@troop212.net) . All the other leaders will not be allowed to answer any questions from now on.

Yours in Scouting,

John Douglas, Scoutmaster