

# Troop 212 Scout Skills – March 18, 19, 20, 2022

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

This year's scout skills weekend will be at Pyramid Lake-ISH. A new venue for Troop 212! The program will include basic scout skills for newer Scouts including knots/lashings, map/compass, first aid, fire building, and cooking. Parents, ASM's JASMs and selected Life Scouts will use their experience and leadership to teach the younger scouts. Saturday afternoon Scouts may have the opportunity to explore the lake (about 1.5 miles away). The theme of this trip is preparation for a more rigorous Pioneering competition weekend next month

**Meeting:** **Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** – Church parking lot. For gear loading, please be prompt.

**Departure:** **Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM** – Church parking lot. It is an approximately a 2 hour drive (~95 mi) to the camping location, depending on traffic.

**Return Arrival:** **Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 3:00 – 3:30 PM** – Church parking lot.

**Location:** Pyramid Lake, Los Alamos, Campground "C"

**Cost:** **\$50.00** (gas (\$15), the cost of 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts, (\$20) camp fees (\$15) and other program costs. **Please bring \$50.00 CASH or CHECK to the troop meeting on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> with the standard permission slip which can be found on the website.** All checks need to be made out to "BSA Troop 212".

**Preparation:** Troop meeting, Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, Demo: Knots & the ten essentials

**Food Shopping:** Thursday, March 17, Stater Bros at 7:00 PM. Scouts are responsible for meal planning and buying Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday breakfast.

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

**At a minimum**, the following items should be packed with owners name on them;

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate clothing<br><b>(Day high ; 60°/Night low; 35°, rain?)</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Spray                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap and Comb                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brim Hat, Wide  | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches or Flint                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy hiking boots and extra socks |
| <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"/> Pencil, Pen, Notebook               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen 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"/>                                     |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag and Pad                |  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel                         |  |

We expect the days to be warm, and the nights will be chilly. Please bring warm clothes for the evening. **Watch forecast for rain.**

Sunday lunch will be on the road. **Please send your scout with cash.**

We will need maximum parent and Leadership participation to support the program.

Extra Credit Prize: goes to the Patrol that has the best bacon stretcher on this trip as judged by the Scoutmaster, who may bring his along this trip.

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 John before the trip.

Yours in Scouting,

John Douglas, Scoutmaster