**Troop 212 – Pioneering Medieval Times, April 8-9-10, 2022**

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

**This year’s Pioneering weekend will test and build upon the skills learned during the program year, and at the Scout Skills weekend in March.**  On a Patrol Basis, Scouts will get a chance to test their skills in a medieval level competition involving, at a minimum, Leadership and Team Effectiveness, First Aid (may be some Knights telling of battle stories here) , Orienteering ( the dry compass is a new invention here) , Knots / Lashings ( a must for the successful Knight of the times) , and Fire building ( The first energy power source of man used efficiently here for ) . Recent demos at Troop and JL meetings will be a resource as well….so those Junior Leaders that attended the most recent JL meeting have some extra, helpful, insights.

**Due to the high cost of auto fuel, carpooling is encouraged**. During the next Adult Meeting on April 4th we will outline how the Troop Travel Pool works to help offset the high price of the auto fuel for our driving adults.

**Food shopping is at 7:00 pm Thursday, April 7th at Stater Bros.** Scouts should shop for two breakfasts, ( one breakfast will be for the competition) one lunch and one dinner. Trail snacks recommended for Saturday during competition time.

**Meeting: Friday, April 8th at 7:00 PM** – Church parking lot. For gear loading, please be prompt. Please remember to have had supper at home before coming on this adventure. Loading of firewood, lashing poles/rope, easy ups, and other program materials will be on the troop flatbed trailer.

**Departure: Friday, April 8th at 7:30 PM** – Church parking lot.

**Return Arrival: Sunday, April 10th, at approximately 3 to 4:00 PM** – Church parking lot. Our SPOT tracking system will be ON.

**Location: Fort Tejon, Group Camp site.**

**Cost: $50.00** (gas ($15 paid into the troop travel pool), the cost of 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts, ($19) , Ice ($1) camp fees ($15) and other program costs. **Please bring $50.00 CASH or CHECK to the troop meeting on Monday, April 4th with the standard permission slip which can be found on the website.** All checks need to me made out to “BSA Troop 212”.

**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 ; 70°/Night low; 40’s ( check for possible forecast of surprise snow)** * 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 * Shelter supplies, tarp, rope, etc. * Clear plastic drinking bottle * Smoke shifter |

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) .

Yours in Scouting,

John Douglas, Scoutmaster