

Troop 212 Cooper Canyon Backpack Trip – May 21-22, 2022

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

This will be an easy trip, useful for the veteran backpacker to experiment with new equipment ideas, and the novice who has not experienced much backpacking and would like to try it out. But mostly this will be a 'kick back" for everyone to enjoy. Our main focus on this trip will be the proper use of backpack gear with a short overnight hike through a scenic canyon complete with waterfall and potentially a place to cool off. Saturday morning's downhill hike to camp will be about 2.5 to 3 miles depending on which camp site we decide to use, and Sunday's hike back to our car pick up point will be about the same, mostly uphill.

We need drivers that are not planning on backpacking with us because we are not leaving our cars at the trail head. Instead, we are to be shuttled from the church and dropped off at the trailhead. Pick up time will be at 1 PM Sunday at the same location we were dropped off to return to the church.

Meeting: Saturday, May 21st at 6:00 AM – Church parking lot. Please arrive promptly for pack inspection.

Return Arrival: Sunday, May 22nd at approximately 4:00 PM – Church parking lot.

Hike Location: **Cooper Canyon is above La Canada Flintridge exit off route 210 and north on Route 2.** See the trip page for driving directions.

Cost: \$20.00 / \$15.00 Covers 1 dinner, 1 trail breakfast, stove fuel, water filters. \$15 is for gas. **Please bring \$35.00 cash or check to the troop meeting on Monday, May 16th, with the standard permission slip**, which can be found on the website.

Note: Hikers must bring their own lunches and trail snacks.

Food Pick Up and Backpack Check: Thursday May19th at 7:00 PM – Church.

Uniform: **Class B for travel and hiking Saturday and Sunday.**

At a minimum, the following items should be **packed in a backpack** (NO black duffel bags):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm jacket
(Day mid-80°/Night low-40°) | <input type="checkbox"/> Small baggy of Handy-wipes, Toothbrush & paste | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches to light stoves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wide brim hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper & trowel (see below, very important) | <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydration pack or water bottle (<u>filled with water</u>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil or pen & notebook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight (small is best) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit (utensils, bowl, mug, etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rope – 10 Feet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen + Chapstick | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking stick (optional) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag and pad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal First Aid Kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle for emergencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass | <input type="checkbox"/> Money for Sunday lunch stop | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail snacks/lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pairs of socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Bug Spray |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses |

Although this is May camping, the nights will be cool, so "Be Prepared". Campfires will not be permitted. There will be no restrooms on this trip just like Randsburg. Please follow the pack list above and fill your canteens at home prior to the Saturday departure. You will need this water for the hiking portion of the trip Saturday. We will be using water purifiers this trip for Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast, and refilling water bottles for Sunday's hike. We expect plenty of bug, so do not forget your bug spray this trip.

Equipment

The troop-owned backpacks have been made available at the recent troop meetings, but there are a few remaining, so if you need one, move quickly on Monday the 16th and sign one out. Other troop owned equipment such as tents, stoves, fuel, will be assigned to each backpacker on Thursday evening, May 19th. A full backpack goal weight should be no more than 1/4th the weight of the scout carrying it – lighter is even better!

Yours in Scouting, John Douglas