

Santa Margarita Family Camp, Fishing June 24-25-26, 2022

Dear Scouts, Scouters, Parents, and Friends of the Troop;

We are going to a new lake location and adding a High Adventure Canoe/kayak Boat In Camping theme as well. We will be using the Santa Margarita Lake campground for the full weekend to serve as Base Camp, and some of us will depart by canoe Saturday morning, after breakfast, travel to the other side, as set up a Saturday night camp at the Chipik Boat In Site. Others remaining at base camp will have access to the troop's small BBQ for cooking their catch of the day. The planned Base Camp supper will be the tacos with beans & rice. Any families that wish to attend, and have signed up for a camp site, may drive to this Family Camp later in the day. Our Base Camp will be at the Heron Group Campsite.

The Boat In Group are going to fish as well, and will be able to cook their catch of the day, if they wish, because a small BBQ will be carried in the canoes for that purpose.

The first step to prepare for this adventure will occur this Saturday, June 11, at 9 AM, at the Scout Sea Base. The purpose of this estimated 2 hour event is to practice fit canoes from the Seabase onto automobile roof racks. The more canoes we can determine are able to be carried in this way, the more we will have for the actual event. Therefore, we need all adults that plan on attending this lake adventure to be in attendance this Saturday. Adults that are not planning on canoeing, but can still carry a canoe, are requested to attend this Saturday.

The second step to prepare for this adventure will occur Wednesday, June 22, 7 PM at Lakewood Costco for food shopping. This food will be transferred to the troop trailer that same evening.

The third step to prepare for this adventure will occur Thursday, June 23, 7 PM, at the Seabase to pick up the canoes for the trip. The plan is to return these to the Seabase on Sunday the 26th, at about 3 or 4 pm.

Even though this trip will be open to the entire family, there is limited space available, so a first come, first serve process will be applied for both the camp sites, as well as the canoes/kayaks. Important points to keep in mind for a fun and safe trip;

Important items to remember:

- **The deadline to turn in money for this trip is Monday, 6/20/22.**
- Everyone is encouraged to bring their fishing gear properly packed for rough transport.
- Troop owned fishing rods and reels are available for scouts borrow but quantities are limited, but scouts need to supply their own hooks, weights, and bait. Please reserve these with our Troop Quartermaster in advance as they will be loaned on a first come first served basis.
- Having fishing gear is not a requirement to attend this trip. The attendees may relax at base camp or enjoy the boat in area.
- Carpooling will be encouraged due to only 2 vehicles per camping space.
- All meals will be group feed style. We will need help with meal prep, cooking and clean up.
- If you are among the few that do not like to eat fish, please let Russ Turley know this BEFORE the food shopping night, which this year will be the Wednesday, not Thursday, before the trip so alternative arrangements can be made for you.
- Class A uniform will be worn during auto travel to and from the campsite on Friday and Sunday.
- Adults and Scouts that are 16 years or older are required to have their own fishing license. A one or two day license may be purchased instead of a full year.
- Purchase your license and tackle BEFORE the trip.
- We need drivers to volunteer to pull the four trailers with troop gear. Please let **John Douglas** know if you are available for this assignment during money turn in on Monday, 6/20/17, or sooner.

Agenda:

The group will meet at 7:00 AM, Friday, June 24, and arrive at the Santa Margarita Lake Beach Campground around mid day to enjoy the bag lunches we have brought with us. This will give us plenty of daylight left for camp set up and once that is finished, you are free to do what you want. Meal times for the weekend will be posted and announced at circle up Friday, just after we arrive at camp. At this circle up, we will be reviewing the schedule details of the weekend.

The fish start biting about an hour before the sun goes down, so you should have plenty of time to get some good fishing in before dinner on Friday. Of course, you will want to make sure to find out what time we are serving dinner Friday, so you can return in time.

Those wishing to fish on Saturday, and are not canoeing/kayaking, are welcome to depart any time. Breakfast will be served from 7 AM to 8 AM Saturday

If you plan on having your fish for supper, all fish must be properly cleaned before coming back to camp. PLEASE NOTE, fish cleaning is not allowed at the Campground and the Rangers will issue tickets with steep fines to those campsites that are not set up to be "bear aware".

This Base campground has potable water and chemical toilets, but no showers. The Boating Group will be transporting water to the boat-in site via 5 gallon containers.

Schedule:

Meeting: **Friday, June 24th at 7:00 AM, at the** Church parking lot with gear. **Please be prompt.** Those who wish to drive on their own later that day may do so but that needs to be clearly communicated during the Monday money collection meeting.

Departure: **Friday, June 25th at 7:30 AM** – Travel time is roughly 4 hours. All participants will need to have had breakfast prior to departure. Everyone must also bring a bag lunch with drink for lunch Friday mid day at the campground. We suggest you bring some afternoon snacks as well, since dinner will be a bit later than usual to allow for adequate fishing and napping opportunities.

Return: **Sunday, June 26th estimated between 4 and 5:00PM,** at the Church parking lot assuming on time departure from the base camp. We will have a troop feed breakfast for the base campers. The Boating Group will have breakfast at their campsite. Once we have departed the base camp together, when all the boats and trailers are packed properly, we will stop for lunch on the way home as always. Please send money with your scout for the meal stop on the way home Sunday.

Cost:

\$75 per person for tent campers, to cover the food/supplies/ice for 5 Meals (\$30), (Fri.Sup,Sat Brk.Sat Lun, Sat.Sup, Sun.Brk), Camp Fees (\$20), Fuel (\$15), Program support (\$10)

Suggested packing list:

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect spray | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap and comb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wide brim hat | <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"/> Pencils, pens, notebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and chap stick |
| <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"/> Fishing gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small day pack | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag and pad | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing license (16+) |

Weather predictions are for highs up to 80° and lows down in the 40° s. Prepare accordingly.

Parents that wish to track the troop may do so by checking the SPOT information on the troop website.

Scouts will also be directed to call their parents when they get close to the church on Sunday. As is the tradition of Troop 212, this High Adventure event, will be as safe as possible relying on all participants contributing to that safety. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact John Douglas before the trip.

Yours in Scouting,
John