

# Troop 212 Angeles Forest Backpack Trip – May 20-21, 2023

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

Change in location....again. Troop 212 will NOT be backpacking in the Falls Creek Trail in the Angeles Forest, after all.

Instead, we WILL be backpacking in the Cleveland National Forest, hiking about 2 miles to Fishermans Camp. The trailhead is about 30 minutes from the Wildomar exit off Rt 15 ( south). Maps will be available during Monday's meeting. The drive time, about 1.5 hours and hiking distance, about 2 miles each way, and having active water streams by camp, is similar in format as the prior trips. Therefore, this "new" location is still an ideal trip for Scouts, and parents, who may not have had a lot of backpacking experience, as well as a fun 'kick back version" for those with plenty of experience. This is also a good time to experiment with new equipment, or try a new meal menu, but certainly a great trip to work on advancement. There is a total of only 400 feet of elevation gain and drop spread out over 2 days on this hike.

**Meet/Departure:** Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 AM for a 7:00 AM departure – Church parking lot. Please arrive promptly for a quick pack inspection.

**Return Arrival:** Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> , at approximately 4:00 PM – Church parking lot. Watch SPOT for updates.

**Cost:** \$30.00 / \$15.00 per person to cover the costs of 1 base camp dinner, 1 base camp breakfast, stove fuel, equipment storage fee, and water filters. Hikers must shop for, and carry their own Saturday lunch and trail snacks. Please bring \$45.00 cash or check to the troop meeting on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, with the standard permission slip.

**Food/Gear Pick Up:** Thursday May18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM @ Church along with packed bag check.

**Uniform:** Class B uniform, or equivalent , for 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<br>(Day mid-70°/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"/> <b>Toilet paper &amp; trowel</b>                              | <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 and<br>Chapstick                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking stick (optional)                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag <u>and pad</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal First Aid Kit                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle for emergencies                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Bathing suit & Small towel  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of pants and 1 shirt for hiking Saturday and<br>Sunday | <input type="checkbox"/> Sat. Lunch and trail snax   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Money for Sunday lunch stop                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 pairs of socks  | <input type="checkbox"/> Water shoes                 |

**Although this is MAY camping, the nights will be cool**, so "Be Prepared". Campfires will NOT be permitted. Likely, there are no public restrooms or pit toilets on this trip. Please follow the pack list above and fill your canteens at home prior to the Saturday morning departure. We recommend 2 liters per person. You will need this water for the hiking portion of the trip Saturday. Fresh water will be drawn from the stream at camp by using troop provided filtering systems.

**The troop owned backpacks will be available** at the troop meeting on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> or sooner, if you wish. Other troop owned equipment such as, cook pot, tents, stoves, fuel, will be assigned to each Hiking Team Thursday evening, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. There is no need to purchase a backpack, or other special equipment for this event, because the troop owns quite a bit. Please keep in mind we are only camping 1 night and hiking a total of about 4 miles in 2 days. A full backpack goal weight should be no more than 1/4th the weight of the scout carrying it – lighter is even better! We will be parking at the trailhead, leaving vehicles overnight. Carpooling is strongly encouraged. Please remove valuable articles from your car before leaving home Saturday morning. Drivers will need to acquire, in advance, the National Forest Adventure Pass, available at Big 5, and other locations.

Yours in Scouting,

John Douglas