

Troop 212 Scout Skills – March 11th – 13th 2016

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

This year's scout skills weekend will return to Anza Borrego Campground. The program will include basic scout skills for new Scouts including knots/lashings, map/compass, first aid, Troop equipment basics, and fire building. More experienced scouts will have the opportunity to learn advanced cooking skills and prepare for cooking merit badge. JASMs will use their experience and leadership to teach the younger scouts. Sunday will have a brief program with an opportunity to earn Totin' Chip and Fire'n Chit and something for older scouts.

Meeting: Friday, March 11th at 7:00 PM – Church parking lot. For gear loading, please be prompt.

Departure: Friday, March 11th at 7:30 PM – Church parking lot. There is a 3 and a half hour drive to the camping location, depending on traffic.

Return Arrival: Sunday, March 13th, at approximately 3:00 – 4:00 PM – Church parking lot.

Location: **Anza Borrego Desert State Park - 200 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs, CA 92004**

Cost: **\$28.00 / \$12.00** (\$28 will cover the cost of 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts, camp fees, patch, and other program costs. **Please bring \$40.00 CASH or CHECK to the troop meeting on Monday, March 7th 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 7th Demo: proper compass & the ten essentials.

Food Shopping: Thursday, March 10th, Stater Bros at 7:00 PM. Scouts are responsible for meal planning and buying Saturday and Sunday breakfast, ONLY. A separate Saturday lunch and dinner plan and shopping list will be provided.

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
(Day high ; 80°/Night low; 40°) | <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"/> Sleeping Bag and Pad | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel | |

We expect the days to be comfortable, but the nights will be chilly. Please bring warm clothes for the evening

Sunday lunch will be on the road. Please send your scout with cash. There are showers for those who remember to bring quarters.

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

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 or Shawn before the trip (refer to the ScoutTrack directory for phone numbers and or email information).

Yours in Scouting,

John Douglas, Scoutmaster