

Troop 212 Tomato Flats Triathlon 2/22-2/24, 2019

Are YOU up for a Seeking Adventure Challenge? Join us for The Tomato Flats Triathlon in Calico!

This year's course have three stages: running, shooting and biking. You will also use your scout skills to advance through check points along the route.

The first stage of the race will be running. The route will take you along the ruins of the abandoned Borate and Daggett Rail Road, the abandoned town site of Borate which was in operation from 1882 -1907, and Tin Can Alley which was the towns dump. The route will be about 1 mile and will be on a combination of hard pack dirt, loose gravel and sand with sections that are uphill, downhill and level.

The second stage of the race, will allow the scouts to show off their expertise in shooting and knot tying. The scout will have to raise and secure their target with a piece of rope using a sheet bend AND a taut-line knot to suspend their targets so they can be shot. Targets will be at a distance of approximately 10 to 15 feet and will have to be completely destroyed. You will have 5 minutes to finish this challenge before continuing to the third and final portion of the race.

The third and final stage of the race will be the biking portion, it will be 2.4 miles on a combination of hard pack dirt, loose gravel and sand with sections that are uphill, downhill and level. The course will be clearly marked. You will need to use a mountain bike or BMX bike for this type of terrain. The troop has two mountain bikes that may be shared by anyone that has a helmet on. You may also arrange to borrow a bike from a friend. **Do not bring a bike that is broken or has narrow road bike type tires.** Please inspect your bike before the trip and be sure it is in safe working order. **A bike helmet will be mandatory to participate.** We also recommended that riders have gloves, elbow pads and knee/shin pads.

There will be multiple check points along the way that the scouts will need to visit in order to complete additional challenges.

The winners will be determined by whoever has the shortest overall time to complete the route. Keep in mind that the faster you finish the challenges, the more time you can shave off your final time. The winners and awards will be announced at campfire Saturday night.

Participation in the timed triathlon is also 100% optional and all troop member are invited to attend this trip. This is a fantastic opportunity to explore and camp in the desert when it is cool and to have fun being with your friends. You also have the option to go through the course just for fun without competing and with no time recording.

During your down time while you are waiting for your heat to start or after you have finished the race, you will have the opportunity to participate in various activities such as creating camp gadgets, advancement or learning about the unique geology in the area.

After the Triathlon is completed your bike riding skills and nerves will be tested with Troop 212's infamous Fear Factor!

Special Sunday Exploration

We will offer an optional unique Sunday morning opportunity to hike to and explore the right-of-way for the Borate and Daggett RR, the mine and town site of Borate and Tin Can Alley. This hike is about 2 miles total up and back to camp and will be on a combination of hard pack dirt and loose gravel with sections that are uphill, downhill and level. What makes this even more unique is that we have photos from the late 1800's and early 1900's showing these areas and photos can be compared to what is there now.

Important note: The State of California has enacted legislation that prohibits any person from furnishing, loaning, or otherwise providing a minor any BB firing device, firearm or live ammunition without the express permission of his or her parent or legal guardian. It is necessary for you to give consent for your child to participate in any shooting sports activities. **PLEASE SIGN AND INITIAL THE PERMISSION SLIP IN THE APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS.**

Troop 212 will provide eye protection and BB rifles. BSA mandates that scouts may not personally transport BB rifles. No scout is to pack his own BB rifle in his gear. Please contact Fred Rawling if you have a BB rifle that you are willing to let the troop borrow for this event. Please put your name on EVERYTHING.

Our campsite will be a dry camp and we will need all attending adults to bring ice and water. The troop's water jugs will be available at the Monday night meeting before the trip. We will also need Firewood.

Food shopping is scheduled for Thursday, February 21st at Stater Bros. at 7PM

Depart church parking lot: Meet Friday, February 22nd at 7:00 PM, depart at 7:30PM

Return to church parking lot: Sunday, February 24th at approximately 4:00 PM

\$40.00 to cover program materials and food for 4 meals, to include 1 lunch, 1 supper, and 2 breakfasts. Extra fuel costs are included for the 2nd trailer needed to haul the bicycles.

Please bring CASH or CHECK to the troop meeting on Monday, February 18th with TWO (2) copies of the PERMISSION SLIP which can be found on the website. All checks need to be made out to "BSA Troop 212".

We will be leaving Calico on Sunday around 12 noon and we will be stopping for lunch along the way home. **Send lunch money with your scout.** We should arrive at the church parking lot around 4PM. Please check Spot for travel updates.

This is a winter camping trip so be prepared for cool days and cooler evenings. However, the weather is forecasted for low 40's in the evening and low 70's during the day. It is usually windy.

At a minimum, pack the following items with the owners name on them:

Note: The **bold** items are required elements needed to complete the triathlon.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap and comb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wide brim hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches or flint | <input type="checkbox"/> Proper footwear for the events |
| <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"/> Sunblock 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"/> Long underwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small day pack | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag and insulated pad | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike patch kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike helmet | <input type="checkbox"/> Bug Repellant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike tire pump | <input type="checkbox"/> Elbow & knee Pads |

**Yours in Scouting,
Vinnie DiBiase II (Trip Leader)**

Fred Rawling (Theme Leader)
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