

Troop 212 - Pioneering May 17th – May 19th 2013

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

This year's Pioneering weekend will build upon the skills learned during the program year, and at Scout Skills weekend in April. In addition, the events will draw on subjects covered during the most recent Junior Leader Meeting. On a Patrol Basis, Scouts will get a chance to show off their skills in competitions involving, at a minimum, First Aid, Cooking, Orienteering, Knots and Lashings, and Toten' Chip. The best performing patrols, in addition to winning ribbon awards, will also win Pioneer Bucks, for their patrol to use to purchase needed items during the weekend.

This year's story begins.....

Getting to our location for Pioneering weekend will not be easy. To make sure we get there safely, we will meet, as we usually do, 7:00 PM at the Church parking lot on Friday evening. From there we will proceed to the Long Beach Airport where a chartered flight will take us to our special destination. The flight is very long, and when we arrive, we will need to set up our camp in a special way. We will have most of the contents of our trailer air shipped special for this event. Troop propane will an issue requiring special handling due to TSA regulations. As is the case for all airlines, each scout is allowed two bags; one is a small carry on, perhaps a small day bag would be most ideal for this, and the other can be your standard black canvas bag that gets checked into the luggage storage pods. Further details will be provided that evening.

Food shopping is scheduled for Thursday, May 16th at Stater Bros. Scouts are reminded to shop for food that can be prepared at a campsite where Pioneering skills need to be demonstrated.

Meeting: **Friday, May 17th at 7:00 PM** – Church parking lot. For gear loading, please be prompt.

Departure: **Friday, May 19th at 7:30 PM** – Church parking lot.

Return Arrival: **Sunday, May 19th, at approximately 4:00 PM** – Church parking lot.

Location: **Mountain High Scout Camp.**

Cost: **\$25.00 / \$10.00** to cover the cost of 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 2 breakfasts, camp fees, patch, and other program costs, and a special discounted airline ticket. **Please bring \$35.00 CASH or CHECK to the troop meeting on Monday, May 13, with the standard permission slip which can be found on the website.** All checks need to me made out to " BSA Troop 212".

Preparation: **Troop meeting, Monday, for more details.**

Uniform: **Full uniform during auto travel on Friday and Sunday.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>At a minimum</u> , the following items should be packed with owners name on them;
Appropriate clothing
(Day high ; 86°/Night low; 54°) | <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"/> Pencils, Pens, 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"/> 1 bag Dorito Corn Chips | <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"/> Smoke Shifter |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 -2 Granola Bars | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag and Pad | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Small towel | |

We expect the days to be quite warm, but the nights will be a little chilly. Please bring warm clothes for the evening. Sunday lunch will be on the road. Please send your scout with cash

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 me at Scoutmaster@troop212.net . All the other leaders will not be allowed to answer any questions from now on. .

Yours in Scouting,

John Douglas, Scoutmaster