

TROOP 777 SIGN UP

EVENT: Mt. Whitney Backpack/Climb

Date: June 28-June 30, 2005

Description: The climb of Mt. Whitney is perhaps the most popular trail in the United States. We drive up to the trailhead at 8,361 feet. After sorting gear we will begin a slow trek of about 3 miles up to Outpost Camp at 10,360 feet. We will make camp, eat a hearty carbo meal, and just hang out to allow our bodies to acclimate to the altitude. Early the next morning with daypacks, a good lunch, water bottles and determination we set out for Trail camp at 12,039 feet. We'll have lunch at about 11 am then hit the most difficult part "100 switchbacks" (1,738 feet in just over two miles) which will take you up to Trail Crest (13,777 feet). It seems like this should be the summit but it's not...after a short rest we will push on to the summit. We'll have our first look to the western approach and meet up with the John Muir trail then continue another 2 miles gaining a little over 1000 feet and then stand at the crest of the highest mountain in the contiguous 48 states (14,495 feet). We should summit by 2pm and make it back down to camp by 5pm.

Prerequisite: You must have completed an intermediate backpack (the camelback or Mt. Gregorio is a plus)

Or permission of the scoutmaster.

Return: Thursday late in the afternoon.

Cost: \$45.00 per treker

Other: Bring some food money for breakfast (four corners restaurant) on Tuesday morning (you could pack a breakfast/brunch) and we will stop in Lone pine for the permit (guys often grab a fast food meal here). Also, the drivers will usually stop for some food on the return trip on Thursday. (\$20 should do it)

Instructions: Please turn in a permission slip as soon as possible. Two cook masters are needed and the food buy will be on Sunday evening June 26th. Warm clothes including rain gear is needed. At outpost camp we will make decisions as to what gear may be left behind. Due to heavy snowfall this winter gaitors are suggested (they stop snow from getting in your boots) Trekking poles are also very helpful. As we get closer to the climb we will contact the rangers for Mountain conditions and then make suggestions.

Scout Leader: TBA

Adult in charge: Bob Mihalik 760.942.9350 Emergency contact: Pat Mihalik 760.942.9350

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Scout attending: _____ Parent Attending _____

Am't pd: \$45 ea X # _____ = \$ _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Act. _____ I can drive w/ _____ seat belts.

Parent's permission _____ Special info: _____