

Troop 777 Sign Up

Event: Anza Borrego Badlands Backpack (upper intermediate level)

Date: December 10-12, 2005

High Adventure Award: Hike in a State Park

Description: This is a 15 mile backpack through some of the most bizarre desert landscape imaginable. We will begin at the Arroyo Salada and hike to the Vista del Mal Pais overlook where we'll see what awaits us. From there, we'll navigate our way down into the Badlands where we'll camp among the mud hills. On Sunday, we hike out via the infamous "Slot". Much of the hike is over unmarked terrain, so bring a compass and brush up on your orienteering.

This trek has NO water along the route. Every scout and scouter should bring 2 qts of water to be dedicated to the group for cooking purposes (not in a camelback), and 4-5 quarts for personal drinking water. **That means 6-7 quarts (or liters) total!** If you know you're a big drinker, plan on another quart. That's 12-14 lbs of water alone, so your pack is going to start out heavy which is one reason this trek is rated as upper intermediate.

Remember, a QUART is 32 oz of water (2 lbs). Read the labels on any bottled water you bring to make sure you have quarts, not pints or pint-and-a-half size bottles!!! **Write your name with a marker on all of your bottles.** It's amazing how empty bottles are have no owners when it's time to break camp.

This trek requires a car shuttle and an early morning start, so we leave **friday evening** and setup camp in the dark. We'll have water in the vehicles to top off any bottles used before we leave on Saturday.

Bring a sack dinner to eat on the way out. We have traffic hour to negotiate on top of what is normally over 2 hours of driving to our start point. Then we have an hour's worth of car shuttling to do before we can sack out. A dinner stop will delay us even further.

If you have a Scoutmaster's Campfire, bring it along! This will be a great place to use them. Temps will be cool at night, so bring warm clothing and a good sleeping bag.

Rain or recent rain cancels this trek. The terrain will turn to mud and make hiking miserable.

Prerequisite: Second year scout or older with a minimum of two previous backpacking trips.

Meet at: 5:30p, Friday Dec 10, at the Sports Authority parking lot; travel in Class A shirt. Bring a SACK DINNER & beverage.

Return: Late afternoon, Sunday, Dec 5

Cost: \$22/trekker Bring some snack money for the drive home.

Instructions: Bring signed permission slip Dec 4th meeting. Contact Adult leaders as soon as you know you will be going!

Adult Leaders: Dan Peterka (760) 436-8530 We need an Assistant Leader to pass this trek plan onto.

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Scout Attending: _____ Parent Attending _____

Amt Pd: \$21 ea x # _____ = \$ _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Act. _____ I can drive to/from w. _____ seatbelts

Parent's permission _____ Special Info: _____