



COUGAR ALERT!

Troop 777's Beginner's Backpack to the Cuyamaca's May 6 & 7, 2006

DESCRIPTION: A beginner's backpack to the wild's of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. The backpack will begin at Green Valley Falls and head Northwest on the Airport Monument trail to the California Hiking and Riding trail. We will pass to the east of Japacha Mountain and cut across the flanks of Cuyamaca Mountain and descend to Paso Picacho camp ground. We will climb through moderately dense forests of black oak, white fir and incense cedar. Our journey will take us through high mountain meadows across several ravines and in areas called Morteros where the Kumeyaay Indians ground acorn meal. We will camp at family tent sites in the Paso Picacho campground. The approximate distance is six miles. (See Jerry Schad's book Afoot and Afield in San Diego County – Area M-5 map.) Sunday Morning we will hike to Stonewall Peak.

PRE-REQUISITES: Scouts should have completed the beginner's hike on March 25, 2006 or an alternate beginner's hike or get Scoutmaster's approval.

MEET: Saturday, May 6th at Sport's Authority parking lot at 6:30 a.m. in CLASS A UNIFORM!

RETURN: Paso Picacho Campground approx. 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 7th.

COST: \$ 20.00 per hiker (scouts and adults).

OTHER INFORMATION: Scouts will carry everything they need on their backs but only two quarts of water will be needed as there is plenty of water in camp. Plan to have a tent buddy so tent gear can be shared. Cook masters will be needed: please see your troop guides for details. Although this trek has a priority for new scouts it is open to all scouts. There is a limit of 24 hikers. Please bring signed permission slip and payment to our troop meeting on or before April 24, 2006.

SCOUT IN CHARGE: to be announced.

ADULT IN CHARGE: Tom Szczotka 760-438-5300 (cell 760-533-5392)

EMERGENCIES: Valerie Szczotka 760-438-5300

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Scout (s) Attending _____ Parent Attending _____

Yes, _____ I will be a cook master. or Yes _____ I will be an assistant cook master.

Amount Paid \$ 17 ea x # _____ = \$ _____ (Cash _____ Check # _____ or Acct. _____)

I can drive to/from with _____ seat belts in vehicle (total # including driver)

Driver license # _____ Vehicle make: _____ Model: _____

Phone # _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **Special info or Meds:** _____