

Troop 777 Sign Up

Event: Badlands Combo Backpack (Beginner and Upper Intermediate level)

Date: November 10-12, 2006 High Adventure Award: Hike in a State Park

Description: Two adventures in one! For beginner level backpackers, you'll get to explore the "Slot" and hike down to San Felipe Wash. Perhaps explore a hillside that looks to hold numerous wind caves. Work on your ten plants or animals in a desert environment, practice your orienteering skills, and bring your Scoutmaster Campfires for some evening fun.

For the more experienced backpacker, we'll be lunar explorers in a strange world. Packing into the heart of the strange and bizarre world of hogbacks, mud hills, and strange geological formations that make up the Badlands. We will hike a total of 15 miles or so. Scouts will navigate the Slot, a subterranean gorge with Fat Man's Miseries at every turn, then we turn northeast into the Badlands and hike up, down, and around a long series of hogbacks leading to an exciting ascent of the Vista del Mal Pais overlook. ALL 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 12-16 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.

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.

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 for the intermediate trek.

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

Return: Late afternoon, Sunday, Nov 12

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

Instructions: Bring signed permission slip and \$\$ by the November meeting. Contact Adult leaders as soon as you know you will be going!

Adult Leaders: Dan Peterka (760) 436-8530 Intermediate Trek
Tom Szcotka Beginner Trek *We need Assistant Leaders for this trek!!!*

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Scout Attending: _____ Parent Attending _____ Intermediate _____

Amt Pd: \$22 ea x # _____ = \$ _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Act. _____ I can drive to/from w. _____ seatbelts Beginner _____

Parent's permission _____ Special Info: _____