



## SPLIT MOUNTAIN AND WIND CAVES DESERT BACKPACK DECEMBER 9, 2006 TO DECEMBER 10, 2006

**Description:** Introductory backpack to the Anza Borrego Desert. Approximately hiking distance 2.5 miles backpacked each day over level terrain. Trekkers must carry all their own gear and water. Water allowance: 5 quarts for a small scout, 6 quarts average, 7 quarts if you are a water buffalo. On the drive out on Saturday we will do a day hike to explore the Elephant Trees Nature Trail and work on our compass skills. We will drive to Fish Creek. We will hike through Split Mountain whose name aptly describes it: a mountain that was literally split apart by an ancient stream. The stream, now dry, meanders past a fascinating anticline to our campsite, The Wind Caves. Scouts will sleep in the Wind Caves. Because of the water requirement, your pack will be heavier than normal. Daytime temperatures will be moderate; nighttime temperatures will dip into the 40's.

**Advancements:** Tenderfoot: 1, 2, 3, 4a-b, 5    Second Class: 2a-b, 6b    First class: 1, 4a-e, 7a-c

**Prerequisite:** If you have not backpacked before, you must have your pack inspected prior to the Trek. Contact one of the SPL or a trek leader to arrange for a pack check.

**Meet:** Sports Authority parking lot 6:00 AM Saturday, December 9, 2006. Travel in Class A uniform. Eat breakfast before leaving.

**Return:** Mid afternoon Sunday, December 10, 2006

**Cost:** \$19/trekker

**Other:** Bring some snack money for the drive home(at the discretion of the driver).

**Instructions:** Contact Trek Leader by phone or e-mail to inform of intent to participate on this trek. Bring signed permission slip to the Troop meeting on November 27, 2006 with trek payment.

**Scout in Charge:** Danny Szczotka

**Trek Leaders:** Tom Szczotka, Bob Mihalik, And Olivier Canler

**Emergencies:** Valerie Szczotka (760) 438-5300

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(Keep top portion, return bottom portion with payment and signature)

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Scout attending: \_\_\_\_\_ I will be Cook master \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant CM \_\_\_\_\_

Parent attending: \_\_\_\_\_ I can drive with \_\_\_\_\_ seatbelts.

Amt Paid: \$19.00 ea. x # \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Scout account \_\_\_\_\_

Parent permission (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Info \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number parent can be reached during this trek (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_, Cell # (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_