

Troop 777 Signup

Event: Joshua Tree Bouldering Camp

Date: 7-9 March 2008 (two nights camping) This trip will be limited to 24 participants due to maximum camp site occupation. If other Scout families wish to make their own camping reservations they are welcome to. Please advise Mr. Szczotka if you are doing so. I need to be aware of how many climbers we will be having.

Description: A lazy man camp for the rock enthusiast! Come enjoy the desert while the daytime temperatures are comfortably warm and the evening just nippy enough to make you feel like you are roughing it. Joshua Tree National Park offers clean air, quiet, and lots of room to roam. Scouts will experience first hand the unique quality of this transition zone between the lower/drier and higher/wetter deserts. No doubt, some will want to come just to enjoy themselves exploring and scrambling over Mother Nature's jumble of huge boulders and challenging rock climbs. (This is a dry camp. Everyone must bring a minimum of 2 gallons water for patrol use, in addition to their personal bottles.)

We will return to our usual climbing paradise of Indian Cove where technical rock climbing will be the fare of the day. Older scouts and Troop Leadership will set up the climbs and run the Hot Zone, advising and assisting younger scouts in their climbing techniques. All climbers must review their knots and climbing procedures

Prerequisite: Any scout climbing must have Climbing MB.

Meet At: Friday, 5:30p @ Sports Authority. Travel in Class A uniform. Eat dinner before leaving.

Return: Sunday Afternoon

Cost: \$43 + personal scout expenses (Note that this is a two night trek in a National Park which involves a 360 mile return drive; all our expenses increase correspondingly. It's all worth it, however!)

Instructions: Scouts should bring, in addition to their campsite gear and two gallons of camp water, a day pack and containers to hold a minimum of 2 quarts of water. Climbing shoes are recommended, they can be rented from REI or A-16. Bring money for a possible stop for food on the drive home at the drivers discretion.

Bring this form, signed, along with the fee to the February 24, 2008 troop meeting or mail to Mr. Szczotka.

Leaders: Tom Szczotka 760-438-5300 Bob Mihalik 760-942-9350

Emergencies: Valerie Szczotka 760-438-5300

Keep this portion for your reference

Return this portion with parent signature **Permission Slip**

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Scout Attending: _____ Cookmaster _____ Assistant CM _____

Parent Attending: _____

Cost: \$43 X _____ = \$ _____ Paid by: Cash /Check /Acct [Yes No] I can drive w/ _____ seatbelts

Special Info: _____

Parental Informed Consent Agreement For Climbing/Rappelling Activities

I understand that participation in the climbing/rappelling activity offered through the Desert Pacific Council, BSA, involves a certain degree of risk that could result in injury or death. In consideration of the benefits to be derived and after carefully considering the risk involved, and in view of the fact that the Boy Scout of America is an organization in which membership is voluntary, and having full confidence that precautions will be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of my son/daughter, I have given _____ (name), my consent to participate in the climbing activity shown above on the date shown above. In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child. **(Both parents must sign.)**

Parent signature

Date

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