



Troop 730

2009 Rock Climbing & Rappelling

Joshua Tree National Park

March 5-7, 2010

Meet: St. Matthew's parking lot at **6:30 PM Friday** evening. **Eat Dinner before arriving at Church**

Return: Scouts will be returned to their homes late Sunday afternoon; approx 3:00-4:00 pm

Need to have:

- 1 fairly heavy glove for rappelling, left or right depending on which hand is favored. Leather gloves work well, gardening gloves work fine too.
- Climbing and Rappelling consent form which is necessary for the Scout to actually participate in the climbing and rappelling activities.

Food: Patrol "car camp" cooking for Sat. breakfast, Sat. dinner, & Sun. breakfast. Adults (Moose Patrol) will cook the above meals separate from the scouts. Troop lunch on Sat. will be provided to all (by the adult committee), to allow the scouts more time to rock climb & rappel and/or hike.

Cost: **\$25.00** per person; includes patch, campground fees, gas/transportation fees, and Sat. Troop lunch. Patrol food costs are determined within each patrol.

Send Scout with: Approx \$15.00 Cash for Friday night snack & Sunday lunch

Scout Equipment: Don't forget to check and/or download the **Troop 730 Recommended Packing List**, especially new scouts. This is not a backpacking trip, but most of the items still apply, such as:

- Individual eating utensils. (Simple/Cheap plastic bowls, Cups and Flatware work fine).
- Reasonably warm sleeping bag and insulating ground pad is a good idea, as ground is hard and gets cold.
- Ground cover (paint tarps at Home Depot work great).
- Backpack or duffle bag for clothes.
- Pack cloths for "layering". This event is in the high desert where the weather is highly variable, it can alternately get very hot/warm, then very cold in the same day. Will likely be **Really** cold at night!
- A Water bottle (Nalgene or something similar) and/or camelback type water bladder is essential.
- Flashlights (headlamps are better) and a clean-up kit, are also advised.

Dress: "Class B" – Red Troop 730 T-shirts, if at all possible.

Troop Equipment:

- Troop will provide ropes, helmets, and other major items of rock climbing and rappelling equipment.
- If you have appropriate helmets, please bring them (Bicycle helmets unfortunately are not appropriate).
- Tents are available to those who need/want them.

If you have any questions please feel free to call: **Tom Wuesthoff (499-4111) or Lance Conrad (376-1915)**