Desert Camping and Travel Training - 2020

PURPOSE: Acquaint the adult Scouter with an understanding and appreciation of the uniqueness and special qualities of the desert environment and to emphasize those backpacking skills that are essential to having a safe and enjoyable experience.

DATE: Seminar: Saturday 19 September 2020
Weekend outing: date to be arranged during seminar

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to about 4:00 p.m. (bring sack lunch)

LOCATION: Seminar: Cushman-Watt Service Center, Los Angeles
Weekend Outing: Joshua Tree National Park.

COST: $25.00

REGISTRATION: Online registration with check, paypal or credit card is available at http://glaac-hat.org/register by 4 September 2020. You will be sent a confirmation, or a notice of cancellation if there are fewer than 5 sign-ups by that date. For help with registration contact Sonia at the Smiser Scout Service Center, (213)718-6821 or e-mail: SoniaGuerrero.Kagan@scouting.org.

EQUIPMENT: Paper and pencil, and lunch for seminar.
Each Scouter is responsible for obtaining the clothing, equipment, and food for the weekend trip.

OVERVIEW: During the seminar, we will select a date and plan for a weekend backpack trip to Joshua Tree National Park (The Park has a $25.00 per vehicle entry fee). A backpack trip of about 5 miles, round trip, to a dry campsite, provides the opportunity to demonstrate the seminar topics. After setting up camp, we will climb Queen Mountain - a "good" cross country workout.

REQUIREMENTS: Completion of the Adult Leader Backpack Training is highly recommended.
Annual Health and Medical Record (parts A, B, and C).

MAXIMUM SIZE: None

QUESTIONS: Tarin Casillas; Course Director (310)515-3647 (H) or (310)780-0074; e-mail ticasillas@msn.com

Look north and east, beyond the mountains that surround Los Angeles – it's a desert out there. Actually three – Sonora, Mohave, and Great Basin – and they provide numerous opportunities for hiking and camping. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch and is a requirement for earning the High Adventure Leader Award.

Hike Aid 3, "Full Dimension High Adventure Training", has a complete discussion of the training programs of the GLAAC-HAT. It may be downloaded from the Council High Adventure website at http://glaac-hat.org/HikeAids.html. Questions about any of them are to be directed to Michael Schlaifer; Vice ChairTraining: (213)247-8808 (C); e-mail, michael@schlaifer.com.