

Desert Camping and Travel Training - 2017

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.

The objectives of this training are to 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.

This High Adventure training begins with a seminar Saturday, September 9, 2017, 8:00 am to about 4:00 pm, at the Cushman-Watt Service Center, 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles. There will be a 45-minute lunch break; participants may bring lunch or purchase it from a nearby take-out. The seminar is conducted as a series of demonstrations and presentations. They consider the unique, harsh reality of the desert, and cover: special equipment and clothing; menu planning; desert travel and route finding; water requirements and conservation; safety and first aid; equipment and other needs for vehicles. A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.

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.

A fee of \$20.00 is charged for this training. Registration is required by September 1. You will be sent a confirmation, or a notice of cancellation if there are fewer than 5 sign-ups by that date. Completion of this training is recognized by the award of a special patch. Completion of this training is a requirement for earning the High Adventure Leader Award.

It is recommended that participants have completed Adult Leaders Backpack Training.

Hike Aid 3, "Full Dimension High Adventure Training", has a complete discussion of the training activities 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 Anthony Green; Vice Chair-Training: (310)626-5688 (C); e-mail agreen.bsa@gmail.com or Tarin Casillas; Course Director (310)515-3647 (H) or (310)780-0074; e-mail ticasillas@msn.com

Online registration with check, paypal or credit card is available at <http://glaac-hat.org/register> or mail the following with your check.

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Please register me for attendance at this GLAAC-HAT conducted training program. A check for \$20.00, payable to the Boy Scouts of America - GLAAC, is enclosed. I understand that I may incur other nominal expenses in order to complete it.

Name: _____

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