

# Desert Camping and Travel Training - 2011

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 of the 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 17, 2011, 8:15 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. Rolls and coffee are furnished. 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. During the day, we will select a date and plan for a weekend field trip to Joshua Tree National Park (The Park has a \$10.00 per vehicle entry fee). A backpack of about 5 miles, roundtrip, to a dry campsite, provides the opportunity to demonstrate the seminar topics. After setting up camp, we will climb Queen Mountain - a "good" crosscountry workout.

A fee of \$10.00 is charged for the training. Registration is required by September 12. You will be sent a confirmation, or a notice of cancellation if there are less than 5 sign-ups by that date. It is recommended that participants have attended Adult Leaders Backpack Training. Completion of this training is a requirement for earning the High Adventure Leader Award. A syllabus that covers the materials discussed will be given to each participant.



Hike Aid 3, "Full Dimension High Adventure Training", has a complete discussion of the training activities of the LAAC-HAT. It may be purchased at the Scout Shop or downloaded from the Council website. Questions about any of them are to be directed to Pete Matthews; Vice Chair-Training and Course Director: 424-224-7746; e-mail, matthews\_peter@msn.com

## Training Bulletin

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Please register me for attendance at this LAAC-HAT conducted training program. A check for \$10.00, payable to the Boy Scouts of America-LAAC, is enclosed. I understand that I may incur other nominal expenses in order to complete it.

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