

HEY, DO YOU WANT TO GO BACKPACKING ?

If you would like to participate in this event, bring this permission slip signed and money before the date shown.

What:	3-night, 4-day backpack trip	When:	March 31-April 3, 2005
Where:	Manzana Schoolhouse	Meeting Time & Place:	Calvary Chapel 8:00am Thursday March 31
How Much:	\$20 each due on Monday March 28	Who:	Experienced Scouts
RSVP:	937-4953 by March 28, 2004	Returning:	Sunday, April 3, 2004 pm
Questions:	Call Jon at h. 937-4953 mob. 598-6358		

Additional Information:

The Trip. Manzana Schoolhouse is a wilderness campsite located in the San Rafael Wilderness near Santa Ynez. The trailhead is from NIRA, approximately 1 hour into the backcountry from Highway 154. We will likely have to come in over Figueroa Mountain as Happy Canyon Road is closed due to landslides. The trip will be backpacking about 18-20 miles round trip. The boys have not decided on a specific route yet, but we will likely be going in or out on the Manzana Trail and the other way on the Hurricane Deck and Potrero Trails. We hope to explore the lower Sisquoc River and get some service hours doing some trail work also.

This will be a relatively strenuous backcountry trip. We therefore are limiting the trip to experienced Scouts who have been with the troop at least 1 year, and have achieved at least Tenderfoot. Younger or new scouts can come if accompanied by a parent. However, all boys will be expected to participate and employ the patrol method (plan, pack, carry, cook as a team).

Advice on Being Prepared. Good shoes, a well fitting pack, and a good sleeping bag are a must. We suggest taking along a pair of old sneakers or "official trekking sandals" suitable for crossing Manzana Creek 32 times in knee to waste deep water. Packs should weigh no more than about 1/3 of the Scouts body weight. For older/heavier boys they should be able to keep their pack to about 40 pounds. Many hikers prepare for trips like this by putting their pack on, filling the pack with a reasonable weight of books, putting on their boots, and trekking around the neighborhood a few times a week. I recommend this at least 4 times before the trip, walking at least 2 to 4 miles each time in the 2 weeks before we leave. More preparation is of course better. Stretch out before and after.

Shake Downs. We will have 2 shakedown before: one of complete scout and patrol gear Monday the 28th at the regular meeting. The 2nd will be on Tuesday the 29th at 7PM, place TBD (either at Calvary or the Blanchard Scout Ranch). **Patrol Leaders should ensure that their patrol boxes or any gear needed from them are at the shakedowns.**

I authorize the undersigned Scout to participate in the Manzana Schoolhouse 4-day backpacking trip on. Cost is \$20 per scout.

Scout's Name: _____ Tel. _____
(please print)

Parent/Guardian: _____
(please sign)

Special Instruction/Care/Medication: _____

