

What to Expect on the Joshua Tree Weekend

All gear loaded under the bus must be clearly marked with your last name and **GROUP 3**. You shouldn't have more than 1 daypack, 2 duffels (for clothes, tent, sleeping bag and pad, cook stuff and food), 1 cooler, 1 Double Burner Coleman stove, 1 bundle of wood, 1 folding chair.

We will **meet in the parking lot** at the assigned time and follow the bus captain's instructions on how to load the buses and which bus to ride.

The bus will drop us off at the group campsite in Indian Cove. **Dump your gear** at the tent site of your choice.

Students must sign in and put on a nametag sticker that we supply. The leaders should all wear their nametags.

Your **daypack** should be already packed with the 10 essentials and lunch. You do not need your clipboard for the activities on Saturday.

There are nice **Toilets at the campsite**, but no running water and sometimes no toilet paper.

Climbing Helmets will be provided and must be worn for the activities on Saturday.

We will set out as a group for the amphitheater area for the **Rock Scrambling Instruction and Practice**.

After the rock instruction we will set out as a group from the amphitheater for the **climb of Peak 4377**. We will not go back to camp. We will proceed on the climb in our normal fashion, with leaders in front and as sweep.

Hiking Poles are not useful at Joshua Tree. Peak 4377 is a huge pile of rocks. Sometimes we will be using our hands to help scramble over the rocks.

Periodically along the climb we will stop for a navigation exercise. **Please have your map and compass handy**.

Every time we stop, please take the opportunity to **drink some water and snack on something**. Have water and snacks easily accessible (not at the bottom of your pack).

Lunch will be on the summit, no matter how long it takes us to get there.

Before we leave the summit, you might want to **re-lace your boots** tighter for the downhill.

Pack out all your trash including organic material like rinds and nutshells.

It will be a long day. Please wear **knee braces** or any other brace you might wear for sport activities.

The **potluck** will commence immediately after arriving back at camp. Set up your tent, change into warm clothes and bring your potluck contribution over to the communal table and join in the feast.

After dinner we'll make a **campfire**. Bring adult beverages or hot tea/coffee/cocoa.

Sunday morning you must get up and eat breakfast – hot or cold – and **be ready to start out from camp at 7:00**.

You need your **clipboard** and other navigation tools for the activities on Sunday.

We'll start with a **Navigation Test** and then draw a map based on a **Diorama** the leaders assemble.

Next we'll do several **Navigation exercises**.

The final activity is the **Navigation Noodle**. The students will navigate to several landforms on the map.

Back at camp, we'll pack up and **load the buses** for the ride home.