

Western Los Angeles County Council of Boy Scouts High Adventure Team



Invites you to

Desert Awareness & Astronomy Awareness Courses

This course is designed for those individuals who wish to learn about the excitement that desert activities, adds to the Scouting program. Here is an opportunity to build on your HAT outdoor skills and leader training. Expand your knowledge of challenges in the desert and develop the confidence to safely hike, backpack and camp with your unit in the desert.

The course will cover how to explore and enjoy the desert, Subjects covered will deal with building solar stills, geology, plants, animals, weather, health, safety, appropriate food, and all the other things you need to know in order to plan and conduct a safe, rewarding outing in the dry, hot (and cold) desert.

Who should attend: Any registered adult. Registration cost: Desert and Astronomy \$35, Astronomy \$15.

Prerequisites: **Completion of the High Adventure Basic Backpack Awareness course.** (Blue Card)

When: **May 21 & 22, 2016, 7:30 AM.** Sat. overnight required in order to receive the Red Rock High Adventure Patch (sorry Leaders only). Overnight with HAT (Fri.) staff optional. There will be a beautiful hike up and along one of the Red Rock ridges in camp first thing so please, be on time.

Astronomy Awareness will begin in the evening (approx.: 7:30 PM; done by 9:30 PM). Bring your binoculars (not required). The HAT Astronomy strip can be earned in this course, including Scouts/Ventures who have completed Jr. Basic Backpacking. You may do the Astronomy Awareness course, separate from Desert Awareness.

Where: **Red Rock Canyon, State Park. On HWY 14 past Mojave (north of).**

Required to bring: Field and Utility Uniforms. Saturday lunch, dinner and Sunday breakfast, A & B medical forms, Tour Plan, chair, proper clothing (hot days, cold nights), writing instrument, compass, medications, sunscreen, 10+ essentials, canteen, daypack for day hike, Stove, cook kit & utensils; tent and sleeping gear, if staying overnight. If you stay overnight and help our service project, you can earn the Red Rock Canyon Award.

Camp fee \$25 (per site), per night for one vehicle, additional vehicle is \$6. Day use is only \$6, charged by the ranger.

WATER! You will need to carry all the water you need for drinking, cooking and washing with you. No water is available at the camp sites. Potable water is available at the Kybo's.

For further information, please contact: Stacey Anschultz (818) 973-3945 or George Curtin (661) 538-0195

Desert Awareness Course

Tear off and Return with your check by May 6, 2016

Checks payable to: W.L.A.C.C.: HAT account 1-2306-068-00

Your HAT card number: _____ - _____ - _____

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