

Congratulations!!! You have qualified to attend the 2020 Mojave Primitive Encampment. The encampment is five days from Sunday, April 5th through Thursday, April 9th, at Indian Joe's Canyon near Trona, California. Program activities will include hiking, camping, rock climbing, rappelling, backpacking (for returning campers), and cooking.

Please respond via our website by Tuesday at 11:59PM, March 3rd if you plan to attend the desert encampment or if you are unable to attend. We must hear from you either way! No exceptions! No excuses!

The link for your response is found at: <http://www.mpe.camp/acceptance-reply.html>

If you cannot attend this year's encampment, we also need to have that information. You can respond via the website or by replying to this e-mail. Please let us know as soon as possible as we have to make bus arrangements.

There is a **mandatory** desert camper meeting on Saturday, March 7th at Camp Eucalyptus (641 California Street in El Segundo) at 7PM. Every girl attending the desert encampment needs to attend this meeting with a parent or other responsible adult. We will be presenting information about the desert trip that girls and their parents **need** to know. We will also be having a meeting for those who are interested in possibly volunteering in the desert.

You **must** bring to this meeting: \$250 camp fee (checks made out to MPE) – or pay via Cheddar Up
Acceptance Reply permission slip form (also attached to this email)
T-Shirt order form (even if you're only getting the free t-shirt from the program)
You can bring: Health exam form – if completed (also attached)

*Health exam form is required to be completed and back to Karen Hassen no later than March 21, 2020.
No girl will be allowed on the bus if all paperwork has not been turned in. **Note that the Girl Scout Council now requires health exams to have taken place after April 9, 2019 - this is now a one year "window".***

Transportation is via bus. The camper bus loads on Sunday, April 5th at 6:15 a.m. at Columbia Park (Prairie Avenue at 190th Street) and leaves by 6:30 a.m. sharp. Campers return on Thursday, April 9th, to Columbia Park at approximately 6:00 p.m. The bus waits for no one - so don't be late!

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact either Maureen Schultz, Nancy Jacobson, or Elena Meroth, our camp co-directors, at mo@mpe.camp / nnjacobson@yahoo.com / robandelena@icloud.com; or Karen Hassen, our registrar, at karen.mpereg@yahoo.com.

Adult in charge: Maureen Schultz, 805-517-0717; cell 310-625-0987 (cellular doesn't reach the desert camp)
Primary Emergency contact: Judy Green, cell 310-617-0926 (Emergencies only! NOT for bus arrival)

Congratulations again on qualifying!!

Maureen "Mo" Schultz, Camp Co-Director

Please print this for the information you will need in desert planning.

WEBSITE

Our Mojave Primitive Encampment website is found at www.mpe.camp where you can find forms and other information about our trip.

CAMP PHYSICALS

Under Girl Scout standards, a camper must have a camp physical within ONE year of the returning date of an event lasting more than two nights. Your health exam must have taken place after April 9, 2019. Please have your physician complete the Health Exam Form attached. Please bring the form to the March 7th first patrol meeting or mail the health exam form to Karen Hassen before March 21st. **A girl without a health exam form will not be able to go.** Photocopy her health history, health exam form, and your permission form to include with her 10-essentials!

MANDATORY DESERT CAMPER AND PARENTS MEETING

Saturday, March 7th, is a mandatory meeting for camper and parent at 7:00 p.m. at Camp Eucalyptus, 641 California Street in El Segundo. Street parking is available. You will be placed in new patrols and have your first patrol meeting, with two more patrol meetings to be scheduled by your MISC before we leave for the desert.

TRAVEL PLANS

Campers will leave from Columbia Park on Prairie at 190th Street, on Sunday morning, April 5th. Plan to be at the park at 6:15 a.m., the bus will leave at 6:30 a.m. sharp. (The bus waits for no one.) Campers should wear their sun hat, patrol scarves, whistles and hiking boots on the bus. They should carry a daypack with lunch and a full water bottle, ten essentials, hammer/work gloves and any medication. Bring lunch money (\$10.00) for stopping on the return trip on Thursday, April 9th. Campers will travel on a bus with Mojave adult chaperones. We need parents to help load the truck Friday evening at Columbia Park!!

RETURN PLANS

We will return to the Prairie Ave parking lot at Columbia Park, 190th & Prairie Ave. We expect to arrive between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9th. You will receive a phone call from our emergency contacts as to when the bus is expected to arrive. We need parents to help unload the truck at our storage location afterwards!

GEAR

Hiking boots are a must! Well-fitting comfortable boots are critical. They will be worn during all camp activities.

Patrol and personal gear, including tents, firewood, and empty backpack frames, must be put on the truck at Columbia Park, Prairie Avenue at 190th Street, on Friday, April 3rd, between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Gear should be well packed and labeled with girl's name and patrol fabric strips. No wheeled luggage! Girls must be able to carry their own gear. Backpacks must be in a large plastic trash bag and labeled. Wood (2x4 pieces, no nails or paint, no logs and not pressure treated) should be packed in boxes with lids or in gunny sacks (feed sacks).

All patrol gear and personal gear MUST be put on the truck - NO EXCEPTIONS! There is an uphill hike from the bus to main camp so girls should only bring their daypack and lunch on the bus.

BACKPACKERS (for second year+ campers)

Backpacker meeting is Thursday, March 19th, at 7:00 p.m. at a location TBA. You must bring at least one parent. Your presence is required so the overnight hike will be a pleasant experience. We will discuss gear and packing and how a pack should fit you.

T-SHIRTS

The campers will each receive a Mojave short-sleeved t-shirt as part of the program fee. If you'd like to order additional t-shirts, a form is attached to this e-mail and must be returned with payment at the March 7th first patrol meeting. Please print this form and bring it with you on 3/7, even if you're not purchasing additional shirts!

SAVE THE DATE – 2020 MOJAVE CAMPER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Save the date! Saturday, May 2nd at 7:00PM, we will hold an ice cream social and DVD show of this year's trip! Information will be given to the girls when they return on the bus from the desert. Mark your calendar now to attend - it's a great chance for the girls to see each other (and their MISCS) and for parents to have the opportunity to see photos from the desert. Hope to see you there!