

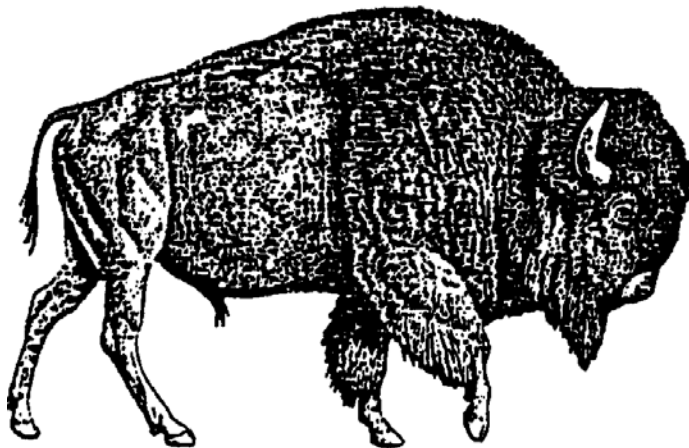
**Boy Scouts of America**

Ta Tanka Lodge  
In association with  
San Gabriel Valley Council  
Presents

# **78th Desert Caravan**

November 25 -- 27, 2011

**Rainbow Basin**



**Order of the Arrow  
Ta Tanka Lodge 488**

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## CARAVAN SCHEDULE

### Friday, November 25, 2010

- 1000-1400 Check-in set up camp, lunch
- 1300-1600 Free Time- Unit Activities (Advancement)
- 1700-1900 Dinner and Cleanup
- 1930-2030 Council Cracker Barrel (at Headquarters)
- 2200 LIGHTS OUT

### Saturday, November 26, 2010

- 0700-0830 Breakfast and Cleanup
- 0830-1200 Troop Fun Events
- 1200-1300 Lunch and Cleanup
- 1300-1600 Competition and Fun Events
- 1700-1830 Dinner and Cleanup
- 1800 SHARP! Cobbler Cook off
- 1930 Council Campfire -----**PLEASE BRING WOOD**
- 2130-2145 Order of the Arrow Rededication
- 2200 LIGHTS OUT

### Sunday, November 27, 2010

- 0730-0900 Breakfast and cleanup; break camp, police areas
- 0830-0930 Scouts' Own Service

## **SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS**

**As those who have attended earlier caravans know, during November in the high desert we often run into high winds and cold weather, so make sure your unit is prepared for adverse weather. Stake down your tents, dining flies, and E-Z ups even if the wind is not blowing. Bring and wear warm clothing and rain gear. Desert Caravan attendees have enjoyed wind, cold weather and rain in the past. Also please be careful with your cooking and warming fires to avoid sparks igniting a nearby unit's gear namely ours.**

## **FAMILY CAMPING**

Cub Scouts may attend Desert Caravan only if they are with a guardian.

## **CAMP INFO**

Rainbow Basin Natural Area is located 8 miles north of Barstow, California, off Irwin Road (not Fort Irwin Road). The main access route is Fossil Bed Road. Rainbow Basin is designated as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern due to landscape features and paleontological resources in the area.

Many visitors come to see exciting multi-colored rock formations and walk the scenic canyons. A variety of desert wildlife is found here, including the desert tortoise. Vehicle trespass is a major concern, so all routes not signed as "open" are CLOSED to vehicles.

Due to recent vandalism to the potable water tanks, there is no water available in Owl Canyon Campground.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Weather permitting; the following competitive events and fun activities will be available. Awards will be presented as suitable. The directions to all events can be found at the Caravan headquarters (Check-in).

### **Chili / Cobbler Cook Off**

See attached rules

Entries in this event will be judged at the check-in area. The Judging will start at 1800 sharp on Saturday. Your unit's participation in this event could make a portion of your Troop or Patrol dinner for Saturday night or Sunday's breakfast for that matter.

### **Scavenger Hunt**

A scavenger hunt will be held between 1130 and 1500, Saturday. The items on the list should be able to be found at the Caravan site or out on the desert.

Awards will be awarded to the cubs and scouts that turn in the most items at the earliest time. Units that arrive early will have the advantage here. You may pick up your list at the Caravan Trading Post.

There will be competitive events throughout Saturday along with the few listed here, for participation and extra fun. Activity Supplement page will be passed out at Check in.

### **Patch Trading**

There will be a patch trading area set up next to the Trading Post. All traders are welcome all day.

### **Branding Irons**

Caravan Staff, Saturday from 1300-1600

We will have branding irons for this year's Caravan, as well as various brands from the past. There are a limited number of these so please do not crowd in at once as the brands take a while to reheat after each use.

## **WATER AND SANITATION**

There will be limited restroom facilities provided at Mojave River Forks. Even though there are restroom facilities, each unit is still required to supply their own water for drinking and cooking. **This is a DRY CAMP.**

You will take all trash with you when you depart! **Do not bury any trash or place any trash in the trash receptacles!** Remember that you packed it in, so you can pack it out. Each unit's campsite will be checked for cleanliness before the unit departs.

Let's remember that scouts are good campers, and keep in mind the good camper's motto: "Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints."

## **PATCHES**

Caravan patches will be provided for each registrant. Extra patches may be purchased at the Caravan Trading Post. There will be a special edition Caravan Council Shoulder Patch for sale, also at the Trading Post.

## **TRADING POST**

The Trading Post will be located at Caravan Headquarters. At this wonderful locale one may find all information concerning Caravan, scouting, patches, and every thing else that you don't really want to know.

## CAMPFIRES

As mentioned earlier open campfires are permitted as long as they are with in B.S.A. regulations and Park Regulations (off the ground in a tub or BBQ).

***PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WOOD AND also WOOD FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT COUNCIL FIRE.***

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

There will be no special security force provided for Caravan. It is strongly recommended that each unit make sure that one adult is present in the campsite at all times. This is for safety purposes also.

**No firearms, including air guns, Fireworks will be permitted at the Caravan site as per B.S.A. regulations. Any individual possessing such items will be asked to leave Desert Caravan immediately and will forfeit all Caravan fees.**

## FIRST AID AND EMERGENCIES

We will have a first aid station near the Headquarters, but each unit should bring its own first aid kit anyway Please bring properly-executed consent to treat slips with you for all those scouts under 18yrs.

## HOSPITALS

**Mary Desert**  
18300 Highway 18  
Apple Valley 242-2311

**Victory Valley Community**  
15248 11<sup>th</sup> St  
Victorville 245-6891

**Barstow Community**  
555 S. 7th Ave  
Barstow, CA (760) 256-1761

## HEADQUARTERS

Information, Lost and Found, Check-in, and the Trading Post will be located at Headquarters (HQ).

## CHECKOUT

There will be Arrowmen checking units out. Unit's wishing to leave on Saturday night must see OA members. Be sure your area is clean and restored to the natural surface conditions before you ask to be checked out. There will be no refunds of Caravan fees.

Also as you know, the highways back to the SGV become heavily congested on Sunday afternoon. Due to the heavy traffic it is suggested that your unit break camp early as to avoid such hassles attributed to heavy traffic. The Headquarters will close at 1000, so any unit who departs after 1000 is on their own.

## **SCOUTS' OWN SERVICES**

Scouts' Own services will held by the individual Unit. All attending the Caravan are encouraged to participate. Remember that a scout is reverent.



## **CHILI / COBBLER COOKOFF RULES**

Remember that the most important thing about this competition is that your chili or cobbler should reflect the creative nature of the troop that you represent. Representatives from your troop may participate in the chili cook-off, the cobbler cook-off, or both.

Protocol;

Presentation is every thing in this competition, spare no expense as the judges may easily be bought off by a flashy presentation.

A copy of the recipe must accompany every entry, as the judges may want to recreate their favorite chili /cobbler.

Your chili / cobbler must be ready to eat prior to the judging start time, remember that a burnt judge is not a happy judge.

A late chili or cobbler will be eaten but not included in the judging of the cobblers.

It is not just the taste or the presentation that makes a winner. It is the ability to write the rules yourself that gets you the first place ribbon.

## **Rules**

Judging criteria is as follows:

Be prepared to bring and cook your chili / cobbler within a marked off area that, after the cook starts cooking, may not be crossed by the cook, any person aiding, assisting, or helping the cook, or any item, food, or spice. The rule here is what you bring is what you use to cook.

Be prepared to pick up more rules at the check-in area. In the meantime, the following rules will be observed.

Did the Unit present a recipe for its cobbler?

Is the cobbler cooked properly?

Is the cobbler burned?

Does the cobbler smell good?

Does the cobbler look good?

Does the cobbler taste good?

**THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL!**

## DIRECTIONS / MAP TO CARAVAN

TAKE INTERSTATE 15 NORTH THROUGH CAJON PASS GOING TOWARDS BARSTOW. EXIT ON MAIN STREET. FOLLOW ALL SIGNS TO THE CARAVAN SITE.

OBEY ALL ONE WAY TRAFFIC SIGNS.

DO NOT PULL INTO ANY CAMP SITE UNTIL YOU HAVE CHECKED IN AT HEADQUARTERS AND HAVE RECEIVED YOUR CAMP ASSIGNMENT.

### To find Rainbow Basin:

From Main Street, in Barstow, travel north on First Avenue and turn left on Irwin Road.

Proceed out of town until you see the sign for Rainbow Basin.

Turn left on Fossil Bed Road and follow signs either to Owl Canyon Campground or the Fossil Canyon Loop Road.

The loop road returns to Fossil Bed Road just west of this entrance.

### Activities

Rainbow Basin has outstanding views with geological and paleontological features. Keep in mind that permits are needed to remove any fossils. Activities include hiking, camping, photography, sightseeing, and horseback riding.

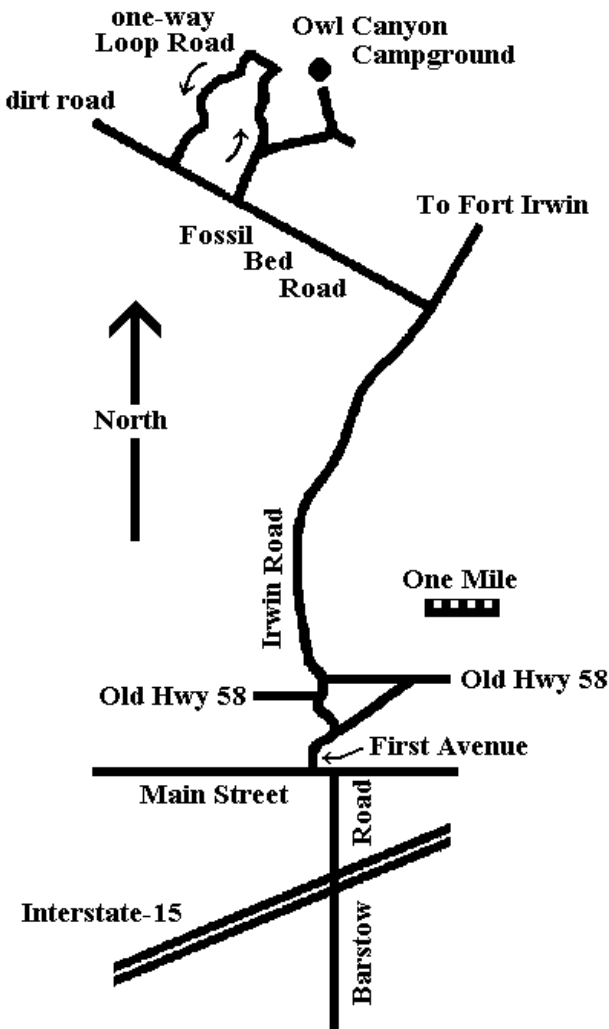
There are many places where you can get stranded or lost in this area. Be sure to tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return. Bring sufficient water, food, clothing, equipment, and first aid supplies for your activity.

Rainbow Basin is a mix of public and private lands, including those held by the Southern Pacific Railroad. Respect private landowners' rights. Land ownership status can be found on the "Cuddeback Lake" Desert Access Guide. These BLM maps can be purchased from any of the California Desert District BLM offices.

### Hiking and Sightseeing

Rainbow Basin has a diverse landscape of hills, canyons and washes. Multicolored rock walls and mesas are accented by changing light conditions, making for many photographic opportunities. The washes are good hiking trails for experiencing the area's natural beauty.

Wildlife viewing is best during early morning and evening hours. In Fossil, Coon, and Owl Canyons, birds tend to gather in thick vegetation. Vegetation is critical for wildlife water, food, and shelter. Washes in Rainbow Basin have been closed to vehicle travel to protect these areas.



**77th CARAVAN COMMITTEE**

Chief and Advisors	Stuart Goss, Phillip Uebele
Competitive Events	, John Nelson
Signs	
Registration	
Trading Post	Ken Hirscht
First Aid	
Sanitation Engineering	
Branding Irons	Bob Bower
Council Campfire	
Scouts Own	By Unit
Patch Design Publications	Phillip Uebele
Check Out	Caravan Staff
Park Representative	

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

The Ta Tanka Lodge expresses its special thanks to all those who have made this Caravan a reality.

## CARAVAN HISTORY

	1933	Calico-Slope S. of Calico	Skipper Robinson
1st	1934	Pipes Canyon	
2nd	1935		
3rd	1936		
4th	1937		
5th	1938		
6th	1939		
7th	1940		
8th	1941		
9th	1942	Camp Huntington	
10th	1943	No Caravan-WWII	
11th	1944	No Caravan-WWII	
12th	1945		
13th	1946		
14th	1947		
15th	1948	Last Christmas Caravan	
16th	1949	First Thanksgiving Caravan	
17th	1950		
18th	1951		
19th	1952		
20th	1953		
21st	1954	Dead Mans Point-Apple Valley	
22nd	1955		
23rd	1956		
24th	1957	Sunrise Valley	Olie Pricket
25th	1958	Deadman Point	Irv Thompson
26th	1959	Lead Mountain	O.J. Cressweell
27th	1960	Edwards Air Force Base	Bob Cornet
28th	1961	Stoddard Wells	Ray Galceran
29th	1962	Yucca Valley	Byron Thompson
30th	1963	Sunrise Canyon	Marcus Woodward
31st	1964	Hesperia-Fish Farm	Dwight Bekins
32nd	1965	Black Mountain	Norm Shanks
33rd	1966	Black Mountain	Norm Shanks
34th	1967	Goldstone Fort Irwin	Paul Malling
35th	1968	Los Flores Ranch Hesperia	Chuck Williams
36th	1969	Rosmano Dry Gulch	Ted Knutso
37th	1970	China Lake Randsburg Wash	Vic Harris
38th	1971	29 Palms Marine Base	
39th	1972	29 Palms Marine Base	George Swabson
40th	1973	Boron	

41st	1974	Edwards Air Force Base		LeRoy Spiers
42nd	1975	Boron-Golf Course		Bill Rice
43rd	1976	Prado Dam		Jake Jacobs
44th	1977	Corvina Beach Salton Sea		Al Rosen
45th	1978	North Shore Salton Sea		Ed Kolberg
46th	1979	Prado Basin Park		Herb Naus
47th	1980	Edwards Air Force Base		
48th	1981	Camp Will Ward-Near Salton Sea		
49th	1982	Tin Can Alley		George Way
50th	1983	Lake Perris		Ken Lang
51st	1984	Lake Perris		Bob McMurturey
52nd	1985	Firestone-canceled-rain		Woody Simpson
53rd	1986	Fort Irwin		Bob McMurtrey
54th	1987	Sun Rise Valley		Dick Harris
55th	1988	Stoddard Wells		Mark Bower
56th	1989	Bell Mountain		Bob Lang
57th	1990	Edwards Air Force Base		John Nelson
58th	1991	Fort Erwin-Goldstone		Dick Harris
59th	1992	Sun Rise Valley		Phillip Uebele
60th	1993	Boron-Golf Course	Jeremy Mo	Phillip Uebele
61st	1994	Mojave Regional Park		Ken Hirscht
62nd	1995	Johnson Flats		John Nelson
63rd	1996	Last Chance Canyon		Allen Kambara
64th	1997	Tin Can Alley-Calico		Peter Wellington
65th	1998	Upper Johnson Valley	John Nelson	Peter Wellington
66th	1999	Tin Can Alley	Jonathan Mo	Phillip Uebele
67 <sup>th</sup>	2000	Mojave River Fork		Mark Brewster
68 <sup>th</sup>	2001	Mojave River Fork		John Nelson
69 <sup>th</sup>	2002	Mojave River Fork		Dennis Dayne
70 <sup>th</sup>	2003	Mojave River Fork		John Nelson
71 <sup>st</sup>	2004	Tin Can Alley		Bob Bower
72 <sup>nd</sup>	2005	Lake Cahulia Park		Ann Wellington
73 <sup>rd</sup>	2006	Lake Cahulia Park		Ken Hirscht
74 <sup>th</sup>	2007	Rainbow Basin	Eric Weiland	Rick Wellington
75 <sup>th</sup>	2008	Mojave River Fork		J. Nelson & P. Uebele
			Jon Haskett	Phillip Uebele
76 <sup>th</sup>	2009	Lake Cahulia Park		John Neelson
77 <sup>th</sup>	2010	Majave River Fork	Connor Crowley	P. Uebele

\* If anyone can fill any of the missing information please see Phillip Uebele so this list can be updated.

## PERMISSION SLIP

**MEDICAL INFORMATION** *For ALL Adult and Youth members* (Youth are under 18 years of age on the date that this form is submitted). During the year, if the medical provider / insurance information may change, it is important that you contact the Lodge with the current information.

### CONTINUING CONSENT TO TREAT MINOR CHILD

We, the undersigned, parents or guardians of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, do hereby consent to any X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital service that may be rendered to said minor under the general or specific instructions of a physician licensed to practice in the United States, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at a hospital licensed by the medical authority of any State of the United States.

It is understood that consent is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required, but is given in order that said physician may have the opportunity to exercise best judgment as to the action which may be necessary or required to protect the life and health of said minor child.

This consent shall remain effective until revoked in writing by the parents or guardian of said minor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

Day Time Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Night Time Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### MEDICAL INSURANCE INFORMATION

Health Insurance Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. (if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Policy Identification or other Identification Information that will provide immediate treatment

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### MINOR'S PHYSICIAN

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### MEDICATION AND ALLERGIES

Prescription Medicine: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

## DESERT CARAVAN REGISTRATION FORM

\$8.00 per Person

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

Name of person registering: \_\_\_\_\_

Day time telephone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Nite time tel. # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Names of persons registering for participation at Desert Caravan.

ADULTS	YOUTH
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.
9.	9.
10.	10.

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
x \$8.00

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit into Account **1-2371-904-00**