

Florida Canyon, Outdoor Conference and Cave Exploration Friday evening-Monday evening, February 12-15, 2010

Activity Summary

There is a required pre-trip meeting for this activity on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Show Low Teen Center.

Cost of the activity is \$35.00. This fee will cover lodging and in-house meals (provided by the National Outdoor Leadership School). Meals on the road from Show Low (Friday evening) and returning from Tucson (Monday evening) are not included. Carpool gas money is also not included.

We will be staying in bunkhouse-style cabins at the Florida Work Station (men's and women's) in Florida Canyon south of Tucson. There are no linens provided, so bring sleeping bags. Flush toilets, running water, and a full kitchen are available. There are no shower facilities, but I plan on warming water to wash at least one of the days!

Schedule

Thursday, February 11

Required pre-trip meeting for youth and adult volunteers (parents strongly encouraged to attend)
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Show Low Teen Center (700 W. McNeil, Show Low, AZ 85901)

Friday, February 12

4:00 p.m. Leave the Show Low Aquatics Center
Dinner on the road (fast food or pre-packed dinner)
9:00 p.m. Arrive at the Florida Canyon Work Station

Saturday, February 13

OWL, Outdoor Workshop on Leadership
(see posted flyer)

Sunday

Hike up Elephant Butte near Tucson

Monday

Caving in Florida Canyon
(see posted packing list)

Bright and early Monday morning we will be traveling to a local cave with a resident University of Arizona caver, Elizabeth Sparks. The cave entrance is a narrow passage. Beyond the entrance, the cave opens into high ceilings. As we build our skills and confidence we can explore side passages if we, as a group, desire. You should plan on uneven walking surfaces, low ceilings, and muddy, slippery slopes. Also realize that the only light we have in the cave is what we bring in. A great attitude, a sense of adventure, and willingness to do something new is required!

NOTE: A Sunday evening-Monday evening (February 14-15) trip option is available, call for details.

Clothes

Clothing for 2 days, Saturday and Sunday, in addition to the clothes listed below for caving. We are still “roughing it” so don’t be afraid to re-wear pants and shirts.

Caving (these items should be on your person or in your day pack during our caving trip)

Day Pack

Long pants

Long shirt

Light jacket or hoodie

Sturdy shoes (no sandals)

2 light sources (example: headlamp and flashlight - glow sticks are not considered a light source)

2 trash bags

2 liters of water

Bike or climbing helmet with chin strap (we have a few to lend out)

Complete change of clothes, including shoes (these can be left in a bag in the car)

Optional: 2 bandanas, light gloves

Items

Sleeping bag

Warm jacket

Toiletries (toothbrush/paste, feminine products, baby wipes)

Cup that can hold warm drinks

Bowl + utensil (Tupperware-style works great)

Optional but encouraged

Journal (or pen/paper)

Camera