



Permission Slip

Mini-High Adventure

March 15th – 19th, 2008

Crystal Cave/Kartchner Caverns

This Mini-High Adventure will take us to southern Arizona near the New Mexico border. We will be hiking and caving in the Chiricahua Mountains, south of Benson, AZ. We will leave Phoenix on Saturday, March 15th and drive south to Fort Bowie National Monument. The troop will tour the old calvary fort and then continue on south, camping in the Chiricahua National Forest. On Sunday, March 16th, the troop will take a 10-mile day hike in the picturesque Chiricahua National Monument.

On Monday, March 17th, the troop will explore Crystal Cave. Scouts will get the opportunity to experience real caving by climbing and crawling in total darkness. Following this, we will drive to the Dragoon mountains just to the west and camp in the Cochise's Stronghold campground. On Tuesday, March 18th, the troop will take a 10-mile round-trip day hike on the Cochise's Stronghold trail. On Wednesday, March 19th, the troop will tour the nearby Kartchner Caverns and return home in early evening.

This will be a moving base camp outing. Therefore, we will be cooking breakfast and dinner each day as a group. Troop cooking equipment will be used. The food for group meals will be planned prior to the trip. Scouts will be responsible for their own trail lunch each day. Lunch can be purchased on the final day at Kartchner Caverns.

For exploring Crystal Cave, each scout must wear a hard helmet (a bike helmet will do), and have two light sources (a head lamp and small flashlight) with a set of extra batteries. Climbing will require the use of both hands, so handheld flashlights need to have an attached cord for wrapping around your wrist. Knee pads and gloves are optional accessories. Long pants are required. Expect your clothes to get very dirty and sweaty. Pack accordingly.

The elevation will be around 5,000 feet. The weather will be warm during the day and mild/cool at night and mornings. Scouts should bring a daypack for hiking, along with two 1-quart water containers. The troop will provide drinking water.

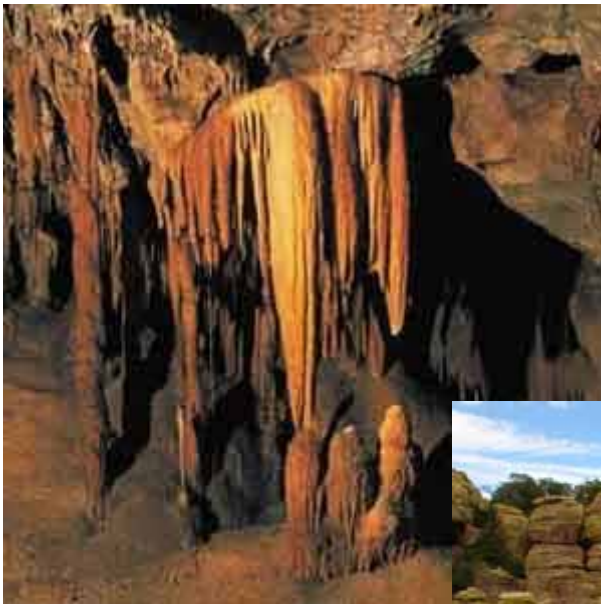
Scouts should bring some extra money for food and/or souvenirs at either Fort Bowie and/or Kartchner Caverns. This outing will offer scouts the opportunity to complete requirements toward the Camping, Hiking, and Cooking merit badges.

Trip costs will include:

Cochise's Stronghold campground (2 nights)	\$ 6.00 per person
Kartchner Caverns Big Room Tour	\$23.00 (age 14+)
Crystal Cave	\$ 6.00
Meals (Estimate)	\$30.00
Gas	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total	<u>\$85.00</u>

We may adjust the estimated costs once we know how many scouts will be attending.

Payment is required by Monday, February 25th.



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Cost:

My son will be attending the outing: Yes _____ No _____

I will be attending with my son: Yes _____ No _____

I am willing to drive: Yes _____ No _____

My car has a total of _____ seatbelts.

ALL PERMISSION SLIPS MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008.

Print Scout's Name

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Print Parent's Name