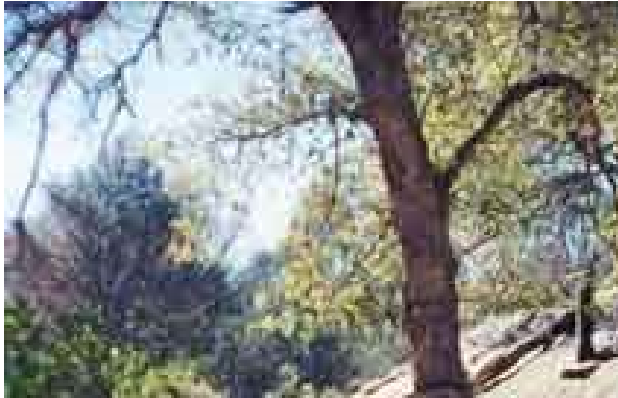


BSA Troop 379 - Desert Cross Lutheran Church - Tempe, Arizona
Haunted Canyon
October 14th and 15th, 2017



Haunted Canyon

Where: Haunted Canyon trail has both a lower and an upper trailhead connected by a dirt road. We will hike in and out on the same trail.

The hike starts from a parking area just south of the metal bridge heading south on an old jeep trail along the creek. When you get to an old corral its time to turn west on the trail. As the trail follows the creek through Haunted Canyon, the serenity and beauty make you totally unaware of the steady gradual climb. There are a couple spots where you actually have to cross fallen log bridges to follow the trail. The trail is easy to follow with the exception of one spot. The canyon narrows at one point to two vertical rock walls. If there is water in the creek your choices are to either take of the shoes and wade or climb up to the right. This is tricky - don't climb up too high looking for an open route back down into the canyon - there isn't one. Climb only about twelve feet then look closely for a spot where you can boulder back down next to some small pines.

Continue through the woods and you'll come to the intersection of Haunted Canyon trail as it turns north and a trail that continues straight for another half mile to Tony Cabin which is a wonderful spot for lunch. The cabin is very interesting as some campers store extra supplies here and there is a sign-in log inside. This is an extraordinarily beautiful little setting. Seasonal weather average from 50°s to high 80°s.

Camping: This is a backpack camp – bring a couple of extra changes of socks should your tootsie get wet. It's not winter yet so bring a hat, sunscreen and sunglasses.

Food: Each scout is responsible for their own food. You should plan on having 1 Dinner and 2 Lunches and a breakfast for this outing. Water should be available to pump.

Departure: We will meet at Desert Cross Church at 6:00 am Saturday with a planned departure of 6:30 am. Anyone wishing to carpool or offer rides for scouts please plan to meet at this time. We will return in the afternoon Sunday.

Costs: All unaccompanied Scouts must bring a complete and signed "Permission Slip and Release Form, \$5.00 for the ride and whatever \$s is needed for fast food meals on the way to and from the campout. Be certain to include parent or guardian's home and cell phone numbers on the form.

Directions: East on 60 to Superior. From Superior head out east on US 60. Pass through the Queen Creek Tunnel and continue 10 miles to mile marker 239.4 turn left onto this paved road that enters the Pinto Mine. Follow the paved road 2.8 miles and turn left onto FS 287. Go slow at the numerous intersections. Your goal is to figure out which are mine roads and which are public access. Public access signs are posted on most of the intersections. Some aren't exactly clear which way they are pointing. You will leave the private land of the Pinto Mine and crossover onto forest land. At about seven miles you turn left onto 287A. Follow FS 287A about 0.3 miles, turn right and follow down to the lower trailhead.

One may wish to have a stash of cloths in the pick up vehicle - just a thought.

Rules For All Scout Outings:

- 1.) BSA policies: 10 scouts per adult leader, permission slips signed, and buddy system always.
- 2.) Respect fellow scouts; no activity that destroys the personal dignity of the scout, no hazing of any sort, be helpful to your fellow scout, no foul language and no weapons.
- 3.) The Outdoor Code: **Clean** in your outdoor manner, **Careful** with fire, **Considerate** of others and **Conservation** minded.
- 4.) Safety conscious: Stay between point and drag, **Stop** if you become separated, Carry enough stuff in your pack for an emergency overnight by yourself, Use good common sense.

Emergency Phone List:

Alan Garlington cell	(602) 459-0854
Dan Cortes cell	(480) 415-2100

Saturday, October 14th, 2017

6:00 am - arrive at DCLC
 6:30 am - Depart
 7:30 am - ff on route
 9:30 am - Trailhead.
 3:00 pm - reach a good campsite
 Advancement work
 5:00 - pm - remind adults to stay up past 8:30
 8:15 pm - - adults asleep.

Sunday, October 15th, 2017

6:00 am Reveille, breakfast, pack up
 7:30 am ish - hiking
 1:00 pm - find the cars and head home
 3:00 pm Arrive at Church

These times are a guide not a rule. We will do our best to alert parents of the approximate time of arrival at Church for pick up once we are on the road - the paved portion

PERMISSION SLIP AND RELEASE FORM

My son/ward _____ has my permission to participate in a hike called Haunted Canyon with Boy Scout Troop 379 on October 14th and 15th, 2017. I understand that there are risks involved with car travel, camping and hiking. I have reviewed the activities for this outing and believe him capable and properly prepared. I accept the judgment of the adult leaders.

As a scout I promise to act in a safe manner, live by the troop rules for the outdoors and follow the Scout Motto and Law. I promise to keep my seat belt on at all times while the vehicle is moving.

PARENT SIGNATURE

SCOUT SIGNATURE

Parents or guardians can be reached this weekend at the following phone numbers.

Home: _____

Cell: _____