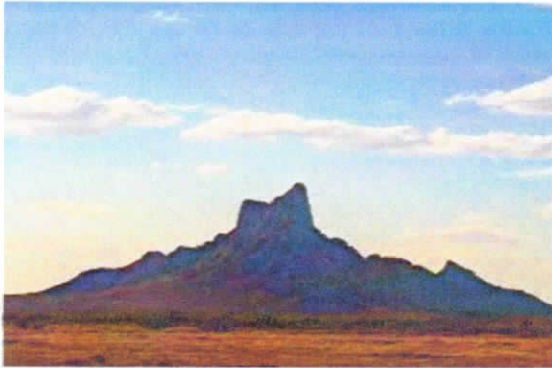


BSA Troop 379 - Desert Cross Lutheran Church, Tempe, Arizona  
Picacho Peak  
December 09th - 10th 2017



Picacho Peak

**Location:** Picacho Peak was often used as a landmark by early explorers. During the 17th century, dedicated Jesuit priest Father Kino mentioned Picacho Peak in records of his journeys. Expeditions passed by the Peak. In 1846, the Mormon Battalion, on their way to California to fight in the war with Mexico, constructed a wagon road through Picacho Pass. The forty-niners traveled the same road on their way to California, and in 1858, mail and passengers traveled this route via the Butterfield Overland Stage. The Transcontinental Railroad now uses this route.



The most significant Civil War battle in Arizona took place near Picacho Peak on April 15, 1862, when an advance detachment of Union forces from California attacked a Confederate scouting party. The battle lasted for 1-1/2 hours, and three Union soldiers were killed. Every March, "The Civil War in the Southwest" comes alive again as over two hundred re-enactors converge on Picacho Peak on foot and horseback.

**The Trip:** Assemble at Desert Cross Lutheran Church at 6:00 am for a 6:30 am departure. You may depart later and head direct to the campsite if you wish. However you choose, head south on I10, exit 219 at cleverly titled Picacho Peak - about 70 miles in total. We will be staying at the **Jackrabbit West Campground**. This area has a ramada and some other improvements. We may not be able to "check in" and get to the campsite until 3:00pm if another group had the site Friday Night. It is not expected that this will occur, but it can. (The state would not let me reserve Friday night as a "space holder".)

**The Outing:** A hike to the Summit of Picacho Peak is planned - it is a 1,700 foot ascent in 2 or 3 miles depending upon the trail. The trail is precarious and has wire guardrails for assistance in places. It has a long history in Arizona, and in 1775, the DeAnza group suggested to bring *gloves for scrabbling up rocks and grasping wires as well as a day pack to hold lots of water and a place to put warm clothes shed as you heat up while you climb*. The views from the top are incredible, truly incredible. Rooster Cogburn's Ostrich Ranch is close and some may venture there - but the cost and effort are YOYO (your on your own). This is a car camp and patrols will work on cooking and outdoor skills - work together to reduce gear.

**Cost:** \$5.00 fee for scouts not accompanied by a driver and an additional \$15.00 per car will be paid as you enter the State Park. A "pass the hat event" in each car would be appropriate if the driver wishes. A \$20.00 reservation fee has already been paid to the state for use of the site.

**Gear:** This is a Car Camp so you are able to bring whatever you think you will need. Bring what you need to stay warm, be comfortable and eat well. Everybody is on their own to plan meals. Temps are 30°-55° & 20°-70° the extremes and it can rain. Bring Scout Books. Younger scouts will work on advancement, older scouts will help. Work with your patrol mates to plan additional activities.



**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, **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  
 Duane Lidman cell (602) 722-1989  
 Dan Cortes Cell (480) 415-2100

**Saturday**

- 6:00 am Assemble in Church Pk Lot
- 6:30 am LV
- 7:30 am Stop for Fast Food in Casa Grande
- 9:30 am At Park!
- 10:00 am On trail
- 4:00 pm High Tea
- 5:00 pm Dinner
- 8:00 pm Lights Out (Hahaha)
- 10:00 pm All quiet as required by Park

**Sunday**

- 8:00 am Up
- 8:30 am Eat
- 9:30 am Depart Camp
- 11:00 am Arrive Church

NOTE: Some scouts may stay longer for advancement work - communication will be made on this.

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.

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**PERMISSION SLIP AND RELEASE FORM**

My son/ward \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the car, camping and hike at Picacho Peak State Park with Boy Scout Troop 379 on December 9th and 10th 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Car Camping Checklist - Items to consider to bring

(Not a comprehensive list, Just items to think about)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Tent with RainFly
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cot or Sleeping Pad
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pillow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sleeping Bag good for lowest temperature expected
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chair
- \_\_\_\_\_ Camp Light or Lantern, Flashlights
- \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Table
- \_\_\_\_\_ Camping Stove with Gas
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pans/Utensils for planned food

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ice Chest to keep food cold
- \_\_\_\_\_ Food for number of meals
- \_\_\_\_\_ Water / Beverages
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hot Chocolate / Cider

- \_\_\_\_\_ Paper Plates / Bowls
- \_\_\_\_\_ Forks/Spoons/Knives

## Personal Items

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|----------------------------|-------------------|
| _____ Toothpaste and brush | _____ Scout Book  |
| _____ Suntan Lotion        | _____ Sun Glasses |
| _____ Clothes to stay warm |                   |
| _____ Rain Gear            |                   |
| _____ Medications / Pills  |                   |
| _____ Camera               |                   |
| _____ First Aid Kit        |                   |

## Other Miscellaneous Items to Consider

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| _____ Aluminum Foil            | _____ Small Shovel         |
| _____ Paper Towels             | _____ Extra Rope           |
| _____ Garbage Bags             | _____ Hot Mitts            |
| _____ Cooking Tools needed     | _____ Maps / Compass / GPS |
| _____ Leftover Food Containers | _____ EZ Ups for Shade     |
| _____ Matches                  | _____ Firewood             |
| _____ Axe                      | _____ Charcoal / Starter   |