BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

**TROOP 966**

I approve of participating in the outing described below:

Outing: **BACKPACK 1B: EATON SADDLE TO WEST FORK TRAIL CAMP**

Time/Date Leave: **7:00 AM SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018**

Time/Date Return: **3:00 PM (APPROX) SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018**

Assemble At: **WOODS ACE HARDWARE (22217 PALOS VERDES BLVD; AT SEPULVEDA BLVD)**

I understand that my son will be under the supervision of the Scoutmaster or his authorized representative. I give my permission to the officers, leaders, and agents of the Boy Scouts of America, Los Angeles Area Council, to obtain and administer such medical aid or assistance as might be required for the care of our boy in the event such help becomes necessary. It is further understood such permission will include the administration of medicines or treatment as might be ordered or administered by a duly licensed physician.

In no event shall the Boy Scouts of America, the Los Angeles Area Council, its officers, leaders, or agents be held liable for any aid rendered, treatments, drugs and medicines, or surgical procedures performed pursuant to this consent with the understanding that the troop is covered by the regular Boy Scouts' insurance.

PARENT SIGNATURE

 Camp Fees: $0.00

ADDRESS Food & Supplies: 15.00

 Transportation: 5.00

# PHONE NUMBER (310) TOTAL (per person): $20.00

PARENT PLEASE CIRCLE:

 I will will not be able to come on this backpack. Name(s)

 I will will not be able to help with transportation. Name

Return this form with your payment by **Monday, May 7.** Make check payable to Troop 966.

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PARENTS COPY (TEAR OFF)

Outing: **BACKPACK 1B: EATON SADDLE TO MT. LOWE TRAIL CAMP**

Time/Date Leave: **7:00 AM SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018**

Time/Date Return: **3:00 PM (APPROX) SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018**

Assemble At: **WOODS ACE HARDWARE (22217 PALOS VERDES BLVD; AT SEPULVEDA BLVD)**

ABOUT THIS HIKE: We will start Saturday morning from Eaton Saddle above Red Box on the road to Mt. Wilson and hike down to West Fork Trail Camp on the Gabrielino Trail east of Red Box. We will descend steadily 2.6 miles down the Valley Forge Trail to meet the Gabrielino Trail at Valley Forge Trail Camp. We will have good views of West Fork Canyon as we descend. (Try not to miss the wall T966 built for Jeff Mathews' Eagle Project 0.5 mile below the start.) Turning right, the trail is more gently graded as it contours along the south side of the canyon several hundred feet above the stream (West Fork of the San Gabriel River). After passing the Rattlesnake Trail at Strayns Creek, the trail slowly drops down to the shady West Fork campground next to the stream.

Adjacent to West Fork TC, mountain pioneer Louie Newcomb hand-hewed a log cabin in 1900 that was the first ranger station in California -- the second in the U.S. constructed with government funds ($70). Only the foundation remains today. In 1982 the old ranger station was moved to Chilao where it serves as a Forestry Museum behind the Chilao Visitor Center.

Day 1: 5.7 miles; 2280' elev. loss/ 240' gain; 3.1 backpack hours.

After a good night's sleep, with the gentle murmur of the stream, we should be refreshed and ready for the hike out on Sunday. We return the way we came, this time using our stamina to make the steady ascent up the Valley Forge Trail to our cars at Eaton Saddle. Day 2: 5.7 miles, 2280'/240’ elev. gain/loss; 5.1 backpack hours.

QUESTIONS: Call Mr. Ledford (310-373-2111)

1. **Full uniform (or at least your Scout shirt) must be worn to & from this outing.**
2. **Bring money for lunch on the way home.**