

Name of Outing: Superstitions / Dripping springs / Crew survival			
Location: Superstition Wilderness in Tonto National Forest			
Dates of Outing: Nov 17th and 18th			
Outing Leader(s)	Name	Email	Phone
Leader	Darrin Kloostra	darrin@precisionglassandal umnum.com	602-410-2609
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Co-leader (2)			
Type of Outing: Backpack Car Camp Cabin Camp Bike Outing Winter Outing Other _____ Degree of difficulty: Moderate			
General Description of Outing: Highlights of purpose, distance, activities, etc. To all the Scouts and Adults of Troop 323: The Venturers of Venture Crew 2323 invite you on our upcoming “Survival Man” Exercise. <u>Please read carefully, as there is very important information at the bottom.</u> We are inviting you to participate in this exercise by being their rescuers. On Saturday, November 17, you and the other members of Troop 323 will backpack 4 miles through a gentle desert canyon to a base camp at the confluence of 2 canyons. The Venture Crew will provide you with a dinner, and we will have a group campfire on Saturday night. On Sunday morning, the Venture Crew will provide you with breakfast, and then organize everyone into Search and Rescue groups (one for each of the missing hikers), and, using map and compass, we will all go in search of the “lost” hikers. Rescuing the “Survivors” will require a day hike of around an hour one way. When you rescue them, the elated candidates are required to give you, their rescuers, a one hour long (timed) presentation on wilderness survival. They will share with you what they did to survive, show you their equipment, share with you what they learned, how it felt to be alone, and they will answer all your questions about what it takes to be a “Survivor.” After the presentation, everyone will return to base camp for lunch. Everyone will then backpack out. Please be advised that you will be returning to Phoenix later in afternoon on Sunday. If you go on this trip, you are required to be a part of a Search and Rescue Team. The SAR teams will have to hike for between 30 to 90 minutes on Sunday morning to find their assigned lost hiker and then 30 – 90 minutes back to base camp. SAR team assignments will be made on Saturday night, and will be based on hiking capabilities: stronger hikers will go further on their rescue hike. You should bring a day pack or something to carry water with on the rescue hike plus bring some snacks.			

Depart	Where?	When?
Saturday November 17th	Lookout Mountain School	Depart by 8:00am
Return	Where?	When?
Sunday November 18th	Lookout Mountain School	Sometime between 5pm - 7pm

Directions to Outing Location:

Driving time: 1.5 to 2 hours

Distance to trail parking lot: Approx 80 miles (includes about 17 miles dirt)

Directions from LOM:

*East on Coral Gables and South on 7th Street

*Turn left (East) on Thunderbird Road and go to Highway 51

*Go South on Highway 51 and merge to I-10 east towards Tucson

*Take I-10 east towards Tempe to Highway 60 (Superstitions Highway)

*Take Highway 60 east towards Apache Junction/Globe

*Stay on Highway 60 and turn left (north) on Queen Valley Road which is located a couple miles east of the turn off for Florence Junction (Highway 79)

*Go north less than 2 miles on Queen Valley Road (a paved road) and turn right (east). There is an old railroad track on the east side of Queen Valley Road.

*You will be turning right onto a dirt road called Forest Road 357 (may also be called Hewitt Station Road)

*Follow Forest Road 357 in northeasterly direction about 3 miles and turn left (north) on to Forest Road 172

*Follow Forest Road 172 about 12.5 miles and then go left (west) on Forest Road 172B

*Follow Forest Road 172B about 1.5 miles until you come to a **locked gate**.

*Turn right at the locked gate and park at the end of a short road (Woodbury Trailhead)

***We'll start the hike together at the locked gate

The hike will be less than 4 miles on a downslope to the southwest on the Coffee Flat Trail passing by a ranch and the trail follows through Fraser Canyon until we get to our camp at Dripping Springs.

Please see attached maps.

Anticipated Weather Information:

The average temp in November is 73 for a high and 43 for a low. Current weather forecast are calling for another cold front coming in on Thursday so I would anticipate upper 60's for a high and possibly in the upper 30's overnight.

What you need to Bring:**Clothing**

Sometimes the trail is pretty overgrown, so I **STRONGLY** recommend long pants at minimum and even perhaps a long sleeve shirt to hike in.

Class B

Lightweight gloves

Fleece jacket

Extra socks

Lightweight shirts for layering

Knit cap, it will be cold at night and early morning

Food

*You will need to bring a sack lunch for the hike in on Saturday morning.

*Make sure you bring personal drinks and snacks. Make sure yo bring enough for the hike out on Sunday afternoon.

Menu: In the past, the crew has cooked up grilled chicken, corn on the cob, salad, and a dessert for dinner. Instant Oatmeal, Bagels and Cream Cheese, fruit and Hot Chocolate for breakfast. For lunch, we have sandwiches of some kind, either lunch meat or PB&J and fruit.

Camping Gear

The Troop itself does not need to bring special equipment. **Standard individual and patrol backpacking gear** appropriate to the season with the exception of cooking gear, the crew will supply that.

**** Load Carrying: Make sure you pack light. While the Crew is organizing food and cooking gear, we will need the Troop to help carry stuff in and out. Probably the best place to distribute this gear will be at the Trailhead. I won't know how much there is to carry until closer to the trip, but really it is going to primarily be food. The crew will have already carried in most of the cooking equipment.

Other Equipment

If you have trekking poles, we recommend you bring them.

A small camera as this is a beautiful area.

Each Patrol must bring their water filter.

Other Outing Information (e.g. activities; special lodging; training required)

*See all of the attached maps.

*Please double check the current weather conditions prior to heading out Saturday morning and make sure you pack weather appropriate clothing.

Important Numbers

Scoutmaster	Other	Other	Other
	Darrin Klostra _____	Brown Russell _____	Other _____
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Troop First Aid Kit and Medical Binder Holder:

David Wright _____

Outing Approved by Committee? Yes / No

Tour Permit Approved by District? Yes / No

Outing Fee: \$30