

Greetings Rock Hard Hashers!



The Major Good

It's almost time to head to RH13. Here's some info to help you get there and enjoy the cooler climates of the mountains! The venue is at Fir Group Campground. Here is a link to a map:

<http://goo.gl/maps/m2oXP>

To get there from **Bakersfield** head north on **Hwy 99**. At the **Visalia** turnoff take the exit into Visalia. After the turnoff you will be on Hwy 198. Proceed into Visalia town and look for the Hwy 63 exit. Turn left and take **Hwy 63 north thru Visalia. Stay on Hwy 63** past Orosi and Orange Cove until it intersects with Hwy 180. Turn right on **Hwy 180** and proceed for approximately 25 miles until you get to an entrance for Kings Canyon/Sequoia National Parks. Pay the entrance fee thru and proceed to the turnoff on **Generals Hwy** and turn right. Go for approximately 12 miles and look for the Fir Group Campground sign on the left. If you reach the Stoney Creek Store you've gone about 500 ft to far.

If you are going to Fir Group **from Fresno/Clovis** it is simply a matter of taking Hwy **180** from there and follow the instructions above for the route from Hwy 180 onwards.

Although it is shorter to go up Hwy 245 north from Visalia to reach Hwy 180 we advise you that Hwy 63 is faster and safer, particularly if you happen to be in an RV. Hwy 245 is a narrow and winding road. If you take it add 30 minutes to the total transit time.

The Minor Bad

Even though the Fir Group Campground is not inside either Sequoia National Park or Kings Canyon National Park the only access to it is through the park entrance. Thus we are required to pay the fee even though we aren't camping there. There is no other way to reasonably access the campground by automobile or truck. The fee, I believe is \$20 per car. If you can manage to carpool there will be some savings since they charge per vehicle to enter the park.

The Minor Ugly

We received information after we reserved the campground that all fires are prohibited in the National Forest this season. This includes campfires and charcoal fires even in dedicated fire rings or cook grills. The NO Fires policy has been implemented by the Forest Service as a precaution due to the drought and extreme fire danger in the high country. We did not know this would be the case when we planned the event and not having a campfire to jump around is certainly a bummer. Propane burners and cookstoves are allowed as long as there is a permit. We have printed several permits and will have them on hand if needed.

Other Info





Showers are available nearby the campground at the Stoney Creek store. All you need to bring is the camping equipment you need. Include a camp chair in your equipment. Food and beer are provided as part of the event but if you have “special needs” you should bring whatever is needed to accommodate. No food is planned for Friday night so plan on eating on the way up. There is pizza and sandwiches at the Stoney Creek store nearby but it may have an early closing time.

The weather should be great and a pleasant relief from the 100F plus expected in the valley. Of course, even in the summer, the mountain nights will cool down so bring a jacket.

Agenda

Friday Sept 6

1. Arrive, say hello, drink beer
2. Settle into campchair with your favorite beer. Since we will have no campfire we may have to resort to conversation and banter to amuse ourselves. No problemo.

Sat, Sept 7

1. Roll out and have some breakfast from the outstanding selection of stale bagels and soggy cereal available. There may be some other more edible stuff as well but since I’m not on food detail I don’t know. Roll with it.
2. Around mid morning We will start to think about a trail.
3. Around late morning we will probably pick a Hare to go find a trail. Drink a beer.
4. Have a lunch of stale bread and some kinda meat product while the Hare scouts trail.
5. After lunch receive instructions from the Hare about what a fantastic trail he/she has in mind. Drink a beer
6. Gather in a prelube position while the Hare gets off with the flour. Drink a beer.

7. At about 1 or 2 pm start trying to find the trail and Hare. Since we don't know who the Hare is it is impossible to say what will happen next. It's the Hare's call.
8. After the trail gather in a circle and begin the elaborate process of receiving religion and testimony about the trail "experience" while drinking beer. Punishment of the guilty and the innocent will be required.
9. After everyone has had their "say" end the circle with the appropriate incantations.
10. Free time to drink beer and clean up.
11. Gather for dinner. Since I'm not on food detail I don't know what it will be but I am sure there will be stale chips. Since Diamond Dick will not be present we can safely assume that 2/3 of them will not end up on the floor.
12. Gather and settle into the postlube position around the imaginary campfire. We can only hope that Ranger Rick will pay a visit so we can give him our thoughts on a fire free camping experience.
13. The remainder of the night is reserved for impromptu activities that seem like a good idea while under the influence. No driving allowed.

Sun, Sept 8

1. Roll out of the hay and say hi to whoever is close.
2. Breakfast will be some kinda stale toast and some other stuff. Since I'm not on food detail I cant tell you what it will be. Hopefully it will still be edible.
3. We may decide to appoint some innocent Hasher as the Hare for a Hangover Hash. This always seems like a bad idea but somehow beer makes it all okay.
4. Clean up all our crap and leave the campsite immaculate so the event organizer whose name is on the reservation wont get busted by the Federal Bureau of Something.

That's all I can think of right now. I'll have another beer and add some more useless info later, or NOT!

Any last minute info: Try emailing texting Limp Noids, Butthook or Bringem' Young but if it's after 2:00 pm on Friday the mountains are not cell friendly: