

Grand Canyon Council
BSA Troop 278

September 16-17
Horton Springs
High Line Trail
Choice Hike

Coordinator: Kevin Chadwick (940-xxxx) xxxxx@hotmail.com
If you cannot be at the Sept 11 meeting, contact Mr. Chadwick to sign up.

Description:

This backpack trip will offer of choice for new and experienced backpackers. The groups will take different trails to meet at the same camping area – Horton Springs. The easier trail is the 4 mile Horton Creek trail. The route for more experienced backpackers will follow the Derrick trail to the Highline Trail, a 6 mile route with more difficult hiking. Another option for the experienced group will be hiking the Highline eastbound from the fish hatchery, then day hiking from the spring to the top the rim. Horton Springs is a beautiful, reliable spring, with adjacent camping under soaring fir trees. We will all hike out on the Horton Creek trail Sunday morning.

Requirements & Costs:

- Permission Slip and Medical Form.
- Must be in good health and physical condition
- Must be in good standing with the Troop – dues paid
- \$5.00 transportation fee

Meals:

- Saturday lunch – Bring your own. (Brown bag. No cooking)
- Saturday dinner at the campsite. – TBD by patrols
- Sunday breakfast – TBD by patrols
- Sunday lunch – Bring your own. (Brown bag. No cooking)

Timelines:

- Meet Saturday, September 16th @ 6:00am, Burger King (48th/Warner)
- Return Sunday, September 17th @ approx. 5:00pm to Burger King

Equipment:

We are hiking to our overnight destination. All gear must be securely stowed in a backpack. Patrols must plan meals and divide-up common equipment. Expect temperatures to range from 30° F to 80° F. At this time of year rain is always a possibility. Consult the standard Troop checklist for proper gear. Each hiker is required to carry a minimum of 2 quarts of water.

Getting There:

Head to Payson on Highway 87. Turn Right on Highway 260. At approximately 15-20 miles, turn Left on Forest Road 289 (to the Fish Hatchery). The Horton Creek and Derrick trail heads will be a miles up the road at the Horton Creek campground. Park at the day use picnic area just past the campground entrance, across the Tonto Creek bridge.