

BSA Troop 379 - Desert Cross Lutheran Church - Tempe, Arizona
Valentine Ridge Family Camp, Payson, Arizona
September 17th and 18th, 2022



Campsite at Valentine Ridge

Location: Valentine Ridge Campground is situated near Canyon Creek and is known for its rainbow trout fishing. There are several campgrounds around the Canyon Creek area located south of the Rim on both sides of the road to Young, AZ. Two possible campsites have been identified for the Troop Car camping trip.

Upper Canyon Creek campground is located along the creek and has campsites on a first come first served basis. It is heavily treed with picnic tables and 1 vault type toilet.

The Valentine Ridge Campsite is a few miles farther south and not along the creek but does have some trees. This is probably the one that we will end up being at for the car camp.

In place of August's cancelled Family Camp, this will be the Troop's annual family camp! All are welcome and there will be a potluck along with hikes and a campfire in the evening! **There is no running water** but there are several established sites. Please plan on bringing all other camping equipment such as tents and stoves. There are some picnic tables in the site along with a campfire ring.

Roads:

All paved except last 6 miles or so. The forest service website says that passenger vehicles can travel the roads without problems.

The Trip: Take AZ 87 to Payson. From Payson, take AZ 260 East toward Heber about 33 miles. About a mile past the Woods Canyon Lake turnoff, turn right on the Young Road, Forest Road # 512. Go about 5 miles to FR # 188 and turn left. The Valentine Ridge campsite is about 2 miles from this turn.

The Hike / Activities:

Canyon Creek Fish Hatchery is close to both campsites is a forest service fish hatchery. We will plan to take a day trip to the hatchery.

We will plan to hike in the morning, there will be lots of advancement, and we will have a potluck in the evening followed by a campfire with skits and the such.

Cost: There will be a \$5.00 fee for scouts not accompanied by a driver.

Gear: This is a car camp! There is some cell service. The weather will be moderate with temps in the 50's at night and 70's during the day. Fires are dependent on restrictions. Rain is common this time of year.

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, and **Conservation** minded.
- 4.) Safety conscious: Stay between point and drag,

Saturday

- 7:00 am Meet at Church
- 7:30 am Leave
- 10:00 am Arrive
- 1:00 pm Hatchery
- 4:00 pm High Tea
- 6:00 pm Potluck!
- 8:00 pm Campfire
- 9:10 pm Anyone still awake

Sunday

- 8:00 am Up and at it
- 9:30 am Depart
- 12:30 pm Arrive Church

These times are a guide not a rule. We will do our best to alert parents of approximate time of arrival at Church for pick up once we are in Phoenix.

Emergency Phone List:

Alan Garlington cell (602) 459-0854
 Duane Lidman cell (602) 722-1989
 Charles Preisler cell 480-427-9503

PERMISSION SLIP AND RELEASE FORM

My son/ward _____ has my permission to participate in the car camping and hiking at Valentine Ridge with Boy Scout Troop 379 **September 17th and 18th, 2022**. 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: _____