

Darel,

Thanks again for volunteering to organize the Pack 49 Angel Island Family Picnic and Hike.

The date is Sunday September 24. Families are welcome to come but if a family can't make it we still want to encourage that the cub scout come along.

The boats can get us to Angel Island mid to late morning. We will probably want to start out seeing the small museum near the dock and then starting our hike. The hike will start with a short steep walk up to the paved trail which rings the island. By noon we should make it about 1/4 to 1/3 away around the island and can stop for lunch (there are a couple good spots with great views of SF). After that we would keep walking around the island and let the boys stop at 1 or 2 of the other small museums and go in to a couple of the old abandoned buildings (the hospital is most fun). The museum stops provide restrooms and have water fountains. We then keep walking around the island and get back to the boat dock (again walking down a steep hill trail). Plan to be on the island approx 10-3 pm -- 5 hours gives enough time. Exact timing will depend on most convenient boat schedule times. There is an Angel Island website with more info.

A couple of suggestions:

- 1) We could go out of either Fisherman's Wharf on the Red & White Fleet or catch the Angel Island Ferry out of Tiburon. The Red & White boats are closer to get to, but they run less frequently and make for a somewhat rushed schedule when you are on Angel Island if I recall the schedule. The Tiburon ferry goes every 30-40 min throughout the day and parking is very easy next to the dock but it requires travel over the GG Bridge and 20 min longer drive. There are websites for info.
- 2) You should check to see if we need to buy tickets in advance for a large group to assure we can get to Angel Island when we want to go (Angel Island is very popular on weekends). We don't want to get to the dock and not be able to get everyone on. Do be warned that if we need to get tickets in advance that you should make sure to get money from the families going in advance. If you don't there are always some families that have changes in plans and don't show up even though they signed up. Let's not leave the Pack stuck buying tickets that go unused.
- 3) You should get a flyer or something included in the insert Ed is working on for the back to school packet that will be handed out at Addison. You might combine with the Cub on announcement Mikael H is coordinating to get in the same time. You should also get something out to the Pack email list.
- 4) You will need to decide how you want to get people to sign up (and pay in advance if we need to buy tickets in advance). You could do it by having people email or call you. You definitely should make an announcement and bring a sign up sheet to the 1st pack mtg scheduled for Sept 12.
- 5) It will probably be easiest if everyone brings their own food and drinks for the picnic. There is a small snack bar on the island at the dock but it gets long lines and not very useful given we will probably have hiked to the other side of the island by lunch time. You might bring along some snacks or something extra for the kids if you want.
- 6) While people can certainly drive themselves to get to the boat in SF or Tiburon, you may want to suggest/organize car pools for those who want to do it. If people do it informally by deciding to car pool together, that's fine. If however you expect to have situations where someone is driving scouts unaccompanied by their parents, the BSA requires that a Tour Permit be filled out to protect for liability in case of an accident. This is a very important rule. It is easy to get the permit from the Scout House at Lucie Stern. I can fill you in when we get closer.
- 7) Ideally you can figure out some sort of activity or do something intentional on the hike that helps the boys earn a couple achievements for their badges. Look over the cub scout book for ideas. We can discuss if you need ideas later.

Please let me know that you got this email and that you have it covered.

If you should have any other questions, let me know.

Thanks again for volunteering to do this. It should be a lot of fun and a great way to kick off the new year for the Pack.

Victor

Just wanted to point out that I believe the boys will be able to use tomorrow's hike to meet the requirements for their badges as follows:

Tigers: Requirement 5G Take a hike with your den.

Wolves: Requirement 10b Plan a walk. Go to a park or a wooded area, visit a zoo or museum with your family.

Bears: Requirement 12b Go on a hike with your family.

See you all then!

Regards,

Darel & Elu Chapman

All,

We've got 44 people coming on the trip which is an outstanding turnout!

We've not received any requests for carpool rides and the roster appears to suggest that all boys are coming with parents. So as to not waste people's time, let's all MEET AT THE FERRY instead. If any boy does need a ride, just let us know so we can arrange something.

For complete trip details, maps and so forth, please visit <http://www.addisoncubs.com>

It looks like the weather will be great. So see you all then for what should be a great trip.

Regards,

Darel and Elu Chapman