

Climb Smart 2009

Event Information

October 23-25, 2009

Joshua Tree National Park- Indian Cove Campground
Joshua Tree Community Center



Thank you for registering for the Climb Smart Weekend! Your participation and support will go a long way towards furthering the mission of the Friends of Joshua Tree in their climber advocacy efforts, as well as help support Joshua Tree Search and Rescue. Please read these materials closely, as they will help you prepare for a fun, educational weekend!

What to Bring

- Water!!!*** (Min. 1 gallon/person/day)
- Food**** Lunches, snacks, breakfast
- Cooking equipment** Stove, plates, etc.
- Clothing** Suitable for any weather- hot/sunny, cold/windy. Layering systems are best.
- Footwear** Sticky 'Approach' shoes are best, or light hiking shoes **Closed-toe Shoes strongly recommended!** (Avoid sandals!)
- Sun Protection** Wide-brim hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, lip balm
- Personal Items** Toothbrush/paste, brush, towel, medications, etc.
- Leather Work Gloves** For Park Service Work Project
- Tent or Shelter*****
- Camp Chair** Crazy-Creek style is best for clinics and campsites
- Sleeping System** Sleep Bag, Pad, ground sheet
- Climbing Gear****** Harness, shoes, helmet, belay devices
- Daypack** To carry personal items between clinics

What NOT to bring:

No dogs!

No firearms

No drugs or excessive alcohol use

Thank you for helping to keep this event safe and fun for all participants!

*Water is available at the Indian Cove Entry Station (there is no water at campsites). Bring containers!

**Dinner is provided at the Community Center on Saturday Night. There is an optional Pancake Breakfast available on Sunday Morning (\$6/person- proceeds benefit Friends of Joshua Tree)

***Campsite/parking space is limited! Small tents preferred. No large RV's or Campers!

****Climbing Shoes are available for rent at Nomad Ventures in the town of Joshua Tree (see Directions, below)

Very Important Reminders!

- ALL Participants are required to read and sign the Assumption of Risk and Liability Release Form. This form is available at the Check-In desk at the Community Center.
 - **For Minors (under 18):**
 - Minimum participation age is 14 years of age. Under-age children are not allowed at clinic sites.
 - Release Form *must* be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Participation is not allowed without a properly signed Release.
 - Parent or Legal Guardian must remain present during event!
- ALL participants are required to pass a Belay Test before belaying at any climbing clinic.
- Helmet use is required at all climbing clinics. (Helmets will be made available.)
- Alcohol Use: To ensure a safe and fun for all participants, alcohol use is expected to be moderate and respectful of others. No alcohol is allowed at any clinic.

Arrival, Camping and Parking

- You **must Check-In before attending any clinic!** You may do so on Friday, October 23 at the Joshua Tree Community Center between 12 –10 pm. If you arrive after this time, you will need to Check-In at Group Sites #5 & #6 in Indian Cove starting at 7 am, Saturday morning.
- At Check-In, you will receive a detailed Clinic Schedule, and will be assigned to specific clinics. Once confirmed, *do not make any changes to these clinics without conferring with the Check-In desk!*

- Campsites and Parking at Indian Cove are *extremely limited, and tightly controlled!* You will need a Parking Pass in order to park at the Group Camp Sites- if you did not pre-pay for a pass when you registered, you may be able to obtain one (if they are still available) at Check In. If your vehicle does not have a pass, it will *not* be allowed to park at the campsites. Information about off-site additional parking is available at the Joshua Tree Community Center- carpools should be arranged here.
- If you arrive late on Friday night and camp at the Indian Cove Group Sites, you will likely be required to move your campsite (after you have Checked In).
- ***Carpooling is strongly recommended!***

Detailed Schedule

Joshua Tree can experience anything from hot, sunny conditions to cold, windy (or even rain or snow!)- Come prepared for any kind of weather!

Friday, October 23

12 pm to 10 pm: Check-in at JT Community Center. Receive final schedule, clinic and camping and parking assignments, directions and raffle ticket. (Late Arrivals: see notes above)

1:00 pm: Camping spaces become available at Indian Cove Group Campsites. Camping/parking assignments are available at Check-In at Community Center *only!*

7:00 pm: Slideshow presentation at Community Center by Black Diamond Athlete, Brittany Griffith!

Saturday, October 24

7:00 - 10:30 am: Registration continues at Indian Cove Group Sites #5 & #6.

8:30 am: Welcome, Opening Events and Gathering at Group Campsites #5 & #6. Basic Skills clinic: knots, harnesses, belay technique, and Belay Tests (required for all participants). Don't miss the Opening Raffle!

10:30 – 4:30 pm: Clinics begin. 12 pm – 1 pm lunch.

1 pm – 4:30 pm: Park Service Project

6:00 - 10 pm Dinner and evening presentations at the *Community Center* for all registered participants. Unbelievable raffles, auctions, presentations and fun! THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR THE BEST COSTUME (give your Halloween costume a test drive...) Killer slide show presentation by Patagonia Athlete, Kelly Cordes!

Sunday, October 25

6:30 - 8:30 am Pancake Breakfast at Group Campsite #5 & #6 Provided by Southern California Mountaineers Association. \$6 per person- proceeds donated to Friends of Joshua Tree & JOSAR

8:30 am Clinics begin. Park Service Project.

2:30 Final raffle and wrap-up at Group Campsite #5 & #6.

Note: Campsite departure must occur no later than 11 am.

Directions

Driving time from the Los Angeles or San Diego area to Indian Cove is about 2 – 2 ½ hours, depending on your origination, and traffic conditions.

To Indian Cove Campground (Campsites, Clinics)

(Refer to a California roadmap: From San Diego, take I-15 north to the 60 east, then to I-10 east. From Los Angeles, take I-10 east.) Take Interstate 10 East through the Banning Pass. Exit I-10 North onto Highway 62, a few miles past the turnoff for Hwy 111 to Palm Springs. Follow Highway 62 through the towns of Morongo Valley, then Yucca Valley, and the little town of Joshua Tree. About 10 miles past the town of Joshua Tree, you will see a sign for the entrance to Indian Cove Campground- turn right here, and follow the road about 3 miles passing the Entrance Station- the turnoff to the Group Campsites is about 1 mile beyond the Entrance Station, on the right.

To Joshua Tree Community Center (Check-in, evening activities)

From the main intersection of Hwy. 62 and Park Blvd in the town of Joshua Tree, drive east on Hwy. 62 ½ mile to Sunburst Ave (traffic light)- turn left. Driveway entrance to the Community Center is ¼ mile on the right.

6171 Sunburst St Joshua Tree, CA 92252-2147 (760) 366-8415

To Nomad Ventures (Equipment rentals or purchasing)

Southwest corner of Hwy. 62 and Park Blvd, at the main intersection (traffic light) in the town of Joshua Tree.

61795 29 Palms Hwy # A Joshua Tree, CA 92252 (760) 366-4684

More questions?

Contact Friends of Joshua Tree with any other questions you might have:

760.366.8055 info@friendsofjosh.org www.friendsofjosh.org

We look forward to seeing you on the rock!