



T485 Newsletter *April 2018*

Another April Backpacking

Update

Jacob Nie

The Sierra received a lot of snow in March! The amount of snow that fell in March was more than double the amount of snow that fell in the entire winter---good for the ski tourism economy but unfortunately bad for spring backpacking. Taking into account some of the additional safety hazards associated with this surprise snowfall, we'll be changing the location.

The new route is a 45 mile loop around Hetch Hetchy Reservoir in Northern Yosemite Nat'l Park. Hetch Hetchy used to be an amazing valley as impressive as Yosemite Valley, but it was dammed in 1923 (to the dismay of environmentalists like John Muir) and supplies water to the San Francisco area via the Hetch Hetchy Aqueduct. Although it's more lake than valley now, it's still quite an interesting place, and hopefully the lower elevations will circumvent some of the problems associated with the snowpack at higher elevations.

Family Camp Date Clarification

Due to some problems with reserving the campsite, the annual family camp is being moved to March 12-13, 2018. Originally, it was from March 19th through March 20th. Please mark your calendars accordingly!

Easter egg hunt reflection

Richard Liu

Easter egg hunt was overall a success. Although few Scouts participated in the actual event, we got quite a lot done. In the morning we helped set up the egg hunt and ran our own catapult game booth. It was quite popular with the kids and easy to maintain. Although there were

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Future Events

- April 7-8 - Mother and Son
- April 14-15 - Philmont Spring Shakedown
- April 19-22 - April Backpacking
- April 29 - Court of Honor
- May 5 - 20 Mile Hike with Troop 64

various spurts of rain in the morning, the event still continued on successfully. After lunch (generously provided by the organizers), we clean up our booth and the egg hunt area.

Before the egg hunt, we had an event to paint the bodes for the catapult game. The box painting was at HOC5 and was quite successful despite the pouring rain. In the future we will plan events according to the weather and bring rain gear if necessary.

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