May 21 – 29, 2016

Cost = **$595** + airfare to Sacramento, CA *(save $100 if you sign up soon!)*

**Cost includes:** Transportation (via a 15 p. van), group equipment, in-camp food, camping fees, permit fees, and park entrance fees, 3 nights in a hotel.

**ADDITIONAL COSTS COULD INCLUDE:** Food en route to and from the park, personal gear, souvenirs, etc.

**REGISTRATION:**
- Sign up on-line. Pay $200 registration fee with credit or debit card.
- **Sign up A.S.A.P. or by midnight on Friday, April 8**

**Payment Schedule:**

- Registration Fee = **$200**
- Friday, May 6 = **$295**

**$495**
PRE-TRIP MEETING: Wednesday, March 23 at 6:00 PM
Conference Room, Outdoor Rec. Center

TRAINING HIKE: Saturday, April 23 from 8 am to 1 pm
Meet at ORC. Hike at Percy Warner Park.
Backpacking, Camping, & Hiking at Yosemite National Park
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Revised Itinerary as of 3/24/16:

Sat. May 21  Meet at the Sacramento Airport by 4:00 pm PDT.
  - Stop at store to get stove fuel.
  - Drive to Hotel near Modesto, CA
  - Have dinner enroute

Sun. 5/22  Finish Driving to Yosemite National Park
  - Drive to valley and then to the Hetch Hetchy area
  - Pick up Backcountry Permit
  - Hike the Mirror Lake Trail 4 miles total, easy.
  - Camp at the Hetch Hetchy Backpacker Campground

Mon. 5/23  Begin four-day backpacking trip in the Hetch Hetchy area.
  - Begin Hiking at the O'Shaughnessy Dam
  - Hike 7.8 miles, up 2,676 feet of elevation
  - Camp at Laurel Lake

Tues. 5/24  Hike 6.4 miles, up 74 feet of elevation
  - Camp at Lake Vernon

Wed. 5/25  Hike 10.0 miles, down 2,064 feet in elevation
  - Camp at Rancheria Falls Camp

Thurs. 5/26  Hike out 6.8 miles and down 686 feet in elevation
  - Car Camp in the Hodgdon Meadow, Yosemite National Park

Friday, 5/27  All Day Hike on the Panorama Trail
  - Ride shuttle bus up to Glacier Point
  - Hike down for 9.2 miles
  - Highlights included: Spectacular views, cool rocks & waterfalls
  - Stay at Comfort Inn Yosemite Valley Gateway, Mariposa, CA

Sat. 5/28  Go on early morning hike up to the top of Yosemite Falls, 7.6 mile Round Trip
  - 2,630 feet elevation gain and loss
  - Stop to get last chance souvenirs
  - Drive (around 3.5 hours) to Sacramento area hotel

Sun. 5/29  Drive to Sacramento Airport
  - Arrive to airport by 9:30 am, PDT
  - Trip officially ends at the airport or hotel, depending on departure time.
Trip Overview:

The Summer Adventures continue with the Outdoor Recreation Program and this year’s trip to Yosemite National Park, located in the high sierras of central California. Home to some of the most famous and captivating scenery in the world, we will have a chance to see and explore the impressive granite cliffs and domes, rushing waterfalls, and alpine lakes. This trip will include a 4-day backpacking trip and 2.5 days of day hiking. The elevation in the park ranges from around 3,000 feet to 13,000 feet so participants need to be in good shape for this trip.

We will mostly be hiking from around 4,000 feet to 7,000 feet in elevation and 6 - 11 miles per day. The Hetch Hetchy area is a beautiful part of the park. We have already secured a wilderness permit for our 4-day backpacking trip. We ran this trip in May 2009 and quickly discovered that May is a great time of year to visit the park. The waterfalls are gushing and many types of wildflowers are blooming. This will definitely be a trip to remember!
More photos from Yosemite N.P.
Chances to get wet while hiking near incredible waterfalls!
Yosemite in May . . .

Reward Yourself!

Sign up ASAP or by:

Fri. April 8

Space is limited to the
First 10 people!

Questions? Ask Linda Rosenkranz at 615-343-7898
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