



# DESERT SURVIVORS

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## TRIP SCHEDULE WINTER 2011-2012

I have been thinking more and more that I shall always be a lone wanderer of the wilderness. God, how the trail lures me.... And when the time comes to die I'll find the wildest, loneliest, most desolate spot there is.

— Everett Ruess

1. November 11-13 (Fri-Sun)  
**TURTLE MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS BACKPACK (M/E)**  
SOUTHEASTERN MOJAVE

This area is an ecological transition zone between the Mojave and Sonoran Deserts. It is noted for an abundance of collectable rocks like the chalcedony rose. We will meet at Turtle Mountain Road on Thursday afternoon or at Laura Dawn trailhead Friday morning. We will go to Coffin Spring and dayhike from there on a 10-mi. cross-country loop taking a recently discovered route over a pass and through a remarkable cactus garden to Gary Wash, returning over Mishap Pass and back to Coffin Spring. We will visit mine sites on the hike out. Limit 8.

Contact Leader: Bob Davis [drrcdavis@mac.com](mailto:drrcdavis@mac.com)

2. December 9-11 (Fri-Sun)  
**WHIPPLE MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS BACKPACK (M/S)**  
FAR EASTERN MOJAVE DESERT

This mountain area is far eastern California and is wrapped on three sides by the Colorado River and Arizona. The west side has pale green rock formations while the east consists of carved red volcanic rock. The flora and fauna of the Mojave and Sonora are both present. We will be exploring and monitoring plants for the BLM. We can meet at the trailhead road Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. Limit 8.

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3. December 10 (Sat)  
**HOLIDAY PARTY (E)**  
LIVERMORE, CA

Share a potluck dinner, holiday cheer, and a toast to the new board. Save your old travel books, backpack, camping, and climbing gear for the fundraiser auction. Re-gift those trinkets you've held on to for so many years at the White Elephant gift exchange. Great fun, a variety of good food and friends always make the holiday party an event not to be missed.

For more information, contact: Steve or Marta Perry (925) 443-8894

4. December 18 (Sun)  
**TRIP LEADER SEMINAR (E)**  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

This is a seminar for current and future leaders. We'll begin with a recap of the year's events and trips. Discussion topics include trip planning, navigation, first aid, technical problems, and creating different kinds of trips—backpacking and bowling in Baja? We need new trip leaders, so please plan to attend.

Contact Leader: Bob Lyon (415) 586-6855

5. January 13-15 (Fri-Sun)  
**MECCA HILLS/PAINTED CANYON CARCAMP (M)**

The Mecca Hills are a maze of eroded sandstone badlands of barren pinnacles, buttes, and slot canyons. It's a real photographers' paradise. We'll spend a day exploring the deep winding recesses of Ladder Canyon, a gem of a place where it's easy to get lost. Another day we'll hike to Sheep Hole Oasis and the talus caves of The Grotto. Limit 15.

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6. January 27-29 (Fri-Sun)  
**TURTLE MOUNTAIN/MOPAH SPRING BACKPACK (M/E)**  
SOUTHEASTERN MOJAVE

We will visit Mopah spring, a classic Desert Palm oasis. The plants, animals, geology, and archaeology in this area are amazing. We will day hike Vidal Wash then search for a way to get to the top of and explore a huge plateau south of the Mopah Peaks. We will meet at the Mopah Springs trailhead either Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. Limit 8.

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7. February 4 (Sat)  
**GROUNDHOG DAY AND VALENTINE PARTY (E)**  
EMERYVILLE, CA

Groundhog Day is the traditional start of spring and a new hiking season. Break out of winter doldrums, check out the Spring Trip Schedule, and share a potluck meal with friends old and new.

Information contact: Martina Konietzny (510) 652-3136 [martinakonietzny@gmail.com](mailto:martinakonietzny@gmail.com)

8. February 18-20 (Sat-Mon)  
**PROVIDENCE MOUNTAINS CARCAMP (M)**  
MOJAVE PRESERVE

We'll make a long dayhike into Globe Canyon to Summit Spring and Wild Horse Mesa, with side trips to Kelso Dunes, Cottonwood Springs, the Vulcan Mine, and maybe a short hike to Teutonia Peak through the world's largest Joshua Tree forest. Lunch at Kelso Depot Cafe. Limit 15.

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9. February 23-25 (Thur-Sat)  
**GRANITE MOUNTAINS BACKPACK (S)**

This is the most rugged of the Desert Trail segments in California, with over 4000' of climbing up steep granite slopes. Hiking will be in washes, along piñon-juniper ridges, and deep canyons. Water is expected at Budweiser Spring and Bull Canyon. High elevations may have snow, and it may be cold. Limit 10.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

- ◆ Annual membership (\$30) required for trips. A donation may be requested by the leader at the trailhead (\$20 suggested).
- ◆ Each participant must sign a general liability waiver before departing on the trip.
- ◆ Some trips may be exploratory (not previewed by trip leader). Conditions may be difficult and the unexpected may occur. Consult with leader for details before deciding to go on trip.
- ◆ Trip sign-up procedure:
  1. You must call or write leader in advance to reserve space and receive a map and detailed trip description. Leader will confirm your sign-up.
  2. As noted in trip write-ups above, some leaders have set limits to the number of participants.
  3. Sign-ups are first come, first served. A waiting list will be maintained to fill spaces that arise. Please notify the leader ahead of time if you are dropping out.
- ◆ As noted in write-ups, some leaders have set beginning and end dates for signing up.
- ◆ Desert Survivors' trips begin at the designated trailhead. While trip participants are expected to cooperate with the trip leader, each participant is responsible for his or her own safety. In particular, trip participants are responsible for safely transporting themselves to and from trip locales.
- ◆ Desert Survivors encourages trip participants to carpool as a means to increase driver safety while reducing costs, energy consumption and environmental impacts. Trip participants are responsible for making their own carpool arrangements. Desert Survivors recommends that trip participants make equitable arrangements to share costs, and that all arrangements and financial compensation should be clearly negotiated in advance.

Additional questions? Call: Gerry Goss, President, (408) 248-8206  
 Bob Lyon, Activities Director, (415) 586-6855  
 Desert Survivors online: <http://www.desert-survivors.org>, <mailto:bighorn@desert-survivors.org>

**DESERT SURVIVORS Membership Form**

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Desert Survivors is an affiliation of desert lovers committed to experiencing, sharing, and protecting desert wilderness wherever we find it. We recognize the places we love to explore will not remain wild unless we give others the opportunity to experience them as we do, and unless we remain vigilant and active in our efforts to monitor and preserve them.

Membership dues are \$30/yr. Members receive a quarterly newsletter, *The Survivor*, plus seasonal trip schedules. Dues also support wilderness preservation efforts and are fully tax-deductible.