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Quaking Aspen Car-Camp Friday-Monday, May 25-28, 2007

http://www.recreation.gov/ca/Quaking_Aspen/Campground/r/campgroundDetails.do?agency=NRRS&parkId=1610

LEADER: Julie Ispirian (818-354-6989 or Julie.Y.Ispirian@jpl.nasa.gov)
COST: \$18.00 per person, \$9 for children 12 and under
(cost will be less if more than 24 people sign up)
TRIP LIMIT: 50 people

DESCRIPTION: Approximately 200 miles from Pasadena, Quaking Aspen is in Sequoia National forest, south of Sequoia National Park. From Bakersfield, take 65 due North to Porterville then 190 East to Camp Nelson. Continue another eleven miles. It's on the right.

At 7000 feet elevation, it should be a refreshing change from the Los Angeles weather. We have a reservation at the 50 person group site A, I am not sure how many vehicles we can park near the site, used to be 10. Check in time is 2:00 pm Friday, May 25th and check out time is 2:00 pm Monday, May 28th.

There are beautiful alpine meadows to be explored and babbling Peppermint Creek nearby. A 4 mile drive and a ¼ mile hike earns spectacular views from atop Dome Rock. A more challenging 5 mile trek with 1300 feet elevation gain brings one to the base of the Needles. Several criss-crossing trails allow construction of loops to suit you. "Self-Propelled in the Southern Sierra" describes a bicycle tour to The Needles. The book says: "Beyond linking increasingly more impressive displays of erosion, [...] this trip exposes in curious juxtaposition the easternmost grove of Sierra sequoias, a precipitous gorge, and some towering Whitney-like pinnacles." Just 5 miles south of the campground, at road side, is the beautiful Giant Sequoia grove "Trail of a 100 Giants".

BRING: Normal car-camping gear: tent, sleeping bag, food, flashlight, etc.

PRETRIP DISCUSSION: Will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd from noon to 1 pm in room 125-16A. Be there or be represented. Reservation priority is based upon when the reservation form (see below) is received by the trip leader along with a payment check. Happy hour plans will also be discussed at this session.

Clip and send to Julie Ispirian M/S 125-B14.

Please reserve space for ____ campers on the Quaking Aspen car-camp

Enclosed is \$____ (\$18.00 per adult, \$9 per child) Checks payable to "JPL Hiking +"

Name: _____ Address: _____

Names of guests on back. Please enclose your new waivers (for all campers).

Phone: _____

email Address: _____