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McGee Creek (Mammoth Area) Car-Camp

LEADER: Joseph F. Smith (818-354-3328 or joseph.f.smith@jpl.nasa.gov)

DATE: July 3 to 6, 2003 COST: \$12.00 per person

LIMITS: 24 persons, 2 cars per site

SUMMARY: Once again, it's getting to be time for the traditional 4th of July McGee Creek Carcamp. Why go back again? Because the leader likes the campground! And I hope that you will, too! AAA lists the site with an elevation of 7600 ft, 3 mi W of Lake Crowley on McGee Creek Rd. There are 28 tent or RV sites, flush toilets, piped water, tables, fire rings. We have 4 adjacent sites reserved. (And I think at least two of them are the best sites in the campground!) The nearest showers are at the trailer park at McGee Creek Road at 395, or (with a store and restaurant) at Tom's Place, just a few minutes away down old 395. It is a "short" drive to Rock Creek, Lake Crowley, Convict Lake, and Mammoth. You can hike, mountain bike, fish, or go shopping in Mammoth Lakes. The Mono basin, Bodie, and Tioga/Yosemite are close enough for a day trip.

TRIP DESCRIPTION: This is pretty simple. Drive up Thursday, during the day or in the evening, or on Friday during the day. NOTE: If you drive up on Friday, there will be 4th of July parades in Lone Pine and Bishop (and perhaps other towns), and 395 will be temporarily closed for the parades. Last year, Mammoth didn't have a fireworks display at Lake Crowley, and I haven't checked their plans for this year. So we may put together a caravan to checkout the Bishop fireworks. However, you will be free to "do your thing" for the three day weekend, before we check-out on Sunday morning. (NOTE: solo hiking and mountain biking and 4WD side trips will not be permitted **as part** of this trip, please discuss this with the leader) Signed waivers (new forms!) of all participants (even the kids, adults please sign the forms for the minors), will be required from all participants on this trip. (UGH!! Lawyers!)

BRING: Normal car-camping gear: tent, sleeping bag, food, flashlight, etc. Please be prepared to take all necessary bear precautions (DON'T LEAVE ANY FOOD OUT!), even though they are seldom seen this low on the east side of the Sierras. (Last year there were reports of bears at this campground earlier in the season.)

PRETRIP DISCUSSION: Will be held on Monday 30 June 2003 from noon to 1 pm in room 301-227. Be there or be represented. Final participation will be determined by this session. A lottery will be held in case of trip oversubscription. No space for the trip will be reserved until the leader has your check AND waivers. NOTE: Last year this trip was full. Possible happy hour plans will also be discussed at this session.

Clip and send to Joseph Smith M/S 301-170U

Please reserve space for ____ campers on the McGee Creek car-camp

Enclosed is \$ ____ (\$12.00 per person) Checks payable to "JPL Hiking +"

Name: _____ Address: _____

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

Phone: _____

email Address: _____