



JPL Hiking+ Event

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Potluck Picnic and Cookoff

Sunday, 18 March 2001

Event Coordinators:

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Introduction:

Have you ever made 5 star 3 course meal on a backpacking stove? Do you always find yourself starving on your outdoors adventures? Have you discovered the perfect camping food at Trader Joes? Whether you are the Julia Child of outdoors cuisine or incompetent at boiling water, this is the hiking club event for you. Come show off your outdoors cooking skills, share your provisioning secrets, learn tricks from the masters, or all of the above!

Description:

This is a potluck picnic with a twist. Just like any potluck, each person coming to the event will bring an item. That item should be something that you would eat while carcamping or backpacking. It can be a recipe of your own that you prepare from scratch or a store bought item that you would normally take on a trip with you. During the first part of the potluck we will all prepare our items, giving us a chance to watch and learn from each other. Then comes the tasting. Having prepared all this food, we will taste and evaluate the items.

Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded in several categories for the best items. Entries will be evaluated on several criteria including taste, appearance, ease of preparation and clean up, transportability, and weight (for backpacking entries). Entries can either be made from scratch or be commercially prepared items. Store bought entries will be evaluated separately from home made items. Prizes will be of little or no monetary value; this is all about bragging rights.

Bring:

Please bring the necessary equipment and food to prepare your item. Please make enough of your item so that 10 tasters can each have a small sample. Please bring (or email the event coordinator) the recipe or purchase information for your entry so it can be included in the trip report and club archives. The hiking club will provide beverages and equipment for taste testers (i.e. paper plates, plastic utensils, etc.).

Date:

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, 18 March 2001. The 11:30 to 1:00 period is for food preparation. The taste testing begin at 1:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded at 2:00 p.m.

Location:

Tournament Park. Tournament Park is located on the [Caltech](#) campus, south east of the track. You can park either by Brown Gym or in the Tournament Park lot. The lot entrance is on Wilson a half block south of California, just south of the Morrisroe Astroscience Laboratory. For details check the Caltech campus [map](#).

RSVP and Questions:

Please contact the trip leader by Friday, 16 March 2001, and tell her what you are planning to bring or make. Walk ins are welcome but RSVPs are preferred.

Rain: This is a rain or shine event.