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Duh, didn't you take the SAT's?
The right answer is always 'd.!!'

I hope you can join us as we go camping in...

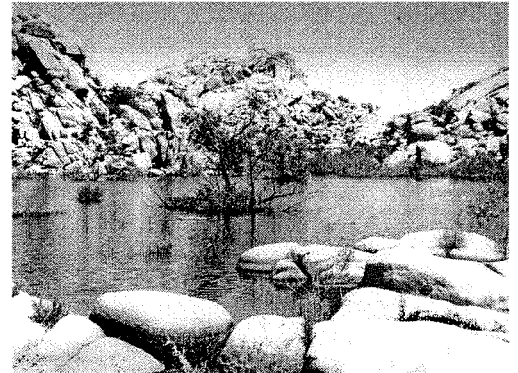
Joshua Tree National Park

Memorial Day Weekend, Friday, May 25th--Monday, May 28th

Joshua Tree is in the high desert above Palm Springs, and is some of the most beautiful desert in the country. The Joshua trees (in a couple of these photos) grow throughout the park, and we'll be camping in the area where they're most prevalent. The park is filled with striking rock formations, some hundreds of feet high. Up close, the flowers and plant life of the high desert have a subtle beauty.

Memorial Day is usually the best time to camp in Joshua Tree. The days are likely to be warm and sunny (bring sunblock). The evenings will get cool, probably around 50 with clear starry skies.

We have a group site reserved that should keep us a decent distance from the other campers. You can arrive anytime Friday afternoon or evening, and we have the campsite reserved through breakfast on Monday. The drive is about 2 1/2 to 3 hours without traffic, and as much as an hour more if you leave during rush hour.



We'll enjoy a variety of moderate hikes to Black Hill, Fortynine Palms Oasis, Ryan Mountain and the lake at Barker Dam, as well as driving to some viewpoints such as Keys View.

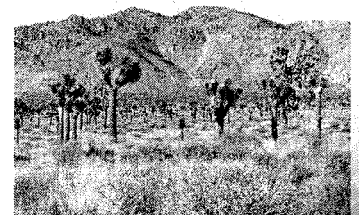
The sunrises in Joshua Tree can be beautiful. I was foolish enough to find out, once. But having become lazier, we'll instead enjoy sunset appetizers each evening at a couple vantage points overlooking pretty parts of the park.

Everyone will be asked to help prepare one breakfast or dinner, and be served by the group for the rest of the meals. Everyone will be on their own for lunches. There are showers available in town. (Debbie...hint, hint!)

The cost of the trip will be \$25 per person, including the campsites, common supplies, etc., and I'll need your check to reserve your space. When you RSVP, please send me:

- 1.) your e-mail address if I don't have it,
- 2.) any preference in being assigned to a breakfast or dinner, and
- 3.) loosely when you plan to arrive and leave, so I'll know your availability for meal assignments

Our campsite can only accommodate 25 people, so we'll have to limit the trip to that. First preference will be given to everyone who'll be joining us for the whole weekend. Kids are welcome, and we have a couple already confirmed. (Babies and pets will best be left at home or with Aunt Saddle.)



This should be a fun weekend together, and I hope you can join us!
If you have any questions, feel free to ask me at
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