

Well, if you'd like to leave Griffith Park and the rest of L.A. behind, plan to join us as we go camping in

Sequoia National Park

Labor Day weekend, September 1-4

Though lacking a laser show, Sequoia Nat. Park has great hiking, beautiful rivers and of course the giant sequoia trees. We'll be camping in a very pretty little campground, Buckeye Flat, right next to the Kaweah River. The campground is at a fairly low elevation, so the nights should be rather mild, probably not getting cooler than the mid-50s. The days should be in the 70s and low 80s.

Among our hikes will be the Little Baldy Trail, which one guide book says leads to the "best view of any day hike in the park". Lunch one day will be at Eagle View, which the San Francisco Examiner included on its list of the ten best viewpoints in all of California! Another hike will take us to Tokopah Falls, a tall cascading waterfall. We'll see many giant sequoias throughout the weekend. We'll also have time one afternoon to go swimming in the river next to our campground, and to go down the natural rock slide there. As usual, all of the activities are optional (well, except for paying me for the trip). Our campsites will be shady and a relaxing place to hang out.



We'll enjoy sunset appetizers and wine one evening from the viewpoint at Hanging Rock, and the next evening along the banks of the Kaweah River. In the evenings, we'll enjoy merriment and the night sky around eyebrow-singeing, shoe-melting infernos loosely referred to as campfires.

Everyone will be asked to help prepare one breakfast or dinner for the group, and be fed by others for the remaining meals. You'll be on your own for lunches. The cost of the trip is \$25 per person, to cover our campsite fees, firewood (see inferno, above) and common supplies. Everyone will be asked to contribute some wine to the cause. I'll be providing beer for everyone for the weekend.

Feel free to invite friends. Sign-up is first come, based on when I receive your check for \$25, and unfortunately it's not refundable if you decide to bail. Send your check to John McGanty, 432 11th St., #7, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. A few of us will be going up Thurs. evening. Let me know if you'd like to join us then.

When you send your check, let me know a.) roughly when you plan on arriving, especially if you can come up Thursday evening, and b.) if you have a preference on whether you'd like to help with a breakfast or dinner...I'll try to honor as many requests as I can, again on a first come basis. On the Monday prior to the trip (8/28), I'll send out directions, meal assignments, a packing list and other details. The drive should take about 3 1/2 hours from the Westside without traffic. I'm happy to assist pairing people for carpools, though no guarantees. If you have any questions, you can reach me at 310-379-6961 and mcganty@mindspring.com. This is going to be a really fun weekend! I hope you'll join us!