



The Mighty Thunderbirds Invite you to join the Orange Spirit Nation at Indian Cove in Joshua Tree National Park

1st Ever Alumni Camp!

April 15-17, 2016

Camp Overview:

There are times when the Tribes must return to their roots and go back to the desert to climb rocks, hike trails, and shoot their mighty arrows far into the sky! That time has come! And to the desert we must go! Dads and Princesses, the Great Orange Spirit Nation will gather our tepees and wigwams amongst the great Rocks of Indian Cove and we will shoot our great arrows into the sky! And if all goes well, the Great Spirit Koda may join us to bring fire to the desert!

Alumni Camp:

This is our first ever camp that is open to Orange Spirit Nation alumni. So, put the smoke signals out to your former tribe members and invite them out to have some fun at Joshua Tree! Alumni are \$40 per person and can sign-up at OrangeSpiritNation.org.

What to Bring:

Bring tepee (tent) with strong stakes (ground is hard and the winds can be mighty!)

Sleeping bags, pillows, air mattress

It's warm during the day and can get cold at night, so bring layers! Bring a jacket, sturdy shoes for climbing, a hat, and jeans (rocks are rough and rocks may rip through bottoms if the girls slide on them), Flashlight, Camera, Toiletries, Camp Chairs, Tables, EZups & Sunscreen

Tribes are responsible for ALL their own meals, snacks & **WATER (there is no running water so you will want to bring a lot!)**. Grocery stores are close by so you can always restock if needed.

BIKE HELMET (See the 3 Rules below!)

Arrows to shoot into the sky (also called ROCKETS) and 2 or more launch pads & controllers per tribe.

Each tribe needs to provide their own firewood.

Camp Cost:

\$40 per person. Sign up at OrangeSpiritNation.org

Camp Rules:

The three rules of Joshua Tree for our princesses:

Rule #1- You **MUST** wear a Helmet at **ALL TIMES** while climbing on the rocks (a bike or skateboard helmet will do)

Rule #2- If you want to climb the rocks at Joshua Tree, you **MUST** wear a helmet!

Rule #3- See rules 1 & 2!! (No helmet, no climb! You **MUST** wear a helmet!)

Camp Sites:

We are in campsites 1-10 in Indian Cove- Each tribe will get at least one campsite to themselves. Tribe camps will be assigned and sent out prior to Event.

Schedule:

Friday afternoon: Parking is very limited, so join up with others!
Check-in time is after 12 noon. Girls help Dads setup camp. Then Hike and Explore! Dinner is up to the tribe (or eat before you get to the park).

Saturday Morning: Have breakfast with your tribe because you'll need energy to climb and explore everything Joshua Tree has to offer.

Saturday Afternoon: Have lunch with your tribe then get ready to shoot your arrows skyward! We'll be launching ROCKETS!! We'll leave camp at approximately 1:30pm and drive a few miles to a launch site at Coyote lake.

Saturday Evening:

Have dinner with your tribe, then the Nation will gather at ~7pm at the Thunderbird Camp (Campsite #1) for a Nation campfire and presentation. Rumor has it Koda may make an appearance. After the campfire there will be an induction ceremony for all new dads and daughters.

Sunday Morning:

Have breakfast with your tribe then hike around the cove and clean up your tribe's campsite. Checkout time is at 11am.

How to Get to Joshua Tree:

Parking is limited and tribes will be assigned spaces prior to the campout and there may be a tribe limit. ALL tribes are encouraged to carpool since we are limited to a specific number of vehicles per campsite based on the National Park regulations.

Follow the smoke signals to Indian Cove Campground in Joshua Tree National Park (about 125 miles from Irvine - 7295 Indian Cove Road, Twenty nine Palms, CA).

Take CA-91 east for 25 Miles.

Merge onto I-215 south for about 5 miles.

Continue on CA-60 east towards Indio for 18 miles.

Merge onto I-10 east and go 22 miles.

Take the CA-62 exit to Twenty Nine Palms/Yucca Valley and go about 43 Miles.

Pass through the towns of Yucca Valley and Joshua Tree and continue to Twenty Nine Palms.

Turn Right on **Indian Cove Road**, Pass the visitor center & continue about 2.5 miles to Indian Cove Campground. Take the first right to get to the group sites (see campground map below)



POWWOW at Coyote Lake Saturday Afternoon to shoot arrows (rocket launching!)

Getting Rockets:

You can buy rockets at your local hobby shop or on-line. Additionally, OSN members can receive a 20% discount on rocket gear at Ultimate Hobbies in Orange, thanks to Eagle Eye Mike Papac! Just mention Orange Spirit Nation or Eagle Eyes at the time of checkout, or ask for John. Make sure you don't wait until the last minute as some items may be out of stock and would need about a week to get in.

Ultimate Hobbies
950 N Tustin St
Orange, CA 92867
714.538.3111

Build your rocket EARLY with your daughter and do NOT wait to build them at camp. And remember the contest categories if you want to win some prizes. It will also be a good idea to bring some extra engines and igniters so you can launch multiple times. Each tribe will also need to bring at least 2+ launch pads and controllers (depending on tribe size) which you will need to launch the rockets.

Getting There to Coyote Lake:

We will launch rockets from Coyote Lake which is a dry lake bed about 15 min from Indian Cove.

We will all caravan there together to make finding it easier.

We will meet at group site 1 & 2 and leave at ~2:30pm. It is a dirt road so an SUV or Truck would be preferred.

To get to the lake, go back out to CA-62 and turn left. Take CA-62 west for 5 miles.

Turn right at Cascade Rd (we will mark with balloons) and go ~2 miles.

The lake bed will be on the right passed Broadway St.

We will want to park a safe distance upwind from the launch area. (Look for the bright orange Orange Spirit Nation easy-up canopy).

Bring water and snacks and be ready for some FUN!

