

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

GLOW PARTY THEME!

April 12th -14th

Camp Overview:

There are times when 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 among 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!



Carpooling is absolutely necessary. OSN will only have 57 parking passes for potentially 180 campers within Joshua Tree Indian Cove, so tribes will be allocated parking passes. The **Rangers will issue parking tickets.** Each tribe chief will have their respective allocated parking passes.

Overflow Parking. We will have overflow parking at the **Indian Cove Market (69131 Twentynine Palms Highway, Twentynine Palms CA 92277** near the entrance of the park. Tell them Joe Craciun (CRAY-SHUN) spoke to Jack for clearance to park to the right of the building over the weekend. Let them know we already provided a donation for the parking.

What to Bring:

Bring your tepee (tent) with strong stakes (the ground is hard and the winds can be mighty! Just ask folks who went in 2017! ☺), sleeping bags, pillows and air mattresses. It's warm during the day, but will be cold at night, so bring layers! Bring a jacket, sturdy shoes for climbing, a hat, and jeans (rocks are rough and will rip leggings!), flashlight, camera, toiletries, camp chairs, tables, EZ-ups and sunscreen. **AND PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BRING THESE NEXT FOUR THINGS:**

1. HELMETS! ALL GIRLS MUST WEAR A HELMET TO CLIMB ON THE ROCKS!!!!

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!)

2. WATER!

Tribes are responsible for **ALL** their own meals, snacks and **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. **DID I MENTION THE NEED TO BRING LOTS OF WATER?**

3. ROCKETS!

Please bring "arrows" to shoot into the sky (also called **ROCKETS**) and 2 or more launch pads & controllers per tribe. **SEE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS ON WHERE TO BUY YOUR ROCKET AND GET A 20% DISCOUNT!**

4. FIREWOOD!

Each tribe is responsible for bringing its own firewood. Campfires must be contained in designated fire rings/pits.

Campsites:

We are in campsites 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 11-13 in Indian Cove. We can have up to 180 campers and 57 vehicles. We will notify you of assigned campsites prior to the event. Each campsite carries a maximum person limit, so please expect share your site with another tribe.

Schedule:

Friday afternoon:

PLEASE CARPOOL AND LEAVE EARLY IF POSSIBLE! It's the Coachella Festival weekend so traffic is likely to be heavy getting out of Orange County. We are only allowed **57 parking passes within Joshua Tree Indian Cove**, so beware, the Rangers do give tickets, and the trailers will count for a pass. Check-in time is after 12 noon on Friday. Girls help Dads setup camp. Then Hike and Explore! Dinner is up to the tribe.

Saturday Morning:

Have breakfast with your tribe because you'll need energy to climb and explore everything Joshua Tree has to offer in the morning hours. In later morning get ready to shoot your arrows skyward! We'll be launching **ROCKETS!!** We'll meet up at Coyote Lake at approximately 9:30 am. We will also see who can land their rockets closest to their tribe flag or banner!



Saturday Afternoon:

Have lunch with your tribe and continue to explore Joshua Tree and climb rocks. If all goes right your Chief will have **Junior Ranger** booklets for you to complete to get your Junior Ranger pin! Haven't done your 6 Aims? You'll have a chance on Saturday afternoon. Nation Chief Running Thunder will let us know the time and place!



Saturday Evening:

Have dinner with your tribe, and then the Nation will gather at 7:00 pm at Campsite #11 for a Pow-Wow. Rumor has it the Great Chief Koda may make an appearance!



NO DAUGHTER SKITS FOR THIS CAMPOUT, but other surprises are in store! The Saturday night Pow-Wow is a **GLOW PARTY THEME**, so each tribe is challenged to bring your best glow in the dark gear and light up the Joshua Tree night! There will be prizes for most "glowy" tribes!

Sunday Morning:

Have Breakfast with our tribe and then hike around the cove. Please clean up your tribe's campsite. Checkout is at 11:00am. Roundup will be at 8:30am on Sunday at Campsite site #11.

How to Get to Joshua Tree:

Did I mention parking is limited? Tribes will be assigned spaces prior to the campout. Please carpool!

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 toward 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.

ROCKET LAUNCHING ON COYOTE LAKE!

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. Just mention "Orange Spirit Nation" at the time of checkout. The Manager of Ultimate Hobbies tells me rockets and engines could be in short supply this year after the recent purchase of Estes Rockets. So please make sure you don't wait until the last minute to make your purchase.

Ultimate Hobbies

950 N Tustin St

Orange, CA 92867

714.538.3111

Build your rocket EARLY with your daughter. Do NOT wait to build them at camp.



Bring as many engines and igniters as you want for multiple launches. 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. The more, the better.

And get ready for a little friendly tribe competition to see who can land their rockets closest to their tribe flag and toward the end of the session, closest to the OSN flag!

Getting to Coyote Lake:

We will launch rockets from **Coyote Lake** which is a dry lake bed about 15 minutes from Indian Cove. We will all caravan there together to make finding it easier. We will meet at Coyote Lake at 9:30 a.m. The main stretch to the lake bed is via dirt road so an SUV or Truck is preferred. (Minivans still work though.)

To get to Coyote 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 Spirit Nation EZ-up canopy and use this to mark the MIDDLE of where we will all park and set up our Tribe EZ-ups in a line.

Bring water and snacks and be ready for some FUN!

For emergencies, call the Joshua Tree Indian Cove Campground Ranger Station at 760-362-4367 or the main park at 760-367-5500