

KINGS CANYON & SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARKS

Memorial Day Weekend, 2010

Thursday, May 27th to Monday, May 31st

What a **GIANT** way to celebrate Memorial Day in the splendor of the enormous sequoias and the cool temperatures of the California Sierra Nevada Mountains!!! Join your hosts, Chris, Jamie, Eric, and David for a ***fabulous DA national park woodsy adventure!!!***

Sequoia and **Kings Canyon** National Parks are world-renowned for their giant sequoias, the signature tree in both parks. These adjoining parks located in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California, offer many extraordinary sights beyond the largest living trees in the world.

In addition to the "Big Trees," you'll discover:

- A canyon deeper than the Grand Canyon
- Mt. Whitney: tallest peak in contiguous US: 14,494'
- The largest cave system in California
- Granite domes
- Cascading waterfalls
- Stalactite-encrusted caves (additional fee for tour)
- Native American pictographs
- Beautiful flora and fauna

Combined, the parks total almost 800,000 acres and have over 800 miles of hiking trails that range from easy paths to steep mountain trails.

Cost: \$35 members / \$45 non-members. Includes dinner on Saturday night and a multitude of delicious snacks and libations too numerous to list. Please bring a side or appetizer to share for Saturday dinner. Please also bring firewood. Space is limited to 25, so reserve your spot early!

The campsite is in Kings Canyon NP, Cedar Grove area: Canyon View Group Site B. Tents only. Amenities include flush toilets !!! Also you are a short walk from a market, restaurant, showers, & laundry.

For RVs and pop-ups, please reserve space directly with the national park service in nearby King Canyons NP campgrounds (www.nps.gov).

Arrive after noon on Thursday and depart before noon on Monday.

The drive is about 675 miles taking you through the spectacular California high desert, the stunning Tehachapi Mountains, and the fertile Central Valley. Consider carpooling.

To reserve your spot, please make your full payment to DA by May 20th. AND notify your trip leaders by emailing David at vidsmith@gmail.com or calling 480-262-7548.

General Sherman Sequoia

- World's tallest tree!
- 2700 years old!
- 275 feet tall!
- 36 feet in diameter!

Now that's a lot of wood!!!