

2020 Backpacking Adventures

Hike #1 July 29 -August 6

Led by Eli

Hike #2 August 12-20

Led by Thomas



This invitation is being sent to all those—guys and gals—who would like to join a Presbytery of Southern California hiking adventure led by **Eli Hirtzel** or **Thomas Jennings**. Both these young men grew up in the Presbytery, Eli at Branch of Hope OPC in Torrance and Thomas at Harvest OPC in San Marcos.

From 1980 to 2020, these hikes have provided 40 years of spiritual and physical nourishment. The Sierra mountain vistas are spectacular, the stars come out at night like you have never seen before, and great friendships and fellowship are in store for those who bear one another's burdens along the way and share the word of God together morning and evening.

Hike #1 July 29-August 6 will be led by Eli in his 4th year participating in the Backpacking Adventures. This hike will start on the Sierra's east side and take you over two passes and by many lakes. **Pastor Zach Keele** of the Escondido, CA OPC will minister to the team along the way, and is a veteran of these hikes already.

Hike #2 August 12-20 will be led by Thomas in his 8th year participating and leading the Backpacking Adventures. This hike leads you over the Sierras from west to east cross-country over three passes, and along streams and lakes in alpine high country until you exit having traversed the High Sierra! **Pastor Jeff Wilson** of the Southfield, MI OPC will lead daily devotions and worship on the Lord's Day.

Expedition expenses: \$140 (payable to Thomas Jennings by June 30th)

Please note: This is an application process since we can only include 15 hikers on each hike. You may express interest for one or both hikes when you apply. The timeliness of your response will be taken into consideration!

Apply at this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3DG5CFZ>

or use this QR code:



Please be sure to fill out all the requested information and tell us something interesting about yourself!

Check out the equipment list below. Our equipment guy, David Winslow, will be in touch with you about your needs (dwinslowjr@aol.com / 714-742-6396)

Expedition equipment: See the checklist that follows. Sturdy hiking shoes with good treads are a must (boots or running shoes with great treads). A second pair of old sneakers or Teva or Keen style strap-on sandals make a great second pair for tired feet, or wet stream crossings. All shoes must be well broken-in before the hike, or you may wish you'd brought your own foot doctor along for the ride. No heavy denim or jean type long pants; they must be lightweight quick drying material.

We can help you with almost all the gear you need, or you can arrange to buy or borrow from a friend. We will provide tents for the group.



EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST (op = optional) (save this list for packing purposes!)

Think small and lightweight! Questions about equipment? thomas.jennings91@gmail.com or dwinslowjr@aol.com

CLOTHING	OTHER GEAR	UTENSILS
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 pr long pants <u>not jeans</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pr shorts <input type="checkbox"/> 2 changes underwear <input type="checkbox"/> 2 t-shirts <input type="checkbox"/> 1 long-sleeve heavy shirt <input type="checkbox"/> 1 long-sleeve light-weight shirt <input type="checkbox"/> 1 warm turtleneck, down vest, or sweater/fleece <input type="checkbox"/> 3 pr athletic socks <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pr shoes (see note above) <input type="checkbox"/> poncho or rain gear (inexpensive plastic) <input type="checkbox"/> lightweight gloves (op) <input type="checkbox"/> swimsuit (op) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 bandannas	<input type="checkbox"/> backpack <input type="checkbox"/> sleeping bag <input type="checkbox"/> sleeping pad <input type="checkbox"/> pocket knife (op) <input type="checkbox"/> whistle <input type="checkbox"/> sunglasses <input type="checkbox"/> insect repellent <input type="checkbox"/> insect head net (op) <input type="checkbox"/> camera (op) <input type="checkbox"/> <u>small</u> flashlight <input type="checkbox"/> hat or sun visor (op) <input type="checkbox"/> water bottle, 16-32 oz <input type="checkbox"/> lightweight windbreaker <input type="checkbox"/> <u>small</u> Bible	<input type="checkbox"/> metal spoon/fork <input type="checkbox"/> 2 metal sierra cups <input type="checkbox"/> plastic/aluminum plate (op) TOILETRIES <input type="checkbox"/> toothbrush <input type="checkbox"/> <u>small</u> toothpaste <input type="checkbox"/> comb or brush <input type="checkbox"/> soap (1-2-oz. Campsuds or similar) <input type="checkbox"/> chapstick <input type="checkbox"/> toilet paper, 1 roll or less <input type="checkbox"/> small bath towel <input type="checkbox"/> deodorant <input type="checkbox"/> sunscreen <input type="checkbox"/> 1oz hand sanitizer

