

RENTAL INFORMATION

Here is a list of some businesses that rent backpacking equipment (backpacks and sleeping bags) suitable for this trip. If you are planning to rent, inspect the equipment and make your reservations NOW. Do not wait until June. If you find other sources of equipment, please let me know. I want to inspect all 'loaners' for your own comfort and protection. If you rent a backpack from me, I guarantee a proper fit.

POWAY BACKPACKERS 13710 Utopia Rd., Poway (858)679-9667. All equipment is picked up at my house at 7:00PM on Thursday, **July 23**. Equipment must be returned clean between 9AM - noon, on Wednesday, **August 5**. (A+ pick up is Wednesday, July 8 and return is Monday, July 19)

Backpack: Kelty external frame: \$35 plus a refundable \$10 deposit when returned clean, undamaged, and on time.

Sleeping Bag: Marmot 15 synthetic: \$40 plus a refundable \$15 deposit if you keep it out of the dirt and when returned clean, undamaged, and on time. Ensolite pad included.

Laundry service not included (I'll show you how.).

ADVENTURE 16 4620 Alvarado Canyon Rd., San Diego (619)283-2374 or www.adventure16.com. This is a fabulous, must see store. Knowledgeable experts and top of the line equipment all while feeling like you're shopping outdoors. Prices based on 13 day rental.

Backpack: external frame: \$43, internal frame: \$51-68 plus security deposit equal to 50% of the retail price per item.

Sleeping Bag: 20 synthetic: \$62; 20 down: \$75 plus security deposit equal to 50% of the retail price per item. Ensolite pad and laundry included. Reserve and pay in advance, in person.

REI (Recreation Equipment Incorporated) 5556 Copley Dr., Kearny Mesa (858)279-4400 or www.rei.com. This is a super market type of store. They do everything outdoors. Can find deals on REI brand equipment. The rates below are for REI members (lifetime membership \$15). Reserve and pay in advance, in person.

Backpack: internal frame only: \$70 with no deposit for members; \$135 non member

Sleeping Bag: no rentals

Thermarest: \$40 (self-inflating pad) for members; \$83 non member

SPORTS CHALET 3695 Midway Dr., San Diego (619)279-6777 or www.sportschalet.com. This shop can be hit or miss, though they do carry backpacking accessories. Reserve and pay in advance, in person.

Backpack: external frame \$108, internal frame: \$125 with substantial deposit required.

Sleeping Bag: 0 synthetic: \$109, 0 down: \$128 with a substantial deposit required.

Ensolite pad not included. Laundry \$10 extra.

Ensolite Pad: \$14