



# 14<sup>th</sup> Rubicon Trail Jeep Jamboree

The Rubicon Trail, California

August 12 - 15, 2010

Trail Rating 10





## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

### **Important note about meals:**

This Jamboree is a Classic Jamboree – catered meals include breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday and a continental breakfast on Sunday.

### **THURSDAY, August 12, 2010**

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

**Mandatory** registration and vehicle inspection will be held at Buffalo Hill Center parking lot in Georgetown. Please refer to “How Do I Get There?” on page 4 for directions.

***There will be no late registration on Friday morning.***

### **FRIDAY, August 13, 2010**

5:30 A.M.

Breakfast in Buffalo Hill Center parking lot.

***Be sure to pick up your lunch before departing for the trail.***

6:00 A.M.

**Mandatory** General Attendance Meeting. Color groups will begin departing for the trail after the meeting. The red group will be the first to leave; please be ready to leave with your assigned group. Refer to “A Message From Your Trip Coordinator” on page 6 for more information.

6:30 A.M.

Red group departure to Loon Lake.

6:45 A.M.

Blue group departure to Loon Lake.

7:00 A.M.

White group departure to Loon Lake.

7:30 A.M.

Beginning of group departures from Loon Lake Dam to Rubicon Springs. Because of the demands of the Rubicon Trail, there will not be a scheduled lunch break. Eat when you are hungry.

6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Dinner in Rubicon Springs.

7:30 P.M.

Join around the bonfire and share your trail stories.

### **SATURDAY, August 14, 2010**

8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

Breakfast in Rubicon Springs.

9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Free time for hiking, swimming, or informational talks.

Refer to the message board near the piano for the schedule of events for each day.

12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Hot lunch served in Rubicon Springs.

1:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Free time.

6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Dinner in Rubicon Springs.

**Tropical Theme. Bring a little bit of the islands to the Sierra’s**

8:00 P.M.

**Prize drawing immediately after dinner.**

Drawing will be held on the stage. While reasonable efforts will be made to have all Jamboree participants on hand before the drawing begins, Jamboree guests who leave the dinner site early may miss the prize drawing.

8:30 P.M.

Bonfire with S’mores!

### **SUNDAY, August 15, 2010**

7:00 A.M. - 8:00 A.M.

Breakfast served in Rubicon Springs.

8:30 A.M.

Depart Rubicon Springs and finish your trek to South Lake Tahoe. Refer to “A Message From Your Trip Coordinator” regarding early departures.

Thank you for joining us on the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Rubicon Trail Jeep Jamboree. Have a safe drive home.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, all trips, events and trails are subject to change or cancellation without advance notice.

## **VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS**

**Rock rails, skid plates and tow points are mandatory for the Rubicon Trail.** Skid plates are to be under the gas tank, transfer case, engine and transmission (three total). Tow points may include, tow hooks properly mounted to the frame with grade eight bolts according to official Mopar installation procedures, draw bars, receiver hitches, or aftermarket bumpers with manufacturers installed clevis or d-ring anchor. **If you do not have tow points, you may be turned away at registration without a refund.**

Your vehicle should have a full tank of gas before departure as no gas is available in Rubicon Springs. Older model vehicles or modified vehicles with larger engines, should carry extra fuel.

- No body lifts or suspension lifts over 6" combined.
- Tires: No tires over 37"  
Tires must have a minimum height of 31", a "C" rating and 3-ply sidewalls.  
Full-size spare tire or comparable size mandatory! A space-saver donut just won't do.
- No snowplow frames.
- We recommend removing running boards and steps both factory and aftermarket.
- All open-topped vehicles, including older models (CJs, Scramblers and Willys), must have mandatory roll bars.
- Tow strap recommended (with loops—NO HOOKS).
- Must be street legal with license plate

Please contact Glenda if you have further questions at [glenda@jeepjam.com](mailto:glenda@jeepjam.com) or 530-333-4777 ext. 12.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

- \_\_\_ **CB radio highly recommended!**
- \_\_\_ Basic tool kit recommended!
- \_\_\_ First aid kit recommended!
- \_\_\_ Tire gauge recommended!
- \_\_\_ Ice chest full of your favorite non-alcoholic beverages
- \_\_\_ **Full tank of gas prior to General Attendance Meeting!**
- \_\_\_ Camping equipment\*

### ***We HIGHLY recommend that you bring a CB radio!***

There are many safety issues regarding upcoming obstacles transmitted over the CB radio by your trail guides. It is important for each vehicle to have a CB radio in their vehicle. You will also enjoy being able to participate in "trail chatter" with trail guides and your trail leader. Learn interesting facts about the area - history, local plant and wildlife, as well as exciting stories.

Other important items to consider bringing are: drinking water, trail snacks, chair or blanket for lunch stops, camera/video camera, binoculars, insect repellent, sun block, hat, hiking boots, toiletries & medications, toilet paper and zip-lock bags for tissue disposal, hand sanitizer, flashlights, rain jacket and warm clothing. \*You will be camping in Rubicon Springs on Friday and Saturday. Be sure to pack a sleeping bag, tent, and any other items that will insure your comfort while in the Springs. Meals are provided. You will not need a camp stove. Do not bury trash; pack it out or put it in one of the garbage cans located in the Springs. Bears find buried trash, which teaches them to seek out areas used

by humans. Never approach a bear or bear cub. Observe them from a distance.

## **TRAIL USAGE AND INFORMATION**

### **WATER CROSSINGS**

We may have water crossings and water holes. Many of these crossings and holes offer a bypass if you decide to "go around". It is very **IMPORTANT** to watch and listen to your trail guide. Please be sure your air intake is disconnected. Your trail guide can help you with this if needed. When driving in deep water, **GO VERY SLOW!** If your engine gets wet and stalls, **DO NOT** try to start it as you may cause serious engine damage. After the Jamboree, please be sure to reconnect your air intake. For additional tips on water crossings, please refer to your copy of "Mark A. Smith's Guide to Safe, Common Sense Off-Road Driving".

### **A NOTE ON LAND USAGE**

Many Jeep Jamboree USA events are held on private lands with the consent of landowners, or on public lands through special use permits. In some cases, Jamboree trail groups are granted access to trail areas, which are closed to all other vehicular access during the year. Please be aware that access to these trail areas is allowed only by guided JJUSA groups during the scheduled Friday and Saturday trail rides. Individual Jamboree guests returning later to drive in these areas on their own do so in violation of JJUSA's land use agreements and endanger future Jamboree usage of these restricted trails as well as being removed from the Jamboree without a refund. Thank you for your cooperation in assuring Jamboree access to some of America's most spectacular backcountry.

### **PLEASE TREAD LIGHTLY!**

**Travel responsibly** on designated roads and trails or in permitted areas.

**Respect the rights** of others including private property owners and all recreational trail users, campers and others to allow them to enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed.

**Educate yourself** by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, planning for your trip, taking recreation skills classes, and knowing how to use and operate your equipment safely.

**Avoid sensitive areas** such as meadows, lakeshores, wetlands and streams, unless on designated routes. This protects wildlife habitat and sensitive soils from damage.

**Do your part** by leaving the area better than you found it, properly disposing of waste, minimizing the use of fire, avoiding the spread of invasive species, restoring degraded areas, and joining a local enthusiast organization.

### **TRAIL RATING SYSTEM**

Every Jamboree trail is rated from 1 (easiest) to 10 (the most difficult). These ratings are based on the overall trail, not just on one or two tough spots. Rain can increase ratings by one or two points. Please remember, all vehicles are subject to inspection prior to trail departure. Numerically higher rated Jamborees are more likely to result in vehicular damage.

#### **1-2 Obstacles and terrain are relatively easy to navigate.**

In optimum weather conditions, some trails may not require continual use of four-wheel drive (4WD).

**3-5 Moderately demanding.** Challenge for novice drivers. Obstacles may include: mud holes, boulders, and streams. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.

**6-7 Demanding.** Challenge for most skill levels. Mud holes get deeper, boulders get larger, and climbs get steeper. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.

**8-9 Very demanding.** Likelihood of getting stuck is high. Mud holes may be deep and rock climbing is more arduous. Lifts and lockers are helpful. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.

**10 Extremely demanding.** Reserved for the toughest off-road trip in the U.S.A. – the Rubicon Trail. Requires 4WD with 4-LO (*Not recommended for Jeep Patriot, Compass, Liberty, Cherokee, Grand Cherokee, or Commander.*)

#### **TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS**

The Rubicon Trail is one of the toughest and most beautiful trails in the world. In fact, the Jeep Truck Engineering Division of Chrysler utilizes the trail as a proving ground for Jeep vehicles. It is imperative to watch the Trail Guides. The Guides can see trail obstacles that you cannot see from inside of your vehicle. Please remember to drive the Rubicon very slowly using 4-wheel drive low and first gear. Take time to read "Mark A. Smith's Guide to Safe, Common Sense Off-Road Driving" before you arrive for your trail ride.

Due to the nature of the Rubicon Trail and its difficulty rating of 10, your Jeep could conceivably suffer some damage. Although we have seen all models of Jeeps go through the Rubicon without a scratch, you should be aware that there is a possibility of harming your vehicle on this trail. Vehicles such as the Cherokee, Grand Cherokee and Liberty suffer the most abuse on the Rubicon. If you fear damaging your vehicle, please do not bring it. Jeep Jamboree USA and Chrysler Corporation are not responsible for any damage to participant vehicles

### **LOCAL AREA INFORMATION**

#### **WEATHER**

The weather this time of year varies. For a 10 day weather forecast go to [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)

#### **WEBSITES**

Welcome to California [www.state.ca.us](http://www.state.ca.us)

El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce  
[www.eldoradocounty.org](http://www.eldoradocounty.org)

California Department of Tourism  
[www.gocalif.ca.gov](http://www.gocalif.ca.gov)

South Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce  
[www.tahoeinfo.com](http://www.tahoeinfo.com)

### **MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

#### **GEORGETOWN:**

Georgetown Hilltop Motel	(530)333-4141
American River Inn	(530)333-4499
Rock Creek Inn	(530)333-4359

#### **PLACERVILLE (35 MINUTES FROM GEORGETOWN OFF HWY 50):**

Gold Country Inn	(530)622-3124
National 9 Inn	(530)622-3884

#### **AUBURN (40 MINUTES FROM GEORGETOWN OFF HWY 80):**

Best Inn & Suites	(530)885-1800
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Holiday Inn Auburn

(530)887-8787

### **CAMPING/RV PARKING**

#### **GEORGETOWN AIRPORT**

The airport is approximately 2 miles from where we hold registration. Primitive camping is available. Trailers may be left at the campground for pick up on Sunday. Please contact Glenda Gau, if you are planning to leave your trailer at the airport.

#### **CAMP LOTUS**

Located approximately 12 miles from Georgetown. Near the town of Coloma. (530) 622-8672. Full service.

#### **TRAILER PARKING**

For those wanting to leave a trailer closer to the end of the trail, contact: Tahoe Valley Campground 1175 Melba Drive South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158 Ph 530-541-2222 or [tahoevalley@megapathdsl.net](mailto:tahoevalley@megapathdsl.net)

### **HOW DO I GET THERE?**

#### **DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO GEORGETOWN:**

Georgetown is located off of Highway 193. You may access Georgetown by using Interstate 80 or US Highway 50.

#### **From Interstate 80:**

- Travel to Auburn, California.
- Take the Elm Avenue exit to CA-193 /CA-49 / High St. (If you come to Highway 49/Grass Valley Highway, you turned the wrong direction on Elm Avenue.)
- Continue to follow CA -193 / CA-49. Turn right onto CA-49 / CA-193 Coloma Road. This turn is at the bridge that crosses the confluence of the North and South Fork of the American River.
- Turn left onto CA-193 / Georgetown Rd. Located at the flashing light in the town of Cool. Continue to follow CA-193, approximately 11 miles.
- Buffalo Hill Center is located on the left side of Hwy 193.

Registration will take place in the upper parking lot of Buffalo Hill Center, 6087 Front Street.

#### **From Highway 50:**

- Off of Highway 50 turn onto Coloma St.
- Coloma St. becomes CA-49 / Coloma Rd.
- Turn right onto CA-193/Georgetown Rd. Follow this road into Georgetown, continue straight through the 4-way stop. Approximately one mile, turn right into Buffalo Hill Center.

Registration will take place in the upper parking lot of the Buffalo Hill shopping center, 6087 Front Street.

### **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TRIP COORDINATOR**

Join in on the fun Saturday evening by wearing your favorite tropical outfit. Bring the tropics to the mountains.

Participants are responsible for bringing all of the equipment needed for their camping comfort. Bottled water will be provided while you are in the Springs. Camping is primitive and sites are available on a first- come first served basis.

Portable toilets are provided. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner will be served on Friday and Saturday. A continental breakfast will be served Sunday morning before departure.

A mandatory meeting will take place before we leave the Buffalo Hill Center parking lot on Friday morning. CB channels, introductions, air down information, and bathroom stops will be covered. It is very important for you to be in attendance. Departure on Friday morning will be done in three groups. The red group will leave at 6:30 A.M., followed by the blue group at 6:45 and the white group at 7:00 A.M. Groups are staggered to help relieve some of the congestion on the trail. Please be prompt and in your Jeep ready to go at the designated time.

**Due to the difficulty of the trail, those leaving Rubicon Springs early do so at their own risk. Trail Guides are provided for departure on Sunday morning. Departure time is noted in your itinerary.**

Rubicon Springs is located in the very heart of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. It's within easy hiking distance of many snow clad peaks and numerous mountain lakes and streams. If you are interested in fishing, you may purchase a one or two day fishing license at Ace Hardware in Buffalo Hill Center. Ace is open until 6 p.m.

For those of you who would like to see the area from an aerial perspective, helicopter rides will be available on Saturday. You may sign up for helicopter rides at the sales booth, located adjacent to the beverage bar in the Springs. Rides will be limited, so sign up early. Rides are \$60.

JJUSA is pleased that you are four wheeling with us in one of the most beautiful off road areas in the United States. Enjoy your weekend.

## **FRIENDLY REMINDERS – Before, During, After Your Trip**

### **BEFORE YOU LEAVE....**

If you have not sent us a signed waiver yet...

Please return a waiver form signed by everyone in your vehicle (by mail, fax or email) to the JJUSA office as soon as possible. Your registration IS NOT COMPLETE until we receive a completed waiver. This helps you to prevent delays in processing your registration and avoid longer wait times during registration. A waiver for participants under the age of 18 years old must be signed by a parent or the minor's legal guardian.

New Registrations and Adding Passengers: It is very important to register new vehicles and/or passengers **at least two weeks** prior to the Jamboree date. This will enable us to give an accurate count to our caterer for the meals.

**Event T-Shirts are not included in your registration fee. You may pre-order event T-Shirts at the time of your registration or up to two weeks prior to the event. Pre-ordered shirts will be given to you at Thursday registration. No event T-Shirts will be shipped to you or available for sale at the event. Other Jeep Jamboree USA clothing and merchandise will be available onsite, however quantities and sizes are limited**

## **WHILE YOU ARE THERE...**

### **Name Badges and Wristbands**

When you register on-site Thursday evening, you will be given one nametag and wristband. Please wear both of these while at the event. They are verification of registration. Those without a wristband will not be served meals or allowed on the trails.

## **WHEN YOU RETURN...**

### **Submit your photos**

Jeep Jamboree USA is proud to continue the Photo of the Month & Photo of the Year Contest. We know many of you take great pictures as you explore America's backcountry while on a Jeep Jamboree; and now it's time to share those photos with other Jeep Jamboree enthusiasts! The best part is, you could win a Jeep Jamboree USA trip for two anywhere in the United States. So if you've been taking pictures at Jeep Jamboree events you might be holding the winning photo – just check your camera! Please visit [jeepjamboreeusa.com](http://jeepjamboreeusa.com) for details on how to submit your photos.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **WHO CAN I BRING?**

Whoever you want! As long as they each have a required seat belt in your Jeep 4x4 and have completed registration, waiver and payment. Bringing pets is **strongly** discouraged. If your pet must attend, be sure to contact the Jeep Jamboree USA office for specific requirements.

### **WHERE DO I SLEEP ON A JEEP JAMBOREE?**

Participants are responsible for arranging their own lodging on Thursday evening. Included in this itinerary is a list of nearby accommodations. Participants will camp in the Springs on Friday and Saturday evening.

### **WHAT DOES THE JAMBOREE COVER?**

Lodging is not included with your registration fee. Your fee covers all necessary permits, experienced guides for the entire trip, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday, a continental breakfast on Sunday morning and a trip plaque. NOTE: Meals vary. Regretfully, no accommodations can be made for dietary restrictions. Your Jeep Jamboree will offer you access to some of the finest trails in America — several of which are only available through this program. Each Jamboree also features a giveaway for chances to win great prizes. Sorry, no partial trips are offered and no spectators are allowed. All participants must be officially registered.

### **CAN I BRING MY JEEP LIBERTY, CHEROKEE, COMPASS, PATRIOT, GRAND CHEROKEE, OR COMMANDER?**

Of course! All new Jeep 4x4 vehicles with a 4-LO transfer case are Trail Rated® and are tested on demanding 4x4 trails. Vehicles without 4-LO may **ONLY** use trails rated 1-2. Your Jeep four-wheel-drive vehicle is required to be in good condition, with good tires, brakes, and seat belts. In addition, we require prior approval for larger Jeep 4x4s, such as Grand Wagoneers and J-Series Pickups. Jeep Jamboree USA reserves the right to refuse participation to any applicant whose vehicle exceeds size restrictions.

## **COULD MY VEHICLE BE DAMAGED ON A JAMBOREE?**

Every effort is made by Jeep® Jamboree USA to make the trails as safe as possible. Participants are advised to closely follow the instructions given by trail guides, spotters, and Jeep Jamboree USA. However, there's the possibility of receiving damage to your vehicle.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT**

You will travel over rough terrain. Any damage is the owner's responsibility. Remember, Jamborees with higher numerical difficulty ratings are more likely to encounter terrain that may contribute to vehicular damage. Weather conditions may also increase the trail rating difficulty.

## **JEEP JAMBOREE USA POLICIES**

### **SAFETY**

Our trail guides are trained to put your safety first. If they ask you to refrain from any activity, to avoid specific trails or areas, which jeopardizes you or your fellow participant's safety, or is not authorized for our use, please follow their directions. JJUSA does not authorize or promote any night runs. *AS AGREED TO IN YOUR WAIVER ALL PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO WEAR HIS OR HER RESPECTIVE SEAT AND SHOULDER BELTS. IF A TRAIL GUIDE ASKS YOU TO WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT AND YOU DO NOT COMPLY, VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE JEEP JAMBOREE — MONEY WILL NOT BE REFUNDED, AND THOSE INVOLVED WILL BE BANNED FROM ALL FUTURE JEEP JAMBOREES.*

### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

*ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON ANY TRAIL RIDE. VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE JEEP JAMBOREE — MONEY WILL NOT BE REFUNDED, AND THOSE INVOLVED WILL BE BANNED FROM ALL FUTURE JEEP JAMBOREES.*

### **REFUND POLICIES**

We realize that unexpected events such as **work conflicts, mechanical problems and illnesses** may cause you to cancel your trip. However, we have many business partners that we pay deposits based on a preliminary participant count, therefore

in order to limit the impact of cancellations the following penalties apply to your refund should you choose to cancel:

<b><u>Days Prior to Trip Date</u></b>	<b><u>Penalty</u></b>
Reservation to 21 days	\$35
20 days to 8 days	50%
7 days to 1 day	80%
Trip date and beyond	NO REFUND

Should you choose to transfer from one trip to another trip in the **SAME** calendar year you may do so for \$35 per transfer.

### **CHILDREN 5 & UNDER**

Children 5 and under are not charged to participate with you in a Jamboree. Complimentary meals for children 5 and under will be provided.

### **ONSITE PURCHASES AT JAMBOREE**

A limited amount of merchandise will be available for sale in the Springs. Cash, check or credit cards will be accepted.

## **NO C.O.D.S**

Please note that all registrations must be paid in advance. Due to many no shows, even at sold out events, we regret that C.O.D.'s are NO LONGER allowed.

## **NO PARTIAL DAYS OR MEALS ONLY REGISTRATIONS**

Registrations are for the SAME person (driver or passengers) for BOTH days. Passengers may not be swapped; i.e. one person on one day; another person another day. We base our nametags, meals and waivers on the same person for both days. We do not permit partial (one-day only) registrations (no refunds are given for days not used), nor do we sell a "meals only" option for those who are not on the trail but wish to join participants for meals.

## **SPECIAL THANKS!**

Buffalo Hill Center  
Mar Val Food Stores  
JJUSA Trail Guides  
Georgetown Rotary

## **CONTACT US**

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x18 Registration

x12 Vehicle requirements

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TRIP MANAGER: Glenda Gau

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