

Northern Nevada Preppers Meeting 6/8/13

1. Mission Statement: We are a family orientated Preppers group to learn and support each other as we prepare for natural and manmade disasters. We encourage others in becoming self-reliant.

- **Disclaimer:**

This is a family based group supporting a self-reliant life style and we come together in the spirit of cooperation to assist others in being prepared for natural or manmade disasters. This group was developed following the principles and guidelines of the American Preppers Network. We welcome families and individuals who want to learn the skills necessary to prepare for and care for themselves and their families in the event of a disaster or something as simple as a minor issue. We are not a militia. We do not promote anti-government behavior or rhetoric. We do not condone hate groups, taking up arms against American citizens or violating the law. We do not hope for and promote anarchy or the end of the world and apocalyptic events. We welcome families who want to learn to be prepared. We have no other agenda.

2. Introductions and Sign In –

- **Add your name to the email list only if you want to be added to the group's private email messages.**

3. New attendees only if any

- **Who you are? (Be mindful of OpSec and your personal information)**
- **What level of Prepping are you operating at?**
 - How long Prepping?**
 - What kind of Prepper. Short term? Long term? Loss of job? Natural Disaster? Economic Collapse? Societal Collapse? TEOTWAWKI?**
 - What have you completed?**
 - What are you working on?**
- **If you have any special skills or past experience or something you are training in?**
- **If comfortable, include what preps have you made and what items are interested in getting help in?**
 - Food**
 - Water**
 - Medical**
 - Communications**
 - Defense**
 - Mobility?**
 - Bug in location?**
 - Bug out location?**

4. **Reading of minutes from prior meeting. (Notes are posted on the Meetup site from the last meetings)**
 - **The last meeting was held at Fort Churchill State Park so no formal meeting minutes are available.**
 - **April was our Spring Camp Out and Victor Bausell took lead as our Event Organizer for this trip. Families participated in primitive fire starting, water collection and purification, a Dutch Oven lecture event, map orientation and land navigation event, communications drill, an Essential Oils lecture series and Prepper movies.**

5. **New business and updates from old business.**
 - i. **We now have 4 Co-Leaders, Frank, Vic, Jo and Marshall. Karen is assisting with the site organization and meeting arrangements.**
 - ii. **We will not collect dues for this group and will remain privately funded other than individual costs for events, such as campsites, outside classes such as Red Cross, etc. This allows us to avoid filling any paperwork for taxes, maintaining bank accounts and generally ensures that we have options available to us to decide how and what we are going to do with our group.**
 - iii. **We have gotten volunteers for lecture series and are in the process of scheduling those lessons.**
 - iv. **We organized a work party to build planter boxes from recycled pallets. The event went very well.**
 - **Preparation updates. *Open discussion item for the group to speak up and participate.***
 - i. **What have you added to your preps that you want to share with the group, i.e. water storage, food items, medical supplies, transportation, shelter, etc?**
 - ii. **What deals did you find, i.e. food deals, storage items, special supply item sales?**
 - iii. **What projects are you working on or do you need help with one?**
 - iv. **What new preps are you starting, i.e. water, food, canning, medical, etc?**
 - **Special projects or events being worked on?**
 - **Information sharing; i.e. ideas, skills, purchasing deals, how-to instruction?**
 - **APN requests to anyone? Public requests? Media interviews? Meeting sites or new ideas for locations?**

6. Presentation of lecture series -

Pandemic Influenza Preparations.

Instructor: Rob McKeivitt

Essential Oils for Flu prevention and care

Instructor: Stephanie Erikson

7. Meeting wrap up and conclusion.

- Does the group want to continue meeting?
- There will be no Reno meeting in July due to the meeting coordinators unfortunately busy schedules. A Bug In drill will be conducted based on a 24-hour loss of critical services after a simulated earthquake. On a weekend of your choosing in July from noon on Saturday to noon on Sunday, services to the home will be shut off other than gas lines. Please shut down commercial power, internet capable devices and water. Apartment/Condos residents can shut water off at the sinks and toilets. For this drill, the dwelling will remain habitable. Off the grid devices would naturally be able to continue to operate as normal. The drill will be posted in July on Meetup where each member can choose the weekend of their liking and can post their results in the in the discussion board of what went well, what didn't work well and any surprise lessons learned. Only one item per is necessary.
- August will be home solar energy, solar cooking alcohol stoves, solar showers and solar battery charging.
- September will cover a personal, home and traveling security lecture.
- We will have a defensive shooting class conducted by our Security Expert in September. We also need additional range qualified military and LEO's to serve as Range Safety Officers for the event. We will limit the event to 3 shooters to 1 RSO.
- Future meeting training ideas can be posted on the Meetup site under the discussion board. Training ideas are:
 - i. Medical – We have not found someone qualified to officially instruct CPR with all the necessary equipment to the group and have not found an outside source that can meet our price-point \$20 per person.
 - ii. Weapons – Is everyone CCW licensed and does anyone need a firearms course? If so, we have an NRA licensed instructor who will travel in the area to accommodate instruction.
 - iii. Food preparation – We have organized our last canning event with the LDS Cannery. Jo is our leader for this event on September 15th. Jo is also bringing together those people who regularly can for an organizational meeting. Please contact her if you are interested in assisting.
 - iv. Bugging In – Scheduled event in July.
 - v. Security – Scheduled in September.
 - vi. Communications – Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM on the Wide Area Data Group link repeater system. We are able to cover all of our areas

with this system. Please continue to work on gaining your HAM operator licenses. License study course available on line at reasonable cost at: <http://www.hamradiolicenseexam.com/> The HAM radio clubs also have HAM Cram sessions with times being posted on our site.

- vii. **Wilderness Survival – Nothing Scheduled.**
- viii. **EMP Preparation – Nothing planned.**
- ix. **Pandemic Preparation – Met target date.**
- x. **Group assistance – Nothing planned. Due to the size of the group and the intention of giving support to fellow Preppers in the area we will need to start putting together a team that can take lead on developing Group Member Emergency Assistance Kits. These would be small kits to be delivered to members in case of localized disasters or emergencies. These kits will contain some food, water, medical, light gear and enough to keep our members going for a couple/few days until they can get on their feet. This can be posted for open discussion on the Meetup Discussion Board.**

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