

DRAFT		PLANNING MATRIX		UPDATED: 2/18/2026		EMC CAMPING TRIP TO DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK		APRIL 2026	
		10-Apr	11-Apr	12-Apr	13-Apr	14-Apr			
		FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY			
DAY		0	1	2	3	4			
ACTIVITIES /OVERVIEW		DMK drives supplies and equipment from WY to vic Big Pine	DMK completes drive (Day 2) DMK sets up main camp infrastructure. Main group drives from SJ to Eureka Dunes. Night Dunes Hike.	Options for Eureka Dunes Hike; canyon hike	Relocate to Race Track via Crankshaft Junction and UB crater. Explore Lippencott Mines.	Explore Racetrack and Grandstand. Optional overnight in Corridor Canyon.			
DRIVING DIST DMK (mi)		924	49	0	75	5			
DRIVING TIME DMK (hrs)		17	2	0	5	0.5			
DRIVING DISTANCE MAIN BODY (mi)			423	0	75	5			
DRIVING TIME MAIN BODY (hrs)			9	0	5	0.5			
CAMPING LOCATION			Eureka Dunes Dry Camp (2880')	Eureka Dunes Dry Camp (2880')	Racetrack (Homestake CG ~3750')	Racetrack (Homestake CG ~3750')			
LOGISTICS NOTES		-test satellite comms with someone from main convoy pick up block ice for ice chests enroute, as well as fresh produce (SLC) top off fuel and fill water in Big Pine (plan water for 6 days)	last 21 miles to Dunes is improved dirt road (expect washboarding) communicate with main body via satellite to coordinate link-up time (Garmin InReach and/or starlink) <b>all vehicles top off on gas in Big Pine</b> plan 300 gallons of water for 30 people 5 nights desert safety brief for arriving campers	premake lunches for next day (on the road)	Dunes to UB Crater: ~44mi UB Crater to Homestake CG: ~30mi potential for dropping less capable vehicles at UB crater and consolidating for 30mi Race Track Rd. road safety brief before heading out	optional overnight would be after dinner. Pack only snacks/food that do not require cooking. Bring stoves only for two hot drinks per. Packing list is only snacks, sleep set up, headlamp, cup, and water (3L per person) those opting out of canyon hike hold down the fort at main camp			
BRKFST				pancakes, string cheese, fresh fruit, oatmeal, grits, hot drinks	breakfast burritos (toritilla, cheese, turkey sausage, egg, salsa, etc), fresh fruit, oatmeal, grits, hot drinks	egg and cheese english muffin sandwiches, fresh fruit, oatmeal, grits, hot drinks (premade egg "muffins")			
LUNCH				turkey and cheese (or PB+J) sandwiches with produce, chips, carrot sticks, cookie (granola bar and fruit snacks for hike)	PB+J sandwiches, string cheese, fritos, fruit snacks	nachos (vegetarian refried beans, nacho cheese, jalapenos, sour cream, taco sauce)			
DINNER			asian chicken salad wraps (spinach tortillas, chicken, greens, mandarin oranges, peanuts, wonton noodles, dressings, etc.)	pasta with meat sauce, garlic bread, green beans almondine	hamburgers, buns, cheese, chips, 3-bean salad	canned beef stew, bread, butter (in camp) For those doing the overnight, pack some additional snacks: PB pretzels, fruit snacks, 1 hot beverage, etc)			
CAMP AND DRIVING SNACKS (beverages)						PB pretzels, animal crackers, red vines, goldfish, ramen, etc (hot chocolate, hc			
LATE SNACK			s'mores	cookies	popcorn on fire	cookies			
RESUPPLY / LOGISTICS MEDICAL OPTIONS			medical: Bishop food,water,supplies in Independence or Bishop on way in. (Or Lone Pine - gas/water/convenience store / medical)	medical: Bishop no logistical resources nearby	medical: Bishop or Lone Pine food, water, supplies in Bishop, Independence, or Lone Pine	Medical: Lone Pine Food, water, supplies in Lone Pine			
SUNRISE / SET		0620/1917	0619/1918	0617/1919	0616/1920	0614/1920			
MOONRISE / SET /		0235/1215/46%	0311/1319/36%	0342/1423/27%	0410/1528/18%	0436/1634/10%			

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY						
5	6	7	8	9					DAY	
Return to camp, chill, night games / night hike on Racetrack Playa	Relocate camp to Wildrose	Summit Attempt on Telescope Peak	to Furnace Creek for Pool and back	Return home					TOTAL DISTANCES AND TIMES	ACTIVITIES
5	161	3	110	1000	2332	mi				DRIVING DIST DMK (mi)
0.5	5	0	3	17	50	hrs				DRIVING TIME DMK (hrs)
5	161	3	110	460	1242	mi				DRIVING DISTANCE MAIN BODY (mi) (from San Jose)
0.5	5	0	3	8	31	hrs				DRIVING TIME MAIN BODY (hrs) (from San Jose)
Racetrack (Homestake CG ~3750')	Wildrose CG (~4100')	Wildrose CG (~4100')	Wildrose CG (~4100')							CAMPING LOCATION
	refill water 30 pax 3 night 180gal (Water and lunch at Stovepipe Wells) prepare lunches and packs this afternoon / evening for hike tomorrow. Big meal, early to bed. Obtain current weather report for tomorrow miniclass on crampons/ microspikes, ice axes if snow conditions suggest divide into groups by speed/goals	0230 wakeup for hike. Aim to be hiking by 0300	Book campsites in advance to allow for resort pool access. Get light on the deck wherever possible to make for easy egress tomorrow							LOGISTICS NOTES
in canyon: kind bar, string cheese, dried fruit)	quesadillas station, hot drinks, oatmeal, grits	breakfast energy bars, string cheese, hot drinks, oatmeal, grits (quick - hit the trail early)	bagels, cream cheese, fruit cups, hot drinks, hot cereals	Granola, powdered milk, hot drinks, hot cereals, leftovers - easy to get on road quickly						BRKFST
hike out of canyon: cheese crackers, meat sticks, animal crackers, PB packets	chicken salad sandwiches on croissants, apples, cheese, potato chips, juice box, nuts	PB+J sandwiches, string cheese, fritos, fruit snacks, energy bars, crackers, meat sticks, sugars, trail mix (plan 2500-3000 calories for full-sized hikers)	cheese/cracker / meat, dips, hummus, nuts, other goodies at the pool. Options nearby for ice cream or purchased food, convenience store, etc)							LUNCH
chicken fajitas soft tacos, tortilla chips, toppings (pre-made/frozen chicken fajitas, flour tortillas, greens, tomatoes, onions, guacamole? Sour cream, cheese, refried beans, hot sauce, etc), jalapenos	loaded mashed potatoes with toppings (instant mashed potatoes, butter, shredded cheese, ground beef, chili, onions, sour cream, broccoli, canned corn, hot sauce, blue cheese crumbles, bacon, etc), steak skewers (premarinated, frozen)	Rolling dinner as hikers return. All beef hotdogs on the fire, buns, onions, condiments, potato chips, carrot sticks	loaded ramen (spicy ramen pack with additions (sesame oil, beef jerky, dried scallions, sesame seeds, spam, dried mushrooms, etc.)							DINNER
at cider, electrolite drinks, coffee (decaf and regular), teas, lemonade mix, popcorn										CAMP AND DRIVING SNACKS (beverages)
popcorn on fire	extra snacks	smares								LATE SNACK
Medical: Lone Pine or Ridgecrest Lone Pine last logisitc support. Fuel in Panamint Springs	Medical: Ridgecrest no logisital resources nearby	Medical: Ridgecrest (Parhump if in Badwater Basin) fuel, water, food (limited) in Furnace Creek								RESUPPLY / LOGISTICS MEDICAL OPTIONS
0613/1921	0612/1922	0610/1923	0609/1924	0608/1925						SUNRISE / SET
0502/1743/4%	0530/1854/1%	0600/2009/0%	0636/2126/3%	0719/2243/9%						MOONRISE / SET /