DNHG Pre-Christmas picnic in the desert with overnight camping Friday and Saturday, December 19-20, 2014

For all those staying in Dubai this Christmas who would like to enjoy a weekend outdoors we are again organizing the (almost) traditional DNHG pre-Christmas picnic in the desert.

This year we will venture into the stunning desert behind Batayeh village.

We will meet in Batayeh and follow a fairly good track through the desert, stopping at camel and saluki racing tracks and other points of interest. We will drive over some shallow sandy patches - nothing too difficult. However, 4WDs will be needed.

We will stop in the middle of some amazing orange-coloured dunes and a ghaf tree forest. Apart from the walk to explore the dunes and camping, the central part of our outing will be sharing an international picnic.

You are asked to bring your favourite food - possibly your typical national (Christmas) dish or two - to share with the group. No need for huge quantities; everyone should bring a bit more food than usual, which will then be laid out in an international buffet to share - a great way of tasting a variety of cuisines and enjoying a different pre-Christmas in the desert.

This will be a two-day trip and those who wish can stay for overnight camping in the desert. Alternatively, you can return to Dubai in the evening.

The group will be limited to a maximum of <u>8 cars</u>. Sharing is of course encouraged.

More details on where and when to meet and what to bring will follow.

If interested, **please contact Sonja at<u>lavson@gmail.com</u>** for more information.