**Pre-Christmas desert trip with overnight camping on Friday and Saturday, December 17-18, 2021**

For those who will be in Dubai in December and would like to enjoy the nice weather and a weekend outdoors, we are organizing the traditional DNHG pre-Christmas trip to the desert.

As in years before covid we will venture into the stunning desert of Umm Al Quwain Emirate.

We will meet in Biyatha and follow a good track through the desert, passing old camel and saluki racing tracks, stopping at the desert view point, a small oasis and other interesting points. We will drive over some shallow sandy patches so 4WDs will be needed.

We will stop at the amazing orange sand dunes in a small ghaf tree forest. The plan is to go for a walk to explore the dunes, watch the sunset from the vantage point on the dunes, and camp. In the morning we will check out the early morning sand prints of the animals’ night activities.

This is a traditional Pre-Christmas picnic that we have been doing every December for many years. However, this year, we will have to skip the usual food-sharing buffet, due to Covid. Exceptionally this time each participant should provide the catering for themselves only.

This will be a two-day trip for those who wish to stay overnight camping in the desert.

Due to limited space at the camping site the group will be limited to max 5 cars.

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

**All DNHG trips are observing the current Covid protocols, so pls make sure you comply:**

-       Group will be limited to 5 cars

-       All participants need to have vaccination proof or the proof of PCR test not older than 72 hrs

-       Masks are obligatory, outdoors and indoors, as well as in the cars if the passengers are not from the same household

-       Social distancing must be observed throughout the field trip

We will allow till Sunday (Dec 12) midday for sign-ups. If the trip is over-subscribed, participants will be selected by drawing names and notified accordingly on Monday, including details of our meeting place and time.

Members who volunteer as trip leaders, contribute to Gazelle or otherwise contribute to DNHG will have priority.