



# ROAMING NEWS

## Ranger Escape from the Dungeon

*You are indeed brave, Sir Knight, but the fight is mine!*



Hear Ye, Hear Ye, all have been summoned by the honorable crews of the round table to accompany them on the festive outing on eighth through the tenth of April, that is Ranger Escape. On such an outing there will be three main events including

Wilderness Survival, Cooking, and Cycling. We will also be including nightly activities covering orienteering as well as a large assortment of games. The total cost of this exciting adventure is a small bag of gold coins..or twenty five dollars.

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### President's Log

The first president's log for the New Year so I thought it would be good thing to talk about New Year's resolutions. Normally when you think New Year's resolutions, you think of changing one's weight in some way, eating healthier or exercising more. One thing you probably didn't think about a new years' resolution revolving around Scouting. Maybe this year, include living your life according to the Scouts oath and law more or becoming more involved in Scouting in general. Maybe taking up a position in your crew or taking charge of an event that your crew is interesting done or something they have never done before. Try to make this year one of the best year for Scouting.

-Rebekah Weber



### RECIPE O' THE MONTH - MEATBALL SUB BUBBLE-UP BAKE

- 1 can (16.3 oz) Grands Biscuits
- 1 bag (16 oz) frozen cooked Italian Meatballs
- 1 Green pepper diced & sautéed
- 3 cups Marinara Sauce
- 2 cups shredded Italian cheese blend

Recipe by Pillsbury



Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Separate dough into 8 biscuits. Cut each biscuit into 6 pieces, place in large bowl. Add meatballs, green pepper and Marinara sauce. Pour into an ungreased 9 X 13 pan OR 12" Dutch Oven. Sprinkle cheese blend over the top. Bake 35 minutes or until biscuit pieces are puffed and cheese is melted and golden brown.

Before serving, sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and chopped Basil (opt)



SWAMPS AND CLIFFS AND BIKE TRAILS, OH MY!

Have you ever wanted to explore a swamp, climb rocks to look over a cliff, and ride your bike across the state in the same trip? You can do exactly that in Shawnee National Forest in southern Illinois.

The Cache River is a great place to take a pirogue, a flat bottomed canoe, and explore the swamps of the Ohio River. There are many trails that you can take, but it is a good idea to go with a guide. If you don't, you might just get lost.

The Garden of the Gods is a great place to hike and see beautiful scenery. You can climb on rocks

to the point where you are looking down the cliff side.



Two bike trails go through Ft. Massac State Park. Fort Massac has been used in many ways to protect soldiers for many years. You could also ride or hike the Trail of Tears, a trail taken by the Shawnee Indians when they were forced to move west from Kentucky and Tennessee.

When you are down in Southern Illinois enjoying the Cache River, the Garden of the Gods, Shawnee National Forest, and Fort Massac State Park,

make sure to stop by and visit Superman at home. Metropolis is just a fun place to go!

Ranger escape is a fun, interactive way of getting requirements done for your ranger award as well as getting to know and work with fellow venture Scouts, and of course learning! This years escape the dungeon will have three main activities cycling, wilderness survival, and cooking.

If you take the wilderness survival coarse you will be learning how to make plans incase of emergencies and how to make plans for different scenarios. You will make your own shelter, cook your own food, and sleep under the stars (in the shelter you'll be make). You will be getting the full experience of surviving in the

wilderness and have fun while you're doing so.

Now if you choose instead to take the cycling course you will have a much different experience (but equally exciting). You'll be learning the essential first aid for bicycling, as well as learning the different parts of the bike. And of course you'll be cycling on Sunday to complete your ten mile requirement. And, yeah its a blast.

And lastly if you choose to take the cooking class, you'll be spending most of your time in the kitchen. You'll work on the different requirements for cooking, and will be cooking some of the meals for the weekend.

Calendar

February 6th, 2016

Venturing Klondike at LTSR

February 7th, 2016

Scout Sunday

February 26th, 2016

Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner (VLA's presented)

April 8th-10th, 2016

Ranger Escape at LTSR



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The 2017 National Jamboree is still a long way off, but now is the time to start planning. The Illowa Council is expecting to send a Venturing contingent to this Jamboree. If you are interested in participating in the premiere national Scouting event then get signed up now, registration is already open. Questions? Contact Ina Pearsall at icgp@prodigy.net