



Troop 23
Mississippi Palisades State Park/Galena
May 19th-21st, 2017

General Description:

Because so many scouts were disappointed by the weather required cancellation of Aprils Grant Pilgrimage outing, Troop 23 is at least getting a visit to Galena "Do-Over"!! Scouts will camp at the beautiful Mississippi Palisades and be able to spend Saturday in the historic town of Galena!

The Mississippi Palisades State Park is located near the confluence of the Mississippi and Apple rivers in northwestern Illinois. It is known for its steep cliffs and interesting rock formations, as well as its beautiful trails that lead you to some of those awe-inspiring giant boulders. One such trail is the Sentinel, clocking at over 1.3 miles it's the longest trail in the park and leads you smack dab into Sentinel Rock, where you can take a turn at trying to conquer this monolith.

Galena is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is named for the mineral galena, which was mined by Native Americans in the area for over a thousand years. Owing to these deposits, Galena was the site of the first major mineral rush in the United States. The first American settler arrived in 1821, and by 1828, the population was estimated at 10,000, rivaling the population of Chicago at the time. The city emerged as the largest steamboat hub on the Mississippi River north of St. Louis, Missouri. Galena was the home of Ulysses S. Grant and eight other Civil War generals. Today, the city known for its history, architecture, and resorts.

Because this weekend also is Order of the Arrow weekend and some of the usual adults will be out we are in need of adult volunteers to help out with this outing. Please let us know as soon as possible if you can attend and if you might be able to transport scouts.

Departure Information: PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE!

Meet at the Community Presbyterian Church at 5:00 pm with a prompt departure time of 5:30pm.

Permission Slips and Waivers:

Must be returned by the beginning of the meeting on May 16th.

Cost:

The cost of this outing is \$30 per person.

Gear Needed.

Keep an eye on the weather! Please make sure to pack accordingly. A recommended list of items is available on the Troop 23 website <http://www.troop23.org/media/wintergear.pdf>

Travel information:

It is mandatory that you wear your scout shirt on this outing. Travel Time is about one hour!

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions about the outing.

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