



Troop 23
Starved Rock/Matthiessen Expedition
May 10th-12th, 2019

General Description:

Starved Rock State Park and Matthiessen state parks are situated along the south bank of the Illinois River and Vermillion River, less than 100 miles from Chicago. These beautiful parks have scenic trails and canyons, and panoramic views from tall bluffs which offer a unique contrast to the flatlands of Illinois. Scouts will be hiking any number of 18 canyons formed by glacial melt-water and stream erosion. They slice dramatically through tree-covered, sandstone bluffs.

Scouts will be camping in Starved Rock State Park. Scouts will be planning their expedition hike through Starved Rock on Saturday Morning then returning to camp for lunch and then heading out for their second expedition hike at Matthiessen State Park. This provides the opportunity for younger scouts to work towards a merit badge and older scouts heading to Philmont to participate in a shakedown.

Scouts who are planning to attend Philmont are required to bring their backpacks (all scouts can bring a backpack to participate!).

Departure Information:

We will meet at the Presbyterian Church at 5:30 pm Friday to load up and depart by 6:00pm. Scouts should wear their uniform shirts for travel. We will not stop for Dinner.

Permission Slips and Waivers:

Permission slips and fees need to be returned to the outings coordinator by Tuesday April 30, 2019. Registration can be dropped off at 213 N. Prospect Manor Ave or given to Jim at a meeting anytime prior to the April 30th deadline.

Gear Needed.

Philmont Scouts - bring a backpack for the shakedown.

A checklist is available on the Troop 23 website. Please refer to it. Additionally, it is always wise to pack your rain gear!! <http://www.troop23.org/media/wintergear.pdf>

Cost:

The cost of this outing is \$ 38

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

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