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Super Activity Planning – Disney World

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Home of the Chicken Riders

Each September, we set aside a camping weekend, coinciding with our council's program kickoff, to plan what we want to do for the year. Our members bring their ideas and calendars. We work together to decide the activities on what we want to do. This can range from observing wolves at preserves, to going camping, to getting an NRA certification and having all weekend movie marathons. At this time, we pick the youth facilitator in charge of each event as well as the adult advisor to work with the facilitator.

In August 2014, we held our last super-activity, wherein we took a trip to Williamsburg, Virginia. While there, we went to several historical sites, Busch Gardens, and Norfolk. This year, our former president had an epiphany to go to Disney World. The crew had a vote at the planning weekend and overwhelmingly agreed. There was an idea floating around

to go to the BSA Summit, but Disney was the preferable choice. We wanted to do something different. Many of our members are in scouting, and have been to high adventure bases and conferences. Not many have been to Disney. The choice was obvious.

Naturally, a trip like this requires a lot of preparation. We had to figure out logistics for housing, food, transportation, etc. For this trip, instead of staying at a scout camp, several hours away from Disney World, or staying a hotel which would be fairly expensive, we decided to rent a house for the week. It has amenities such as several bedrooms, a pool, a hot tub, and a billiards table along with other luxuries not found in the forest. We decided to drive down since flying is expensive and we'd need to rent a car down there to get around. We had to create a preliminary budget which will be refined as we get closer to the trip. To help fund a trip like this, we are selling t-shirts. (Please support our cause by purchasing t-shirts at teechip.com/crew473chickenriders).

As the oldest Venturing Crew in the country, we have years of experience in planning activities both small and large. Although this is our newest event, it will not be our last. Viva la Crew 473, home of the Chicken Riders!

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