

Swimming with the Manatees

A truly unique experience that brings you face to face with one of nature's most gentle giants and unfortunately, an endangered species. We will take a 400 mile road trip to Florida to camp and enjoy a 3 hour trip for snorkeling in the Crystal River with "sea cows". The troop only takes this trip once every 3 years (or longer) so don't miss this amazing opportunity. It is like nothing you've ever done before!

When: January 18-20, 2014 (MLK Day Weekend, Sat-Mon)

Sat: Meet at Mountain View UMC in the morning and travel down to Lake Rousseau RV Park & Fishing Resort and camp (lunch on the way and dinner in the camp)

Sun: After a quick hearty breakfast in the camp, be at Birds Underwater at 6 AM to watch a safety video, get our snorkeling equipment, and go on the outing; eat a sack lunch in a local park; and enjoy free time (followed by dinner in the camp)

Mon: Eat breakfast and travel back to Mountain View UMC (lunch on the way)

- Where: Crystal River, Florida
- **Cost:** \$115 includes camping, gas, and outfitter costs; does not include Snorkeling BSA certification, or food (estimate \$15 for two meals en route and \$21for food in camp, TBD by grub master), or extra for souvenirs, extra snacks, etc.

Requirements: Must complete "Snorkeling BSA" Certification (or certified as a scuba diver); also successful Scout swimmer test in last 12 months. Snorkeling BSA and swim test opportunity is 7AM - Dec. 7th at The Dive Shop – sign-up required in advance.