**VETERAN ADVENTURES 2015/2016 TRIPS:**

**October 9-13, 2015- North Carolina Backpacking/Whitewater Rafting: $400 (estimated cost per person)**
During this trip, we will backpack more than 20 miles of the renowned Appalachian Trail in North Carolina and Tennessee, ending with a whitewater rafting adventure on the beautiful Nantahala River. All-inclusive: food, gear, fees, transportation and logistics/guiding.

**December 11-13, 2015- Veteran Deer Hunt: $150 (estimated cost per person)**
Veterans get the chance to bow hunt white-tailed deer on 3,100 protected (rarely hunted) acres of Touch of Nature Environmental Center. During this program, veteran hunters will help the wildlife management plan at Touch of Nature and benefit from the camaraderie of deer camp. Guest speakers will provide information on hunting, trapping, wildlife management, field-dressing/butchering, food preparation and more. All-inclusive: food, lodging, deer stands, guides and gear.

**January 6-14, 2016- Florida Everglades National Park: $700 (estimated cost per person)**
Escape the cold winter of Southern Illinois and travel all the way to Everglades National Park. With canoeing being the primary mode of travel, we will explore the ocean, mangroves, rivers and swamps, and hope to paddle among the manatees. All-inclusive: food, transport, gear, fees and guides.

**January 22-24, 2016- Goose Hunt: $225 (estimated cost per person)**
Veterans will take part in a two-day hunt of Canada geese and snow geese with guides from local waterfowl hunt clubs. Includes club fees, guides, food, transport and lodging at Touch of Nature.

**March 12-20, 2016- Colorado Mountaineering: $550 (estimated cost per person)**
This trip will be an introduction into mountaineering, where we will spend our time in the beautiful Colorado Rockies, climbing to heights of 14,000 above sea level! No previous mountaineering experience needed. All-inclusive: food, gear, transport, fees and logistics/guides.

**May 23-29, 2016- Big South Fork River, Tennessee: $350 (estimated cost per person)**
This awesome river canoe trip will explore the beautiful and wild Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. During the expedition, we will spend six days in the backcountry paddling the swift waters of the Big South Fork River (previous experience helpful, but not necessary). All-inclusive: food, gear, transport, fees and logistics/guides.

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