

## Club News – Escapade at Gillette and “Sew Much Comfort”

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At the Fall 2007 Escapade, many of our members supported our recovering service members by donating new clothing items and participating with the adaptation sewing activities throughout the Escapade. Thirteen Escapees signed up to continue making the adaptive clothing as the travel in their RVs. Our injured veterans are now wearing the clothing that was donated and adapted last fall.

The [Sew Much Comfort](#) national charity that provides adaptive clothing that accommodates the injuries of our troops will be participating at the Gillette Escapade. They will be accepting new clothing items, conducting a seminar, and having continuous sewing activities throughout Escapade. The clothing items that are in high demand are nylon basketball shorts and knit cotton/poly boxer shorts in sizes LG, XL, and 2XL, and quality T-shirts. *(The need for nylon basketball shorts is critical.)* There will be donation boxes at various locations at Escapade to accept your generous donations. The SMC roving representatives, Terilu & Craig Christen # 68617, are again planning on leading the adaptation activities with the help of other SMC-qualified seamstresses. Please stop by to help when you can. They have jobs for volunteers of all levels of sewing skill— from talented sewers to those who have never sewn before. Bring your sewing machine or use one of the extra machines that will be available, or just come by and we will have you do some of the non-sewing preparation tasks. Any time you can give will be very much appreciated and directly support our troops. *Photo: This picture is of a wounded marine amputee holding up boxer shorts he received from Sew Much Comfort.*



From their website, [www.sewmuchcomfort.org](http://www.sewmuchcomfort.org): “Sew Much Comfort, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, is filling the ‘adaptive clothing’ needs for these special patients. Our mission is to design, create, and deliver customized clothing for these brave troops. Adaptive clothing accommodates their medical devices and situations, provides ease of use, personal independence, and minimizes the visual impact of their medical condition. The goal is to provide each soldier with an individually designed and tailored wardrobe of adaptive clothing in order to provide them comfort and maintain their dignity, thereby facilitating the healing process.”

If you cannot attend Escapade, donations of new clothing items can be sent to Sew Much Comfort Distribution Center, 3170 Rodenbeck Dr., Beavercreek, OH 45432. Cash donations can be sent to Michele Cuppy, 13805 Frontier Lane, Burnsville, MN 55337.

**To register for Escapade**, fill out a registration form from *Escapees* magazine and mail it to 100 Rainbow Drive, Livingston, TX, 77351, **or** fax it to 936-327-4388 **or** call 888-757-2582 **or** visit [www.escapees.com/escapade](http://www.escapees.com/escapade). What are you waiting for? Register today! Early registration discounts end May 29. (Add \$10.00 per person after that date.) After May 29, only dry-camp space available.

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