

CLUB NEWS – Escapees Rainbow Parks Offer Something for Everyone

From Escapees RV Club

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Are you looking for fun? Adventure? Sunshine and warmer temperatures? Most Escapees Rainbow Parks are located in the sunbelt states. Check your *Escapees 2009 Travel Guide*, *Escapees* magazine, or Escapees website www.escapees.com/parkpages/index.asp for locations, prices, and complete details. Join some of the nicest RVers you'll ever meet, and enjoy some of the best RV parks in the country while you're at it!

Celebrate Mardi gras the easy way!



Escapees Rainbow Plantation (Summerdale, Alabama) is all geared up for its annual Mardi gras (February 20 – 24). The park is close to capacity, but if you want to join the fun, give them a call **(251-988-8132)** and see if they can squeeze you in.

Escapees North Ranch (Congress, Arizona), on the other hand, is holding its La Fiesta celebrations March 6 – 7. North Ranch's La Fiesta offers a Mardi gras theme this year but with the benefits of the warm desert sun!

La Fiesta activities at North Ranch include:

- Mardi Gras Parade
- Crowning of the King and Queen
- Artisan Showcase and Demonstration
- Crafts (making masks, hats, and beads)
- Mardi Gras Party and Dance
- Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration (North Ranch holds an annual Dutch Oven Roundup where hundreds of participants cook in big black pots!)
- Geo-Cache Contest
- Desert Hike
- Pet Show
- Senior Olympic Games
- And lots of meals!

Woodcarving and Bead Week Rallies follow La Fiesta!

Come to North Ranch early and plan to stay awhile, because just a few weeks after La Fiesta concludes, the annual Woodcarving Rally takes place on March 28 through April 4, 2009. You will enjoy workshops, seminars, and demonstrations. Then, April 5 – 11 is Bead Week! Come learn more about this interesting art or simply enjoy beading alongside others who share your interest. Spectators are welcome.

Wi-Fi upgrade at North Ranch

We recently upgraded the Wi-Fi system at North Ranch to improve its speed and reliability. The system was originally using a satellite system to provide Internet access and was susceptible to the weather interruptions and slow upload speeds that are common with satellite Internet. We are now operating the system on a business-grade DSL line provided by Tabletop Telephone. DSL provides about twice the download speed and much higher upload capacity than the old satellite system. This change should provide a much improved Wi-Fi experience for our guests at the park.

North Ranch has something for everyone

There are many other reasons to put Escapees North Ranch on your travel route. Sports enthusiasts gather here for hiking, biking, geo-caching, rock hounding, prospecting, golfing, and 4-wheeling! They offer a wonderful dog park, so you can take your dog(s) off the leash and let them run and play. Join in a game of pickle ball (a North Ranch favorite activity), or take a stroll through the beautiful garden park residents and guests have created. Or just kick back in a rocker on the porch and watch a sunset. That simple experience alone will make your stay worthwhile.

Even if North Ranch is not in your travel plans right now, put it down as a “must visit” for the future and see for yourself why so many folks consider it one of their favorite locations. And don’t forget to check out all Escapees Rainbow Parks as you travel. Each park has unique charms, specialty activities, and interesting sights to see in their local areas.

Learn more about Escapees Rainbow Parks:

www.escapees.com/parkpages/index.asp

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