Two cadets work through a playing card GLP during LLAB 9 on October 22.

200 Miles Down, 900 More to Go

By C/4C Golueke

Last year, a couple weeks after schools locked down and students were sent home, I set a goal for myself to complete the Ice Age Trail and become the youngest self-supported female to do so.

The Ice Age Trail is roughly 1,100 miles long, carved by glaciers, and spanning from the northwest border of Wisconsin, down to about 10 miles above the Illinois-Wisconsin border, and back up to the eastern tip of Wisconsin’s “tail”.

It took me several months to plan, research, and buy all my food and equipment. In April, I hiked a couple loops only a couple miles long to get the feel of the trail and my maps. In May, I started doing hikes with weight;
I would take my backpack and fill it up to about 15 or 20 pounds so that I could figure out my pace. Then, in June, I would start to backpack for multiple days at a time, hiking and camping in the woods completely by myself (something my mother was not happy about).

If you have insomnia or trouble sleeping, backpacking is the perfect remedy. Wake up at 0500, hike 20 miles in the summer heat, get sunburnt, set up your tent, start a campfire, eat ramen and mashed potatoes, read, and pass out by sundown.

Unfortunately, in July and August, I started to pick up more shifts at my jobs and couldn’t do any more backpacking trips. So, instead, I started running connector routes (roads that connect the trails together) near my town in order to chip away at the mileage.

As of now, I’ve hiked 131.6 miles and ran 65.1 for a total of 196.7 miles and can’t wait to complete more next summer.

**Drama and Dragons**

By C/2nd Lt Hawn

Hello all! I hope ya’ll are staying safe and getting into the holiday spirit, whether you’re at home, visiting family, or staying up in Illinois for the break!

As some of you may know, one of my favorite hobbies is playing the popular tabletop role-playing game, Dungeons and Dragons. Recently, I’ve had the opportunity to take part in IIT’s 33rd Street Productions’ Drama and Dragons project. It’s been fun getting to look forward to this every Tuesday, and it’s been a great way for 33rd St. to continue to produce shows (of a sort) in a safe and socially distanced manner.

We’ve been streaming a Lost Mine of Phandelver campaign over Discord, where I play a Circle of Dreams Druid, which I’m sure sounds like absolute gibberish if you’ve not had the chance to play D&D before.

In addition to some of the recurring members of 33rd Street Productions, the cast and crew includes members from the AFROTC, AROTC, and NROTC programs at IIT, making it a cross-branch event of sorts! In fact, we were also recently able to partner with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS), in order to help fundraise for their Light the Night Fundraiser. The LLS is a group that aims to combat all types of blood cancers by funding research and treatments for patients!
If you are interested:
33rd Street Productions’ Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Fundraising Page:
https://pages.lls.org/ltn/chi/metrochicago20/RMutsky
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Website:
https://www.lls.org/
33rd Street Productions Instagram:
https://www.instagram.com/33rdiit/

Nonogram Puzzle
By C/1st Lt Chrest

The first cadet to solve the nonogram puzzle and send it to C/1st Lt Chrest at chrest.cameron@afrotc.iit.edu will receive a shoutout in the next edition of the warhawk chronicle!
Announcements:

- On 19 December, Detachment 195 will be holding a virtual Christmas Party!

- Stay safe, Stay healthy, Stay active & Stay ICE COLD