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## WEB EXCLUSIVES

### Research topics class braves cold in name of science

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On Jan. 31, the students of Senior Research Science Topics (SRST) went on an overnight trip to Starved Rock State Park. SRST instructor Neil Koreman brought his 14-student class on a two-hour journey outside of Oglesby, IL in order to introduce them to the tactics of survival.

SRST is a class that focuses on four topics: sound, survival, sports, and engineering.

“I worked with other teachers to find subjects that students would like. We’re teaching science by using engaging subject matter,” Koreman said.

At the beginning of the semester, students were informed about this opportunity and were welcomed to attend once field trip forms were released and signed.

“[The students] loved it. It was the first time some of them had ever been in the woods and they know that they did something not many other adults would dare to do,” Koreman said.

According to Koreman, the trip was meant to expose his students to surviving in the wilderness. The students explored topics that they would later address in class for future studies.

“A trip like this is an opportunity to examine how students learn best [and] a trip like this engages student interest,” Koreman said.

Although the trip was meant to introduce the students to the curriculum, there was still room for some fun.

“[It was a ]fantastic trip,” junior Gennes Suduscu and senior Steven Khzakia agreed.



SRST students perform studies at Starved Rock State Park. Photo courtesy Neil Koreman