

The Ski Boonie

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(Saturday Night SNO)

For this month's summer social gathering, how about a baseball game in Jeff City on Saturday eve, July 12th? Game time is 6 pm it's at Ernie Vivion Field off Business 50 (Missouri Blvd) just west of the ice arena and behind the Eagles Lodge. Now, this is a very low level "professional league" of organized baseball, known as the Jeff City Renegades, and in their 9th season. It's only a June – July league with a playoff taking place at the end of July. This Saturday opponent is the Kansas City Monarchs team. Most players are from Missouri college teams across the state, but it's good baseball to watch. Entertaining things take place during innings, and there's door prizes, plus a 50/50 drawing. It's an admission of \$8 or \$5 for seniors. Kids 5 and under are free. There's a group pricing, but that takes more organizing and commitment that I'm doing, cause it's already a low enuf cost. Bleacher seating is both in the open and under a pavilion. Or you can bring in your own folding chair and plop down behind home plate between the two covered bleachers for a ground level view of home plate. Beer for \$4, drinks for \$3 and food available at the concession stand. It's a good way to spend the evening with friends and cheap enjoyment. Following the game (usually over by 8:30), we can travel about a mile and a half west to the Last Flight Brewery on Heizer Rd. and enjoy some beers till 10 pm. Indoor or outdoor benches there. Just turn at Dukes on the Blvd. to get there. Call me or text me if you've thinking of joining in on this Saturday night event next weekend – just so I've got somewhat of an idea of how many might like to attend.

NIANGUA RIVER SUMMER FLOAT Mon-Tues, July 21 & 22, 2025

Ok, boys and girls, it getting to the time where the Topeka group is needing a head count, so let me know if you've got this float trip on your agenda. Always a good time and it's back yet again for a two-day Mon & Tues float of the Niangua River, to the west of Lebanon, MO. It takes about a 2 hour drive to get there. This is a 2-day float trip in conjunction with the Topeka Ski Club, starting with a Sunday evening campout (July 20). This standard 2 day float comes out of Bennett Springs State Park on Monday morning, and we'll float back to our usual campsites at Maggard's Corkery Campground. We've done this float for over a decade, now. The current plan is for primitive camping in a group setting on Sunday and Monday nights, and electric hook-ups are available. First day float is back to the campground, with the second day for floating away to a pick up spot. July 21 & 22 are the planned floating dates, with a bus ride back to the camp site on the 2nd day, a Tuesday, and usually by 1 or 2pm. Camping is also available at the State Park or make arrangements at the area's

Sand Spring Motel, or the State Park even has cabins available. Call me and I'll get your spot in the campgrounds w/Topeka's planning dept. There's usually around a dozen folks taking part in this enjoyable, easy float on one of Missouri's best float streams.

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