

Boy Scouts of America
Great Smoky Mountain Council
Tuckaleechee District
Troop 81

OUTING TRIPLIST

What: **Summer Family Camp**

When: **July 11th to 13th, 2014**

Where: **Big Creek Group Campsite**

<http://hikingthecarolinas.com/directions.php>

Permission slip and \$ due: **Monday, June 30th**

Departure: **Friday – July 11th - Meet at Big Creek Campground**

Check-In Time **Friday- 1:00pm**

Return: **Sunday – July 13th**

Check-Out Time **Sunday- 12:00pm**

Cost: **\$12 per family for campsite + money for activities (see attached)**

Food Cost: **Approximately \$4 per meal (five meals in total)**

Cooking: **TBD- scouts needing Cooking Merit Badge could cook for themselves and two others.**

What to pack: **Follow dump camp equipment list + swim wear & life jacket**

Dress: **Class B Uniforms**

Activities: **Several Options (See Attached): Whitewater Rafting, Zip lining, Horseback Riding, Hiking Intermediate or Moderate Trails, Swimming**

For Info Call: **Christa McGee (865) 335-7653**

Or **Dean Moss (865) 983-1719**

Directions to Big Creek: About 1 hour and 15 minutes from Maryville

Take Interstate 40 East to the North Carolina - Tennessee border. Take exit 451 and drive past the Waterville hydro-electric plant. Drive with care when you return on this road because erosion is causing the roadbed to crumble into the river.

Follow the brown park service signs past the intersection at Mt. Sterling Gap and into the park. Be aware of pick up trucks that are towing horse trailers on this narrow dirt road. The distance from the exit on the interstate to the entrance of the Big Creek area is less than three miles.

Option 1:

Rafting in the Smokies

Rafting Upper Pigeon River Whitewater Rafting Trips



Welcome to Rafting in the Smokies, your best choice for Pigeon River rafting trips for 35 years. The upper section of the Pigeon River boasts 12 Class III and 3 Class IV thrilling whitewater rapids! Accompanied by one of Rafting in the Smokies friendly, professional river guides, you'll be escorted down 5 miles of lively rapids with equally engaging nicknames such as Too Late, Vegamatic, Razor Blade, After Shave, and Lost Guide. No Experience Necessary! This trip is open to anyone 8 years old or older (or 70+ lbs). Life jackets/personal flotation devices (PDFs) are provided and required for all participants, MUST be able to fit in a 58" PDF. Expect big splashes and bumpy waves during this 1.5 hour trip of spectacular whitewater adventure on the Upper Pigeon River!

The scenery surrounding the upper and lower sections of the Pigeon River is just as breathtaking as the rapids. Skirted by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Cherokee National Forest, Martha Sundquist State Forest and the Appalachian Trail, the Pigeon has carved its rocky riverbed through some of the most dramatic country in East Tennessee.

Rafting in the Smokies has the longest operating season and the most amenities available on site. The Pigeon River is dam-controlled with scheduled water releases from Memorial Day through Labor Day on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday. (Occasionally due to rainfall, we are lucky enough to offer rafting trips on Mondays, Fridays and Sundays.)

Reservations are required to ensure that you and your party secure the date and time of your choice.

If someone in your group needs a little less adventure, we can accommodate! Let us help you plan coinciding whitewater and float trips. The portion of the group rafting the Lower Pigeon Float Trip can be scheduled to coincide with the other portion of the group's Upper Pigeon Whitewater Trip.

Although surrounded by spectacular mountain wilderness, the Rafting in the Smokies Pigeon River Outpost is the most accessible outpost in East Tennessee! Just take Exit #447 to Hartford, off I-40 near the Tennessee/North Carolina border and you're there! It's that easy! Located only 45 minutes from Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, Sevierville, and Knoxville, TN, and Asheville, NC. Make this river rafting trip your next whitewater adventure! Summary:

No Experience Necessary!

What to Expect: Big Splashes & Bumpy Waves, Maximum 7 People Per Raft

Minimum Age: 8+ or 70+ lbs

Maximum: Must be able to fit into 58" PDF

Difficulty: Class III & IV

Location: Upper Pigeon River

Length of Rafting Trip: 5 miles/Approx. 2 hours

Safety: Trained Guide in EVERY Raft, Life Jackets Provided & Required

Price: \$42.00 Per Person Plus Tax, a Scout Group Rate may be available based on number in our group.

Reservations Required: Open March-November – Rain or Shine!

Trips Available: Guaranteed water days are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Based on lake levels, we may have trips available other days.

FREE On-Site Amenities Include: Shady Picnic Area, Grills, Swimming Beach, Swing Area for Small Children, Nature Trail

Nominal Charge: Professional Photo of Your Adventure, Gift Shop Items, Meals

Combo Packages Include: Family Float Rafting, Ziplines, Ropes Challenge Course, Horse Back Riding

Option 2:

Rafting in the Smokies

Zipline Tennessee: Canopy Tour in the Smokies

We are proud to offer our new extended Zipline Canopy Tour at a special low rate because we know it adds value to our rafting customers. With a ziplining course that's over a mile long, you will get the best views of Family Adventure Island, the Pigeon River and flora and fauna that can only be seen in the Great Smoky Mountains.

After you receive your safety gear and instruction session with your personal adventure guide, you'll climb high in the air on our impressively constructed zipline tower. Get set for an adrenaline rush as you zip down the racing lines through the treetops. You'll experience a total of 6 ziplines ranging from 60-90 ft and cross 2 skybridges. Our staff photographer will take your picture, which is available for purchase.

Rafting in the Smokies has the longest operating season and the most amenities available on site. You will want to coordinate your Zipline Canopy Tour on the same day as your rafting trip. The Pigeon River is dam-controlled with scheduled water releases from Memorial Day through Labor Day on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday. (Occasionally due to rainfall, we are lucky enough to offer rafting trips on Mondays, Fridays and Sundays.) Reservations are required to ensure that you and your party secure the date and time of your choice.

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Zipline Overview:

No Experience Necessary!

What to Expect: Soar through the air on 6 Ziplines and 2 Sky Bridges ranging from 60-90 feet off the ground and 600-800 feet long!

Weight Requirements: Minimum = 45 lbs & Maximum = 250 lbs

Age Requirement: 5 years old

Difficulty: Moderate because of Tower Steps and once you are on the circuit around the island you must complete it.

Location: Family Adventure Island at the Rafting in the Smokies Outpost

Length of Activity: 1 hour

Safety: Required Helmet and Full Body Harness are Attached to Overhead Belay Cable with Ropes and Carabiners Provided. Our Ziplines are also self braking.

Price: \$44 Per Person Plus Tax, a Scout Group Rate may be available based on number in our group.

Reservations Required. Open March-November. Rain or Shine!

Times Available: Every Day of the Week!!

FREE On-Site Amenities Include: Shady Picnic Area, Grills, Swimming Beach, Swing Area for Small Children, Nature Trail

Nominal Charge: Professional Photo of Your Adventure, Gift Shop Items, Meals

Combo Packages Include: White Water Rafting, Family Float Rafting, Ziplines, Ropes Challenge Course, Horse Back Riding

Option 3:

Rafting in the Smokies

CANOPY TOURS & ROPES CHALLENGE COURSE

Our high elements ropes challenge course and canopy tours currently consists of four skill levels designed to challenge you personally as well as encourage group cooperation. Each level becomes incrementally more difficult from the easiest Class I to the most intense Class IV.

Class I: Canopy Bridge, Free line Bridge, and Sky Hammock

Class II: Painters Planks, Multi Vines, and Balance Beam

Class III: Tension Traverse, Silver Surfer, and Wiggly Poles

Class IV: Space Loops, Monkey Rings, and River Serpents

Our solidly-constructed, stationary course is built high in the trees from pressure treated utility poles as well as other carefully chosen materials. For additional safety, all participants are fitted with a full body harness and attached to an overhead belay cable with ropes and carabiners. If a participant loses footing, he/she will simply be caught by the harness and cable to dangle harmlessly.

Ropes course advocates claim that ropes courses meet a number of educational, developmental, and recreational goals such as physical fitness, personal achievement, and confrontation of fear. Challenges are typically both physical and emotional and may result in such commonly claimed outcomes as the enhancement of:

Cooperation, Decision-making, Self-confidence, Positive Risk-taking, Cohesion, Trust, Self-esteem, Leadership, Goal-setting, and Teamwork.

Challenge your personal boundaries in the breathtaking scenery at the Outpost's Family Adventure Island, with a view of the Pigeon River.

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Ropes Course Summary:

No Experience Necessary!

What to Expect: 12 Different Activities across 4 Different Skill Levels, including Balance Beams, Climbing Nets, Rope Bridges

Minimum Age: 5+

Minimum Weight: 45 lbs (no more than 250 lbs)

Difficulty: Begins Mild and Grows Increasingly Difficult (You can stop at any point.)

Location: Family Adventure Island at the Rafting in the Smokies Outpost

Length of Activity: 30 minutes

Safety: Full Body Harness Attached to Overhead Belay Cable with Ropes and Carabiners Required

Price: \$33 Per Person Plus Tax, a Scout Group Rate may be available based on number in our group.

Reservations Required: Open March-November, Rain or Shine!

Times Available: Every day of the week!!

FREE On-Site Amenities Include: Shady Picnic Area, Grills, Swimming Beach, Swing Area for Small Children, Nature Trail

Nominal Charge: Professional Photo of Your Adventure, Gift Shop Items, Meals

Combo Packages Include: White Water Rafting, Family Float Rafting, Ziplines, Ropes Challenge Course, Horse Back Riding

Option 4:

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Family Adventure Island!

Come take the ropes course challenge, zipline, or raft with us and then explore our 10-acre island at no additional cost. Watch the kids play on the playground, walk an extended nature trail, enjoy a picnic, or wade in the water just off our swimming “beach.”

Adventure Island is a place to relax, unwind, and simply enjoy your family after a day filled with outdoor fun!



- [Zipline](#) through the tree canopy
- Challenge the [High Elements Ropes Course](#)
- Hunt for the [Geocache Location](#)

Check out our [Family Adventure Packages](#) and spend the day with us!

Raft & Zip – Raft & Rope – Raft, Rope & Zip – Paddle & Saddle (horseback riding is off-premise)

[Rafting in the Smokies](#) is a whole lot more than just whitewater! We are your resource for the best Smoky Mountain Vacations!

**PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT
READ BEFORE SIGNING**

ORGANIZATION NAME: RITS, LLC DBA Rafting in the Smokies

PARTICIPANT NAME _____ **Email Address:** _____
ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **ST** _____ **ZIP** _____

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the program, related events and activities, such as rafting,

ziplining/challenge course, I the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death.

2. **I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS**, both known and unknown, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM**

THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation.

3. I willingly agree to comply with terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any unusual significant hazard during

my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately.

4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, **HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS RITS, LLC, DBA RAFTING IN THE SMOKIES**, its officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct

the event (RELEASEES), from any and all claims, demands, losses, and liability arising out of or related to any **INJURY,**

DISABILITY OR DEATH I may suffer, or loss or damage to person or property, **WHETHER ARISING FROM THE**

NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

5. I consent to allow **RITS** to use my photographs at its discretion. All photos taken will remain **RITS** property.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND, ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING

IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

X _____

Participant's Signature AGE DATE

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANT OF MINOR AGE (UNDER 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release

as provided above of all the Releasees, and for myself, my heirs, assigns and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and

hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liability incidents to my minor child's involvement or participation in these

programs as provided above, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES**, to the fullest

extent permitted by law.

X _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Date Emergency Phone Number

PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR TROOP OUTING

Scout's Name: _____

The Scout whose name appears above has my/our permission to attend and participate in the Boy Scout activity scheduled for _____

date of scheduled troop outing

Please check at least one box

- My son will be driving himself to the outing.
- I Plan to attend the outing with my son, and:
 - I can help transport scouts to/from (please circle) the outing.
 - I can help transport equipment to/from (please circle) the outing.
- My vehicle, _____, can accommodate ____ passengers with seat belts.
- I will not be attending the outing, but:
 - I can help transport scouts to/from (please circle) the outing.
 - I can help transport equipment to/from (please circle) the outing.
- My vehicle, _____, can accommodate ____ passengers with seat belts.
- My son needs to leave the outing for the following reason: _____
He must leave camp at _____ AM/PM and return at _____ AM/PM. He will be picked up at camp by the following person(s): _____
- I am not attending and I cannot help in transportation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Parent's

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____

(work) _____

Emergency contact person (other than parents): _____

Phone: (home) _____

(work) _____

Relationship: _____

no yes Is there any restrictions or limitation for this outing? If so, please indicate: _____

no yes Is your son taking any medication? If so, what type and how often: _____

no yes Are there any special instructions or information pertaining to this activity? If so, please indicate: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

signature of parent or legal guardian