

Pre-Camp Leaders Meeting Blue Ridge Scout Reservation

April 2023

ADVENTURE
ADVANCEMENT
EXCITEMENT



All BRSR camps and programs are nationally accredited
by the BSA National Camp Accreditation Program.



MEETING AGENDA

1. Adult leader training opportunities
2. High adventure program changes
3. Camp registration progress
4. What to bring for check-in
5. Time for questions



Adult Leader Training Opportunities



- Introduction to Outdoor Skills
- Climb on Safely
- Safe Swim Defense
- Safety Afloat
- CPR/First Aid

If you have a class you are interested in teaching while at camp, let us know!

Canoe the New CANCELLED



- All Scouts signed up have been contacted and moved to other high adventure programs
- Will reassess this program at the end of the summer and possibly make changes for the future
- Weeks 3 and 5 of High Knoll program also canceled

WHAT IS CHANGING?

New River Adventure

Claytor Lake Aquatics



Program		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Non-Water Based Programs (No Swim Test Required)	Low COPE	X				
	High COPE		X			X
	Rock Climbing			X		
	Caving				X	
	ATVs †					X
	Horseback Riding		X			
Water Based Programs (Swim Test Required)	Canoeing			X		X
	Rafting			X	X	
	CLAB		X		X	
	PWCs * †		Two-Day Program		Two-Day Program	
	SCUBA	Full Week Program				

* Personal Watercraft is a two day program and requires a boating license prior to arrival

† Minimum age for participation is 16 by the first day of the program

Program	Days	Program Description	Note: Minimum age of 14 for all programs
Low COPE	Monday	All participants (except SCUBA participants) begin the week with Low COPE on the Camp Powhatan Challenge Course.	
High COPE	Tuesday Friday	Participants will have the opportunity to rock climb & rappel the four-story tower & attempt 6-8 high ropes course elements.	
Rock Climbing	Wednesday	Participants will climb natural rock in the New River Gorge or at BRSR's Point Camp guided by Reservation Staff.	
Caving	Thursday	Participants will explore a wild cave in the New River Valley guided by Reservation Staff.	
ATVs	Friday	Participants will take the ATV safety course in the morning followed by a 10+ mile trail ride in the afternoon. Participants must be 16 years old and complete the online ATV safety course prior to arrival at camp. * † ‡	
Horseback Riding	Tuesday	Participants will travel to Winterfrost Farm for a group riding lesson followed by a trail ride to a beautiful lunch stop. They will ride back to the barn in the afternoon.	

Whitewater Canoeing	Wednesday Friday	Participants will spend the day whitewater canoeing a section of the New River in Southwest Virginia guided by Reservation Staff.
Whitewater Rafting	Wednesday Thursday	Participants will travel to the New River Gorge and spend the day whitewater rafting Class II-IV rapids on the New River. Some groups will travel to the NRG the night before depending on available rafting times.
Claytor Lake Basic Water Day	Tuesday Thursday	Participants will travel to the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base and have the opportunity to do a variety of programs including: stand up paddle board, wakeboarding, small boat sailing, and motorboating.
Personal Watercraft	Tue & Wed or Thurs & Fri	Participants will travel to the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base two days in a row and complete the BSA Personal Watercraft Training. Participants must be at least 16 and complete the boaters safety course prior to arrival. * † ‡
SCUBA	Monday through Friday	Participants will travel to the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base each day & learn to SCUBA dive and have the opportunity to earn their PADI open water dive certification. Note: these scouts will not participate in Low COPE. †

*** Indicates a program with a minimum age of 16 by the first day of the program**

† Indicates a program with an additional program cost

‡ Indicates a program with prerequisites

- ATVs - Online Portion of ATV Safety Course
- Personal Watercraft - Online Boater Safety Course and Boating License

Camp Registration Notes



- Please add profile information to Black Pug registration for all individuals
 - Includes: member ID, rank, date of birth, and YPT certification for adults
- If a registration has “missing information” they will not be able to check out or make changes
- We want to avoid people coming to camp with outstanding balances

What do you need to bring for successful camp check-in?

1. **Medical forms A, B, and C** for EVERY person staying at camp, including adults (additional, separate medical form required for SCUBA participation)
2. **Unit Health Officer Form** should you choose to keep your Troop's medications in the unit; prescription medical dosing forms for your unit participants should you choose to hand their meds over to the Health officers
3. **Any pre-requisite training completions** that are required for your Scouts AND adults participating in personal watercraft and/or ATV
4. **Signed parent waivers** for SCUBA, PWC, ATV, and Cowboy Action Shoot
5. **Council-specific accident AND liability insurance** information (You may need to contact your service center for a "COI" (certificate of insurance))
6. **Scoutbook or my.scouting roster** of your troop to prove active membership for ALL participants, including adults
7. **Separate rosters** for all Scouts and adults participating in different programs (NRA/Claytor, BSI, Base Camp, HK, and BRM)

QUESTIONS?

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