



New River Adventure

SPECIALTY TREK

The Ultimate High Adventure Challenge

If you are a thrill-seeker looking for a rollercoaster week of challenge and fun, look no further than the New River Adventure Program. This program combines teamwork, leadership, and the confidence-building activities of a nationally accredited COPE course with the thrills, skills, and challenges of high adventure programs ranging from white water rafting to ice climbing.

Prepare For The Adventure

Who can participate?	Swimmers who are at least 13 years old by January 1 of the year attending that can pass the BSA Swimmer's Test. If you cannot pass the test, you will not be allowed to participate in water activities including white water rafting and white water canoe.
What kind of leadership do we need?	Our program staff provides the primary adult leadership for New River Adventure Groups during activity and travel; however, we encourage adults to participate (why should the kids have all the fun?). The only exception for this rule concerns co-ed Venture Crews that must send at least one female adult leader if there are female crew members.
How do we get to all the activities?	The New River Staff will provide transportation to and from all activities in either school buses or 15-passenger vans. Adults can earn credit toward the Leader's Award by offering to assist with driving.
Where will we stay?	Participants will stay at Powhatan either with their own troops or in provisional sites dedicated to New River Adventure. Groups that receive the New River Gorge Climbing option will spend one night at our outpost in West Virginia.
With whom will we participate?	Participants will be combined into groups of 10-20 scouts and adult leaders based on the optional day choice. When possible, (depending on size) we will group your unit together.
What kind of special gear do I need?	New River Adventure provides certified, high-quality gear for all of its activities. However, each program requires specific personal gear (see page 2) that helps to ensure your safety and enjoyment of the program: (A small backpack will be helpful for carrying gear to and from programs).
What does "optional day" mean?	Everyone in the NRA Program will participate in two days of COPE and a day each of white water canoeing and white water rafting. Your group must select an optional day program and submit the form from this guide. Selections will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis; but no choice is guaranteed.



Remember to Bring:

- BSA National Medical Form
- Signed ATV Waiver (page 5)
- Tour Plan (out of council)
- Proof of Troop Insurance (out of council)
- Please print and bring 2 copies of your completed NRA Roster



All Camps and Programs have been Nationally Accredited through the BSA NCAP Accreditation Program



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Your Week at Camp

Sunday

- Arrive at camp, send one leader with required forms to the scoutcraft shelter, the rest of the troop will follow the troop guide to their campsite and unload. If a scout is a provisional, they need to report to check in before going to their campsite.
- Once all the gear is dropped off at the campsite, the troop guide will take the group to Med checks, and then to the waterfront for swim tests. All New River Adventure participants must pass a swim test at camp with a "swimmer" proficiency in order to go canoeing and whitewater rafting.
- After completing swim checks, participants are free until dinner. After dinner, participants will line up on the parade field to meet for the welcoming campfire. Your schedule will be posted in the Centennial Training Center Sunday afternoon before campfire. While waiting to go to campfire, swing by the CTC and look at your schedule.

Monday - Friday

- Your schedule will depend upon which activity your group will be doing that day. All the activities will start after breakfast, so be prepared and bring all the items necessary for that day's activity.

Friday Night After the Order of the Arrow Campfire:

- Have Scouts pack all their belongings except those needed Friday night and Saturday morning.
- Pack all troop gear.
- Check to make sure you received the correct number of participant's patches.
- Complete the camp evaluation and reserve your spot for next year.
- If members of your unit need to get from Powhatan to Ottari, either arrange for someone in your troop to pick the participants up, or let the camp office know prior to Friday so arrangements can be made for Saturday morning.

SPECIFIC PERSONAL GEAR NEEDED FOR NEW RIVER ADVENTURE PROGRAMS:

Low COPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed-toe shoes • Sturdy pants or shorts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunscreen • Water bottle
High COPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed-toe shoes • Sturdy pants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunscreen • Water bottle
Ice Climbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed-toe shoes • Sturdy pants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunscreen • Water bottle
Natural Rock Climbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daypack • Rain gear • Water bottle • Bug spray • Boots or sturdy shoes (climbing shoes if you have them) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long pants • Gloves • \$20 for dinner in WV • Sunscreen • Overnight bag with toiletries and sleeping bag.
Rafting/Canoeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed-toe shoes • Sunscreen • Sunglasses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bathing suit • Water bottle • Dry clothes for ride home • Hat
ATV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long sleeves • Long pants <p>Participants must also have a signed waiver turned in before participating</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over-the-ankle boots
Caving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long pants • Long-sleeve shirt • Closed-toe shoes <p>Note: Cave mud will permanently stain clothing!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloves recommended • Change of clothes and shoes for ride back • Water bottle



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Option 1–Caving (limit of 8 per day)

Those selecting the Caving option will explore one of the many limestone caves located throughout the New River Valley. Be prepared to get muddy as you experience total darkness, learn about cave formation and practice low-impact caving techniques. Note: cave mud will permanently stain clothing.

Option 2–Ice Climbing (limit of 25 per day)

Located next to the COPE Course is our 50-foot tall climbing tower. Groups will spend the day learning about traditional climbing and rappelling and more advanced techniques including dry tooling and ice climbing. Many requirements for Climbing merit badge may be earned during these sessions, please let the instructor know if your group is interested and bring a blue card if required.

Option 3–Natural Rock Climbing in the New River Gorge (Limited to 10 climbers per day)

If you like the feel of a climbing harness, the cool touch of natural rock, and the taste of sweat as adrenalin pumps through your system, then this is the program for you. Scouts who choose this option learn basic climbing skills in the New River Gorge. Participants will spend one night in our outpost in West Virginia. The crew will eat out for dinner and have the opportunity to purchase snacks, so bring \$15–20. Due to National Park Permit requirements, groups with more than ten people will be split up and have separate schedules for the week.

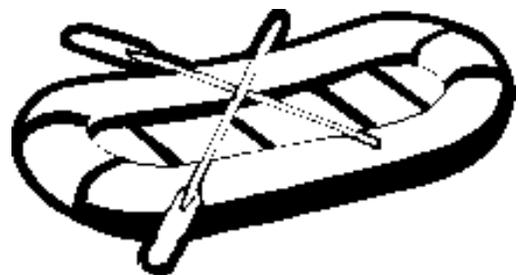
Venturers should complete all but requirement 9 of the Ranger Mountaineering elective and a large portion of the COPE elective.

Option 4–All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) (limited to 8)

Those selecting the ATV option will spend the entire day learning how to safely control and maintain an ATV, while completing the ATV Safety Riders Course. There will be a long trail ride after the successful completion of the course through the scenic property of the BRSR. The ATV Institute requires that all participants wear long sleeves, long pants, and over-the-ankle boots. Participants must bring these items to camp if they wish to participate in the ATV program. There is an additional fee of \$50 for this program.

Option 5–Cowboy Action Shooting (limited to 12)

Cowboy Action Shooting is a competitive, multi-gun match using a combination of pistol, rifle, and shotgun on an “Old West Themed” Course. Participants will dress up in appropriate theme costume and compete against one another in this fun role-playing event





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Optional Day Selection Form

Return by April 1st to:

or Fax: (540) 265-0659
shirleyn@bsa-brmc.org

Camp Registrar
Blue Ridge Mountains Council, BSA
P.O. Box 7606
Roanoke, VA 24019

Dates for attending camp: _____

Number of Youth: _____ Number of Adult Leaders: _____

Unit #: _____ Council: _____

Adult Contact: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone: (____) _____

If we do not receive your selections by April 1st, we will select an optional program for you. All selections must be made as a group.

Please indicate the top three choices of optional day for your group. If your group size exceeds the maximum limit for an desired optional day, please select two optional days as your number 1 choice, and indicate the number of people in your group who want to do that activity.

- _____ Option 1 - Caving (limit 8)
- _____ Option 2 - Ice Climbing (limit 25)
- _____ Option 3 - Climbing in New River Gorge (limit 10)
- _____ Option 4 - ATV (Costs an additional \$50) (limit 8)
- _____ Option 5 - Cowboy Action Shooting (limit 12)

In order to serve you better, please list below any special needs (physical or dietary) that your group might have:



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All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Program

Participation and Hold-Harmless Agreement

Camp New River Adventure

Camp New River Adventure from the Blue Ridge Mountains Council will be conducting an ATV program at camp. Scouts will be instructed how to ride on and drive an ATV. Scouts will be taught ATV safety and will drive on a training course, then on approved trails only. Scouts will be on the unit individually and in control of the power and brakes. Scouts will be required to wear a helmet, goggles, gloves, over-the-ankle boots, long-sleeve shirts, and long pants. Scouts are expected to abide by all safety rules and the instructions of the camp instructor(s).

I, the undersigned, give my child, _____, permission to participate in this program. I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for my child to participate in the activity. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by the rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the ATV Safety Institute, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

For safety, my child and I agree that he/she will do the following or he/she will be removed from the program. Because space is limited, any additional cost associated with participation in this program will not be refunded.

1. Complete the ATV safety class taught at Camp New River Adventure.
2. Wear all required safety gear at all times on or around the equipment.
3. Follow all safety rules provided in the training class.
4. Follow the instructions of the camp staff instructor(s).
5. Maintain control of the ATV at all times and remain within the speed determined to be safe by the camp instructor(s).
6. Be in full compliance with all local, state, and federal guidelines, including age restrictions and original equipment manufacturer standards.
7. Respond to the camp satisfaction survey from the Boy Scouts of America as it evaluates the ATV program.

Participant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian printed name: _____ Date: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address (for survey purposes only): _____



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BACK?**



POST-SEASON RAFTING!

Don't let the fun end! Join the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation's New River Adventure rafting team for post-season New River rafting trips! It is open to all adults, Scouts 14 & up and Venturers!

These trips will run from July 31 - August 4, 2017

Visit the Council website at this link for more information:

<https://bsa-brmc.org/node/9832>

WANT A VIDEO?

If you would like a video of your whitewater rafting day during New River Adventure, see the form on the next page.





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New River Adventure Whitewater Rafting Video Order form

Please print so we can get the video to you as quickly as possible!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Troop/Crew Number: _____

Day of the trip (Circle one):

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Date of trip: _____

Numbers of copies desired: _____

\$20 per copy or 4 for \$60 (Buy three get one free!!!)

Total: \$ _____

Trading Post staff signature: _____

Bring this form and payment with you to camp.