

Permission Slip
White Water Rafting Trip
Troop 114, Valatie, NY

I give my child(ren) _____ **Permission to participate in the Hudson River Gorge Spring Raft Trip on Saturday, May 20th, 2017.**

In the event of an emergency, I give permission to emergency medical personnel to take necessary steps to protect his health and safety.

Parent Signature _____

Emergency Phone _____

A Parent will be attending with the Scout

Parent can drive (Vehicle total capacity _____)

Notes: _____

You must have passed 1st class swim requirements within the last year (100 yard swim test AKA Swimmer @ Rotary). If you haven't done this test, we can set up an opportunity for you to do so at a local pool.

A Non-Refundable \$67.00 fee per Scout or other attendee is due when you return this permission slip. You will also need to complete the liability waiver from the rafting company. Additional \$5 fee for BBQ may be requested at a later date.

Return this permission slip and the above fee by the April 25th Troop meeting.

Keep this portion for your information

Trip Information: Please meet at the Church by 6:30am on Saturday the 20th. We will **LEAVE** the Church no later than 6:45am. Eat breakfast before you come (or bring it to eat en route). We will drive approximately 1 hour, 50 minutes to Wild Waters Outdoor Center in Warrensburg, NY. Our check-in time is 8:45, so please be on time and ready to go, and have with you all items you want.

Plan returning to the Church at approximately 8:00pm the same day (give or take – rafting trip runs till 4pm, then dinner and return trip to Valatie).

From the ARO Website (<http://www.roadventures.com/hudson-river>)

The Hudson River is a 17 mile wilderness rafting trip beginning on the Indian River and continuing through the Hudson River Gorge, with great whitewater and spectacular Adirondack scenery. It is the longest stretch of whitewater in New York and is considered the "Grand Daddy" of N.Y. Rivers.

Our Hudson River rafting season begins in April and runs into October. Spring is "Big Water" season. It will provide you with all the excitement and heart pumping adrenaline you can handle. As we move into late spring and early summer, water levels and weather conditions mellow a bit. The river becomes a perfect trip for anyone with an adventurous spirit.

Just when you thought the trip was over, we serve our famous chicken BBQ. As the adventure winds down everyone relaxes and the tales begin. You relive the day with your friends, both old and new. Many of our guides are master storytellers, and your accomplishments may become part of a future tale. Occasionally their stories actually reflect reality. A rafting trip on the Hudson is not to be forgotten.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RAFTING

WHAT TO WEAR: - Bathing suit - Quick-dry clothing (please stay away from cotton garments as they have a tendency to keep you colder) - Old sneakers, Water shoes, Texas, etc. (you want something on your foot that can get wet but is not going to fall off — no flip-flops or crocs) – For colder weather trips, Poly-pro or other synthetic long underwear - Wool socks

WHAT TO BRING: - Change of clothes for after trip - Extra shoes - Towel

WHAT NOT TO BRING: Leave all valuables at home; jewelry, watches, cameras that are not waterproof, electronic devices and similar (or lock up in the vehicle if you must have them during travel).

The fee paid for the Trip Includes: Helmet, PFD, paddle, wetsuit & booties, lunch, (probably dinner), transportation & NYS Licensed guides.

P.S. – The cost is pretty good – the slip I pulled to make this one is from 2008 (the last time we did an Adirondack rafting), and at that time the cost was \$63. So, not much of a change in 9 years...

FOR INFO – Those who have done one of the trips the last several years on the Deerfield River in Massachusetts – the rapids there are generally Class II (Two). This company indicates that rapids on the Hudson Gorge generally run Class III – Class IV (Three to Four), with an occasional Class V (Five) if the water level is high (which depends on the weather from now till then). So this trip will be more difficult than ones you've done in the past, but nothing that Scouts can't handle (with adult and guide supervision).