



# TROOP 175 POOP SHEET

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## Raccoon Mountain Caving Trip: January 19, 2019

<b>WHAT:</b>	<b>Guided Caving Expedition:</b> 2 hour wild cave crawl (definitely <i>NOT</i> Rock City or Ruby Falls!)
<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>Raccoon Mountain Caverns</b> 319 West Hills Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37419
<b>LEAVE:</b>	<b>7:30 a.m. Saturday, January 19, 2019</b> from the Scout Hut parking lot.
<b>RETURN:</b>	<b>Saturday, January 19 around 5 p.m.</b> to the Scout Hut parking lot.
<b>FOOD:</b>	<b>BRING a bag lunch</b> for Saturday. Bring money for lunch on the way home.
<b>NOTES:</b>	Permission Slip AND Raccoon Mountain Waiver REQUIRED – NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Payment and waivers required from adults who wish to enter the cave (not required if you just wish to drive) <b>You WILL get muddy in the cave. Showers are on site to get cleaned up before the ride home. Bring a change of clothes &amp; shoes to wear on the ride home as well as soap and a towel.</b>

**EMERGENCY CONTACT: Kevin Wyatt – 404-735-6357 | WE TRAVEL IN CLASS A UNIFORM**

INDIVIDUAL	WEAR	PACK	INDIVIDUAL	BRING	PATROL	BRING
Class A Uniform	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sleeping bag & pad	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tarp	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jacket & hat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tent, pegs, poles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cook kit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Old shoes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ground cloth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stove & fuel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rainwear	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Compass & matches	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dish-wash kit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sweatshirt/warm shirt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Backpack / daypack	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trash bags	<input type="checkbox"/>
Class B t-shirt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Toilet kit (with TP!)	<input type="checkbox"/>	First-aid kit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extra clothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Flashlight	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Extra shoes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Folding pocket knife	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: <b>Trash bag for muddy clothes</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Swim suit & towel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eating utensils	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: <b>Soap &amp; Towel</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bug repellent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Canteen/water bottle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunscreen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moleskin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

### PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE AND WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY

In consideration of the benefits to be derived and in view of the fact that the Boy Scouts of America is an educational institution, membership in which is voluntary, and having full confidence that every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of my son, \_\_\_\_\_, on the trip to **Raccoon Mountain Caverns**, I agree to his participation and waive all claims against the leaders of this trip, officers, agents, and representatives of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Troop's sponsoring Organization. In the event of an emergency, the leader of the activity has my permission to obtain medical treatment for my son at the nearest hospital or doctor, at my expense.

**Allergies?** Please list (esp. food or insects): \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost: \$30.00** Please circle: **Cash** **Check** (payable to Troop 175) **Use my Scout Funds**

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**\*DEADLINE:** Scout must turn in signed permission form & payment by: **Tuesday, 1/8/19\***

**PARTICIPANT GENERAL RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK  
AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

***(PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY, BY SIGNING IT, YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR AND/OR  
YOUR MINOR'S LEGAL RIGHTS)***

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the services and activities at the Raccoon Mountain Caverns and Campground, including, but not limited to, the Raccoon Mountain Caverns, the Raccoon Mountain Wild Cave Adventure, the Raccoon Mountain Crystal Palace Tour and/or the Campground (collectively the "ACTIVITIES"), I, on behalf of myself, and/or on behalf of my minor child(ren)/ward(s), hereby agree to forever release, indemnify and discharge Raccoon Mountain Caverns and Campground, LLC ("RMCC") as well as its agents, owners, officers, directors, principals, volunteers, participants, clients, customers, invitees, employees, independent contractors, insurers, facility operators, land and/or premises owners, and any and all other persons and entities acting in any capacity on its behalf (collectively the "RELEASED PARTIES"). This Release is provided on behalf of myself, my spouse, legal partner, children, parents, guardians, heirs, assigns, personal representatives and estate, and all other persons and entities who could in any way represent me or act on my behalf as follows:

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(1) **RELEASE OF LIABILITY:** Despite all known and unknown risks, I hereby expressly, voluntarily and fully release, acquit, satisfy and forever discharge RMCC and the RELEASED PARTIES and agree to hold them harmless of and from any and all claims and demands whatsoever in law or in equity, including, but not limited to, any and all claims which allege negligent acts and/or omissions committed by RMCC or the RELEASED PARTIES, which may result in any damage, loss, personal injury, or death to me or my child(ren)/ward(s), while participating in or as a result of participating in any of the ACTIVITIES. This a complete release which is effective and valid regardless of comparative fault on the part of RMCC or any of the RELEASED PARTIES.

(2) **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I fully understand and acknowledge that there are risks and dangers, both foreseeable and unforeseeable, that may exist in participation of the ACTIVITIES. By my participation or the participation of my child(ren)/ward(s), in the ACTIVITIES, I hereby assume all risks and dangers and all responsibility for any and all injuries, losses and/or damages, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence or other conduct of RMCC or the RELEASED PARTIES.

(3) **INDEMNIFICATION:** I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless RMCC and the RELEASED PARTIES from and against any and all losses, liabilities, claims, obligations, costs, damages and/or expenses whatsoever paid, incurred and/or suffered by RMCC or the RELEASED PARTIES, including, but not limited to, any and all attorneys' fees, costs, damages and/or judgments that RMCC or the RELEASED PARTIES incur in the event that I or my minor child(ren)/ward(s) cause any injury, damage and/or harm to RMCC or the RELEASED PARTIES. To the extent that my child(ren) or anyone on behalf of whom I am signing this Release, makes any claim against RMCC or the RELEASED PARTIES, I agree to indemnify and hold each of them harmless for any and all expenses, judgments, attorney's fees or other costs associated with or incurred as a result of such claim.

(4) **ATTORNEYS' FEES:** I promise to indemnify RMCC and/or the RELEASED PARTIES for any attorneys' fees and/or costs incurred to enforce this agreement, including all costs associated with any collection efforts.

(5) **PHOTO RELEASE:** By entering Raccoon Mountain Cavern & Campground and participating in the ACTIVITIES, I hereby grant RMCC on behalf of myself and on behalf of my child(ren)/ward(s), the irrevocable right and permission to photograph and/or record me or my child(ren)/ward(s) in connection with the ACTIVITIES and to

use the photograph and/or recording for all purposes, including advertising and promotional purposes, in any manner and any media without restriction as to alteration. I waive any right to inspect or approve the use of any photograph and/or recording, and acknowledge and agree that the rights granted herein are without compensation of any kind.

**(6) TERMS OF AGREEMENT:** I understand that this agreement extends forever into the future and will have full force and legal effect each and every time I or my child(ren)/ward(s) visit Raccoon Mountain Cavern & Campground and participation in any of the ACTIVITIES.

**(7) VENUE/ARBITRATION:** In the event a lawsuit is filed against RMCC, I agree to the sole and exclusive venue of Hamilton County. I further agree that the substantive law of Tennessee shall apply without regard to any conflict of law rules. I also agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portion shall remain in full force and effect. Any controversy between the parties hereto involving any claim arising out of or relating to a reach of this agreement shall be submitted to and be settled by final and binding arbitration in Hamilton County, Tennessee, in accordance with the then current Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association.

### SIGNATURES

**By signing this document, I understand that I may be found by a court to have forever waived my and my child(ren)/ward(s) right to maintain any action against RMCC or the RELEASED PARTIES on the basis of any claim I may have against them. I have had a reasonable and sufficient opportunity to read and understand this entire document and consult with legal counsel or have voluntarily waived my right to do so. I knowingly and voluntarily agree to be bound by all terms and conditions set forth herein.**

ADULT FAMILY MEMBERS:

Adult #1 First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Adult #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult #2 First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Adult #2: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTER FULL NAME AND BIRTHDATE OF ALL FAMILY MEMBERS UNDER THE AGE OF 18

First Name #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name #4: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name #4: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

We reserve the right to review your license and/or other forms of ID to verify identify and age.

## Raccoon Mountain Caverns Wild Cave Expedition Checklist

### What to Wear:

- **Full length pants are required.** Sturdy pants (such as jeans or cargo pants) with buttons or zippers are recommended as elastic waistbands (sweatpants, leggings, etc.) tend to rip or be pulled down or off when belly crawling. **Shorts are not permitted.**
- **Long-sleeved shirts are required.** Light weight t-shirts or button-down flannel-style shirts work best. Sweatshirts and jackets are too hot, even with the cave temperature at 58 degrees. Keep in mind that low cut shirts may be revealing when crawling. **Short sleeved shirts are not permitted.**
- **Sturdy, lace-up, close-toed shoes such as boots or athletic shoes with good traction are required.** Slip-on, open-toed, and barefoot/five-toe shoes are not permitted, as these are dangerous on the rocks. Note: your feet will go through water.
- Participants that arrive in improper attire WILL NOT be permitted on the tour. No exceptions.
- **No personal caving equipment is permitted on tours.** Raccoon Mountain provides helmets, lights, gloves and knee pads that must be worn at all times during the tour.

### Important Information:

- With the exception of the Canyon Crawl tour, all tours have a minimum height requirement of 56" and a maximum weight of 275 lbs. A maximum bodily circumference of 56" applies to all tours. No exceptions can be made to these requirements.
- The Canyon Crawl tour is a moderate tour; the minimum age for this tour 6. The Fossil Crawl, Echo Room, and Waterfall Dome tours are strenuous tours; the minimum age for these tours is 8. The Gypsum Crawl tour is a very strenuous tour; the minimum age for this tour is 10 and previous caving experience is required. No exceptions can be made to these requirements.
- Tours run rain or shine. In the event of prolonged or extreme weather, some tours may need to be rescheduled.
- Tours are physically challenging and not recommended for pregnant individuals, or those with heart conditions or recent surgery. Alert the staff before your tour about any medical conditions that could affect the tour: asthma, diabetes, bad knees or back, autism, claustrophobia, fear of heights, required medications etc. Guides must be aware of these before entering the cave.
- The tour features significant amounts of crawling (hands-and-knees and belly crawling), climbing (with and without ropes), and sliding. The cave is muddy, wet, and slippery at many locations. Raccoon Mountain gear must be worn at all times.
- Do not eat a large meal before your tour. The crawling and climbing portion will tax you, especially if you are not used to extreme physical exertion. Use the restroom before the tour, as restrooms are not available at any point inside the cave.
- Please note that any items brought into the cave are at risk of damage or loss. Food and beverages are not permitted. Cameras are permitted, but tours are fast paced and allow minimal stopping for photos. Recording of the tour in its entirety is not permitted.
- Adult chaperones must actively supervise their group throughout the entirety of the tour. Horseplay, pushing, shoving, jumping, name carving and mud throwing are not permitted, as they can lead to injury or damage to the cave.
- The cave environment and ecosystem is fragile and potentially dangerous. Do not touch or disturb any cave wildlife. Stay on the trail and do not damage the formations or water drops on the formations, as the cave is still actively growing. The entire group stays together for the duration of the tour. No solo exploration is permitted.
- Participants are required to listen to and abide by all instructions from the guide at all times during the tour. Failure to do so may result in injury and/or early termination of the expedition.

### After the Tour:

- A complete change of clothes is recommended. Follow guide instructions on de-gearing and post-caving procedure. Bathhouse showers on the campground are available, but please be courteous of others sharing the space.
- Group leaders must maintain supervision of their group while at the bathhouse and leave it in a clean and undamaged state.

### Financial Liability:

- **You will be charged an additional fee of \$300 if your group damages or leaves the bathhouse in an exceptionally dirty state.**
- **Under Tennessee state law, there is up to a \$1,000 fine for damage to the formations or cave in any manner.**
- **A fee of \$50 will be charged for use of any emergency toilet in the cave. Any damage to the cave surface from bodily fluids (including saliva) will result in a \$250 clean-up fee. 99% of the time the accidents can be avoided by proper preparation.**

### Cancellation Policy:

Payment is due in full when reserving a tour (with the exception of large groups). There are no cancellations or refunds. If you fail to arrive for your tour, we incur all the same expenses and may have turned others away; therefore, guests who fail to show for a tour, fail to arrive at the scheduled time, or back out of the tour will not be refunded the tour price. With at least 48 hours notice, you have the option to reschedule your tour.

Entering the cave indicates acceptance of all policies and financial responsibilities put forth by Raccoon Mountain Caverns. We reserve the right to deny entry or prematurely terminate tours for violation of any rules or policies.