

24TH WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE **RIVER RAFTING**

GUIDE



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IMPORTANT:

Please read the instructions in the 24th World Scout Jamboree River Rafting Guide carefully. Arriving at the river rafting program area properly prepared will make your rafting trip more enjoyable.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:



WSJAdventure.org

RIVER RAFTING

OVERVIEW

River rafting is a prescheduled event. Each unit will be assigned a specific time, and a set number of participants eligible to go rafting. Units must raft on their assigned day and time. Each unit is limited to the their assigned allotment of rafting spots. As a courtesy to all other units and rafters, no exceptions will be made.



RIVER RAFTING

SCHEDULE

JULY 23	8 a.m. & 11 a.m.	JULY 29	8 a.m., 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.
JULY 24	8 a.m., 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.	JULY 30	8 a.m., 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.
JULY 25	8 a.m., 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.	JULY 31	8 a.m., 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.
JULY 28	11 a.m. & 2 p.m.	AUGUST 1	8 a.m. & 11 a.m.

In most cases, rafting participants from the same units will be scheduled for the same rafting time. Units should arrive 10 to 15 minutes prior to their scheduled rafting time (there is no need to arrive any earlier). Be on time - participants arriving late **may not** have an opportunity to raft.

Units rafting at 8 a.m. can store their lunch in the gear storage. Units rafting at the 11 a.m. time slot should eat their lunch prior to entering the rafting check-in line. Lunch is not permitted on the rafts.

Time to complete: Depending on river conditions, the river rafting experience takes four to six hours to complete.

RIVER RAFTING

CHECK-IN INFORMATION

The river rafting check-in location is north of Pigott Base Camp (Delta / Durham Castle). There will be a large registration tent with signage for river rafting.



RAFTING WAIVER

A signed waiver is required to participate in river rafting. Participants under the age of 18 must have a waiver signed by their parent or guardian. Participants must have completed the river rafting waiver during the 24th World Scout Jamboree registration process and checked “yes” to be eligible to participate.

PLEASE NOTE:

No additional waiver to participate is required. Waivers will not be available on-site.



CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

Rafters should arrive to the river rafting check-in location at the indicated time on their rafting roster. The trip will depart after the following check-in process is complete. **Units may be split between buses and rafts.** Adult leadership should also be split amongst rafts.

1. Fill water bottles prior to entering the check-in line. Water will be available at the river rafting check-in site.
2. Enter the river rafting check-in line only when your entire group is present (look for signage).
3. River rafting staff will review the roster to confirm the assigned date and time. River rafting staff will also ensure that the number of rafters present does not exceed the unit's allocation.
4. While in-line a mandatory safety video (with French and Spanish subtitles) will be shown. Rafters must remain quiet so everyone can hear.
5. Upon reaching the registration table the roster will be handed to the rafting staff member, who will confirm the name of the participant is on the roster and collect each participant's ticket. The rafting staff member will verify that the number of participants and the number of tickets corresponds with the number of slots allocated for the rafting date and time. *Participants without a ticket will not be processed and must wait in the stand-by line.*
6. NOVUS wrist bands will be scanned to check if participants completed the river rafting waiver and checked "yes" to rafting during the registration process.
7. Rafting staff will confirm that participants possess any medication, Epi-pens, or other medical necessities.
8. River rafting wrist bands will be distributed to correspond with an assigned bus. All rafters are assigned a color group for the entire trip.

PLEASE NOTE:

Participants **MUST** remain with their assigned color group for travel to/from the river and while rafting. *We will do our best to keep units together, however units may be split into different color groups in order to fill every bus.*

9. Each unit will be provided bins to store their personal gear while rafting. Space is limited, so please try to reduce the items brought to rafting.

PLEASE NOTE:

The 24th World Scout Jamboree and River Rafting staff are not responsible for items left in the gear storage area.

10. Proceed to the bus line that matches your river rafting colored wrist band and wait to be loaded onto a bus.
11. When boarding the bus, participants who wish to earn the "River Experience" NOVUS badge will scan their wristband.
12. Upon arrival at the river, the professional river guides will split each bus into rafts of nine people, plus one guide for each raft.

RIVER RAFTING SAFETY VIDEO

Before you arrive at the check-in location feel free to share the 24th World Scout Jamboree River Rafting Safety Video (<https://jambo.re/welcome-to-rafting>).

WATCH NOW

Available with English, French and Spanish subtitles

STAND-BY LINE

There will be a stand-by line for participants who wish to go rafting and were unable to attend with their unit. Participants will first check-in with the river rafting staff to be placed in the stand-by line. If there are empty spots during any time slot, they will be filled from the stand-by line. Participants who did not check “yes” to rafting on the waiver during the registration process are **NOT** eligible for the stand-by line.

PLEASE NOTE:

The stand-by line will only be utilized if there are open spots to raft after all allotted spaces have been filled. Participants may not be taken from the stand-by line if all rafting spots are filled for the particular date and time.

ROSTERS

Each unit will receive a separate roster for each time they are assigned to go rafting. The roster will have the assigned date, time and the number of participants assigned for that date and time. The roster will contain blanks for the name of each participant for completion by an adult from the unit. While the roster will contain spots for up to 20 participants, no more names than the number allocated should be listed. Units with more than 20 participants assigned to raft at the same date and time must complete more than one roster.

TICKETS

Units will be supplied with a ticket for each assigned rafter. The tickets will be numbered. The ticket numbers will be used to verify that a participant is present at the assigned date and time. Participants that have a ticket corresponding to a time other than those being processed will have the option entering the stand-by line.



ADULTS

Unit leadership can distribute their river rafting slots to whomever they would like in their unit - adult or youth. The rafting management team strongly encourages each unit to allocate to their youth participants as many of their spots as possible. An adult is **NOT** required to go rafting with their youth. All river rafting guides have been through "Safe from Harm" training and background checks. Bus drivers will serve as adult leadership on the ride to the river. If no adult from a unit will be rafting, one adult is required to accompany the rafters until the check-in process is completed in order to help with any issues that may come up. One unit adult (participating in rafting or not) must bring the unit's confirmation paper with the assigned time, date and number of approved participants for river rafting for verification at check-in. After the unit is checked-in, any adult who is not rafting must wait until their youths' check-in is completed, and then will be free to depart the rafting check-in area.

RIVER GUIDES

Each raft will have one professional river guide. These guides are approved to guide trips on the New River by the State of West Virginia. It is important to give your guide your complete attention at all times. When on the river following the guide's instructions will ensure a fun and safe trip.

**THE NEW RIVER IS ONE
OF THE OLDEST RIVERS
IN THE AMERICAS.**



RIVER RAFTING

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Any medications (i.e. epinephrine pens, inhalers, heart medications, etc.).
*Anyone requiring these items who do not have them on their person will **NOT** be permitted to raft. Any medication brought by the rafting participant will be given to the raft guide when boarding the raft. The river guide will store the medication in a water-tight bag or container while on the trip. It is the participant's responsibility to retrieve any medication from the guide when exiting the river.*
- ☐ Clothing suitable for swimming
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Closed-toe shoes that can get soaking wet

RECOMMENDED (must be closed-toe)



AQUA SHOES

Scuba style or general water shoes



FIVE FINGER SHOES

Scuba style or general water shoes



HIKING WATER SHOES

Open heeled and closed toe water sandal

NOT RECOMMENDED



HIKING BOOTS

Very difficult to swim in



CROC FOOTWEAR

Tends to fall off foot and will float away



OLD TENNIS SHOES

Not recommended, but will work ("Best of the worst")

NOT ALLOWED



FLIP FLOPS



OPEN TOE SANDALS

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Waterproof camera*
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Sunglasses with strap
- ☐ Water bottle with carabiner clip
- ☐ Outdoor sportswear with long sleeves (no cotton or denim)

PLEASE NOTE:

The bus that takes you to your raft trip departure area **WILL NOT** be the same bus that brings you back to the Summit. **Do not leave any items on the bus.**

* Participants are NOT permitted to hold any item(s), including camera, in their hands while rafting. Participants should ask their guide when it is appropriate to take pictures.

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RETURN TO THE SUMMIT

1. Board the bus to return with your color group. *The bus you arrived in at the river will not necessarily be the bus that will return you to the Summit Bechtel Reserve.*
2. All participants must return to the river rafting program area for return check-out. The buses are not permitted to drop anyone off at their subcamp or any other World Scout Jamboree location. *Please understand this is the only way we can ensure each and every rafter has returned safely.*
3. Once accounted for and officially checked-out, returning rafters may proceed to the gear tent to collect their personal gear.

PLEASE NOTE:

*Each and every river rafting participant **MUST** be accounted for going off the World Scout Jamboree site and again when coming back in. This is for your safety and to ensure you will be able to continue enjoying the World Scout Jamboree activities after the rafting trip ends.*

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS

Professional photographs of your rafting adventure during the World Scout Jamboree will be available for viewing and purchase in the Gateway Village area in Scott Summit Center. You may also view them online at www.wh2ophoto.com.

NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL RIVER

The flowing waters of this ancient river provide solace to all those who seek her calming presence amongst the woods of West Virginia. Come for adventure, leave feeling renewed and forever changed. The New River Gorge National River is maintained by the U.S. National Park Service.

To learn about the New River Gorge National River visit: <https://www.nps.gov/neri/index.htm> and <https://www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks/new-river-gorge-national-river>.



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WILD, WONDERFUL WATERS