

Whitewater Rafting on the Ocoee River

Saturday, August 29, 2009

We're heading back to ride one of nature's greatest roller coaster rides to make it a naturally great weekend in the Chattanooga area in honor of our ACE Day at Lake Winnepesaukah on Sunday, August 30 (the day after the raft trip). While you can explore the Tennessee Aquarium, or see many states from Rock City, ride the Incline Railway to the top of Lookout Mountain, gaze at the cavern lightshow at Ruby Falls, while in the area, this is one great way to have fun and get wet on one of the best whitewater rivers in the country—the Ocoee River—just an hour away near Ducktown, Tennessee

The Ocoee River with big, closely spaced rapids makes it one of the most popular whitewater rivers in the nation. No other river in the East offers the degree of challenge, variety and consistent water flow that is found here. In fact, the Ocoee has been rated one of the ten best whitewater rivers in the country by *Canoe Magazine*.

One of the best outfitters in the country will provide our guides. **Wildwater Ltd.** (www.wildwaterltd.com) will lead our rafts as we take on the popular Middle Ocoee run, one of the most popular five mile stretches of whitewater in the country. With exciting rapids just 20 feet from the put-in and continuous waves and action, your trip and any trepidation pass before you know it.

No prior experience is necessary, but rafters must be at least 12 years of age. All rafters must sign a waiver from both Wildwater and the American Coaster Enthusiasts; in fact, this is the only ACE event that we know of that requires a signed waiver for participation.

So make plans to enjoy the mountains and the water, but leave the banjo playing for someone else. Only a limited number of spots are available and everyone pays the same price, just \$38, for a memorable adventure full of excitement.

What You Need To Know

WHO: Anyone in good physical condition can raft the Ocoee as long as they are at least 12 years of age. No experience is necessary. The middle Ocoee is popular because it is continuous whitewater throughout most of your 2 hour ride on the river. Participants should be in good health and not be afraid of the water. You will be assisting in paddling your own raft, and in carrying rafts and equipment to and from the river. If you are seriously overweight or have special medical conditions, you should consult your physician before attempting a rafting trip.

TIME: Our trip leaves the base camp at 4:30 PM. Please plan on arriving at least 45 minutes in advance for check in and orientation. The trip will take approximately 3.5 hours, with 2 on the river.

LOCATION: From Chattanooga, TN: Take I-75 North to Exit 20 in Cleveland, TN. In Cleveland take US 64 East bypass to the Ocoee River. Wildwater Ltd.'s Rafting Center at the Ocoee is on US 64, 5 miles east of the Ocoee River put-in area (you will pass by the river course and the Olympic center).
From Atlanta, GA: Take I-75 North to I-575 North. Follow I-575 to Hwy. 515 North in Blue Ridge. Then take Hwy. 5 North to Copperhill, TN. Turn left on State Rt. 68 North to junction with US 64 in Ducktown, TN. Wildwater Ltd.'s Rafting Center at the Ocoee is 3 miles West on US 64. For more information please visit <http://www.WildwaterLTD.com>

WHAT TO WEAR: Bathing suits or shorts, t-shirt, tennis shoes or sport sandals (no flip-flops). Remember that cotton holds moisture to our skin, keeping you wet and clammy. Cotton will not keep you warm. Don't forget the sunscreen- particularly if you are fair skinned. The water reflects and enhances the chance of sunburn. If you choose to wear prescription or sunglasses use a string or Chums to hold them in place. Also have a change of clothes and a towel in the car for later (there are showers).

WAIVERS: Each person is responsible for their own liability and will be required to sign a waiver prior to the start of the trip for both Wildwater and ACE. Waivers can be downloaded with this flier from www.ACEonline.org or www.ACESoutheast.org and will also be available the day of the event.

Ocoee Whitewater Adventure, Ducktown, Tennessee —August 29, 2009

Name	City, State	Email (for confirmation purposes only)	\$38 for both ACE Members & Guests

Note that there are a very limited number of spaces available! Don't delay or you may miss out.

Advance Registration Only! There is no on-site registration for this event.

Total Payment: \$

To register for this event complete this form and mail it in* or with a credit card on-line at www.ACESoutheast.org (service fee applies). Make checks payable to ROBERT ULRICH. Personal checks & money orders only, bill pay or on-line with credit card — do not send cash.

Send your completed order form and payment to:
Robert Ulrich, Regional Representative
2921 Caribou Trail
Marietta, GA 30066-4115

Registration post-marked / online order completed by *Friday, August 3.*

Inclement weather will not affect this schedule—we will raft rain or shine. Your registration is a non-refundable fee, and all registrations are final. The payment of registration fees by, for or on behalf of participants releases and holds harmless the American Coaster Enthusiasts, Inc., and its Officers, Directors, Executive Committee Members and representatives from any and all liabilities related to those activities. Members of ACE are expected to abide by the club's code of conduct at all times during the event, and members are also responsible for the conduct of non-member guests. In addition, all participants in this activity must sign waivers from both Wildwater LTD and the American Coaster Enthusiasts prior to their participation.

*To register via bank bill pay services send an email with the information requested to RUlrich@ACEonline.org and send a check or direct your financial institution's electronic payment to the address shown for receipt on or before the registration deadline above.



**AMERICAN COASTER ENTHUSIASTS
ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT
White Water Rafting Excursion Special Activity**

Assumption of Risk: I understand and accept that whitewater rafting exposes me to many hazards and participating in a whitewater trip entails unavoidable risk of death, personal injury and loss of or damage to property. I also understand I should be in good physical health to participate in a whitewater paddling trip. I choose to participate in this trip in spite of these risks and hereby assume all risk of injury or loss of life to myself and loss of or damage to property arising out of my participation in such a trip. I fully understand that I will be traveling at my own risk.

Waiver And Release: In consideration of the American Coaster Enthusiasts (ACE) organizing, scheduling and contracting with a white water excursion guide and outfitter furnishing services to enable me to make this rafting trip, I specifically release and forever discharge ACE and its officers, representatives, agents, and employees from any and all liability or claims for any injury, illness, death or loss of or damage to property which I may suffer while participating in this whitewater rafting trip. This release and discharge specifically includes, but is not limited to, liability or claims for injury, illness, death or damage caused by the negligence of ACE or its officers, representatives, agents, or employees. It is my intent by the Waiver And Release to release ACE and hold it harmless from all liability for any such property loss or damage, personal injury or loss of life, whether caused by the negligence of ACE or whether based upon breach of contract, breach of warranty, or any other legal theory.

In signing this document, I fully recognize that if injury, illness, death or damage occurs to me while I am engaged in this rafting trip, I will have no right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against ACE or its officers, agents or employees, even if they or any of them negligently cause my injury, illness, death or damage.

- I understand that I and anyone for whom I sign as a parent or guardian must meet the minimum age of twelve (12) years old as required by the outfitter and guide.
- I understand that ACE encourages excursion participants to have their own medical insurance.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the United States, TVA, Army Corps of Engineers, Southeast Local Development Corporation, the States of Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, and their respective agents, servants and employees from any and all claims, demands, actions and judgments arising at any time out of or in any way connected with my use of the river and activities incidental thereto.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THIS IS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER AND A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I SHOULD NOT AND MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY IF I AM UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.

Date: ____/____/____ Trip Time: _____ River Excursion Description: _____

Participant's Signature

Please initial if you are age 18 or older: _____

Printed Name (must be legible)

Street Address

City / State / Zip Code

IF RAFTING PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:

Parent or Guardian signature

Participant's age _____



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(Wildwater information only)		
Date _____	Trip Time _____	Trip _____

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY—PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

In consideration of Wildwater, Ltd. Rafting furnishing services and/or equipment to enable me to participate in whitewater paddling, transportation and other activities, I agree as follows:

I fully understand and acknowledge that outdoor recreational activities have: (a) inherent risks, dangers and hazards and such exists in my use of paddling equipment and my participation in paddling activities and related activities; (b) my participation in such activities and/or use of such equipment may result in injury or illness including, but not limited to bodily injury, disease, strains, fractures, partial and/or total paralysis, death or other ailments that could cause serious disability; (c) these risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the owner, employees, officers or agents of the United States of America, United States Forest Service, State of Tennessee, Tennessee Valley Authority and Wildwater Ltd.; the negligence of the participants, the negligence of others, accidents, breaches of contract, the forces of nature or other causes. Risks and dangers may arise from foreseeable or unforeseeable causes including, but not limited to, staff decision making, including that staff may misjudge terrain, weather, transportation, trail or river route location, and water level, risks of falling out of or drowning while in a raft, canoe or kayak and such other risks and hazards and dangers that are integral to recreational activities that take place in a wilderness, outdoor or recreational environment; and (d) and by my participation in these activities and/or use of equipment, I hereby assume all risks and dangers and all responsibility for any losses and/or damages, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence or other conduct of the owners, agents, officers, or employees of the United States of America, United States Forest Service, State of Tennessee, Tennessee Valley Authority and Wildwater Ltd., or by any other person.

I, on behalf of myself, my personal representatives and my heirs, hereby voluntarily agree to release, waive, discharge, hold harmless, defend and indemnify the United States of America, United States Forest Service, State of Tennessee, Tennessee Valley Authority and Wildwater Ltd. and its owners, agents, officers and employees from any and all claims, actions or losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services or otherwise which may arise out of my use of paddling equipment or my participation in paddling activities, transportation, and related activities. I specifically understand that I am releasing, discharging and waiving any claims or actions that I may have presently or in the future for the negligent acts or other conduct by the owners, agents, officers or employees of the United States of America, United States Forest Service, State of Tennessee, Tennessee Valley Authority and Wildwater Ltd.

I hereby authorize Wildwater Ltd. and its photographic agents to take and utilize photographs of me for the purpose of sale, promotion and advertising.

I understand that I and anyone for whom I sign as a Parent or Guardian must be of the required age of 12 years.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE AND BY SIGNING IT AGREE IT IS MY INTENTION TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE WILDWATER LTD. FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR ANY OTHER CAUSE.

(optional) email: _____

PLEASE SIGN AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY

<u>X</u>				Age
Signature of Participant	Street Address	City, State, Zip	Print Name	IF UNDER 18

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANT OF MINOR AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility of this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of the Releasees, and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liability incidents to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above. EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

<u>X</u>			5/2006
Parent or Guardian	Date	Emergency phone number(s)	