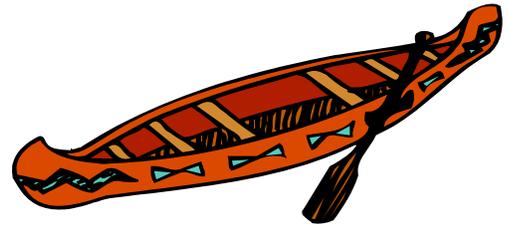




**GSMC**  
**2018**  
*Clinch River*  
*Challenge*  
*Canoe Trip*



The Great Smoky Mountain Council is sponsoring a 100 mile plus high adventure Scout/Venturer canoe trip on the Clinch River in 2018. The trip will start near Fort Blackmore in SW Virginia on Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> and we will canoe down the Clinch River to the US 25E bridge near Tazewell TN ending on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Exact itinerary is to be determined and extra activities may be included by group decisions.

This contingent will be very similar to a trip to Northern Tier National High Adventure Base. The contingent will have at least one preparatory meeting and a practice canoe outing before the trip. Equipment can be transported by truck and trailer but may be required to be taken in the canoes on different days.

The scouts will have the opportunity to work on, in part or whole, at least the following: Canoeing MB, Camping MB, Cooking MB, Fishing MB, Orienteering MB, the 50 Mile Afoot/Afloat Award, and associated Venturing requirements. Other merit badges may be offered depending on interest and the adult make-up of the trip.

**Requirements:** Scouts will have to be First Class, at least 13, pass a swimmer's test, and have the approval of their Scoutmaster. Coed Venturers will have to be 14, pass a swimmer's test, and have the approval of their Crew Advisor. The cost of the trip is tentatively set at \$100, (not including extra activities). Adults will have to pass a swim test and canoeing experience would be very helpful. Adults must be approved by the Council. For more information, please contact Thomas Pendleton at 865-789-4997 or [thomastr911@yahoo.com](mailto:thomastr911@yahoo.com) or Bruce VanCleve at 865-588-6514.

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**RESERVATION** (Send to GSMC-2018 Clinch River Canoe Trip - Attn Jennifer Williams, PO Box 51885, Knoxville, TN 37950-1885 -- Please send with \$50 deposit)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT: Tr/Crew: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE of BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (write legibly)

Adult: \_\_\_\_\_, Youth: \_\_\_\_\_, Male: \_\_\_\_\_, Female: \_\_\_\_\_

SM/AD approval - Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Signature: \_\_\_\_\_, Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important Note:** This is a high adventure trip that will require a certain level of both physical and mental maturity from the scouts. The contingent will have very little prep or bonding time before the trip. The scouts will have to gel as a group in a very short amount of time. Also, we will have several days of paddling over 20 miles and the scouts will have to paddle and maneuver the canoes on moving water. The itinerary is not set and we have almost 200 miles of river to choose from, I am looking for several scouts to help plan and implement the trip. Please feel free to contact me at [thomast911@yahoo.com](mailto:thomast911@yahoo.com) or give me a call at 865-789-4997 to discuss any concerns about what will be required of the scouts to be successful on this adventure.

**Yours in Scouting**

**Thomas Pendleton  
Contingent Leader**