



2016 Application for Rangers in Training

A summer ADVENTURE PROGRAM for high school youth.

Adventure Dates: Raleigh County youth June 13 - 17, 2016
Summers County youth June 27 – July 1, 2016
Fayette County youth July 11 - 15, 2016

Adventure Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. each day

Cost: **FREE** of charge to youth ages 14-17.

Application: Send to: New River Gorge National River
 Attn: Mark Bollinger,
 HC 85, Box 72A
 Jumping Branch, WV 25969

** Youth will be selected based on when their application is received (first in, get first consideration)

Questions: Call or text Ranger Mark at 304-640-8731

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: (_____) _____ (cell or home) Text: Yes / No

E:mail _____ T-shirt Size _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____ Gender (circle one): M / F

High School you attend: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name for emergency contact:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Phone # (_____) _____ Phone # (_____) _____

Physician's Information: Dr. _____ Phone (_____) _____

Please list any special needs and allergies that your child has? _____

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I hereby give my child permission to participate in the Ranger in Training program at New River Gorge National River.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

General Information:

Teens will participate in a series of safe, supervised, fun and exciting educational adventures that will enhance their appreciation of New River Gorge National River, teach a lifelong love of the outdoors, and explore career fields with the National Park Service. While these activities are gear toward beginners, participants must be able to hike over mountainous terrain, occasionally venture off of marked trails, and participate in games and physical activities.

A **free bus** will pick up and drop off teens on each Adventure Day at one of the locations listed below and transport them to the adventure location within New River Gorge National River.

- Summers County youth at Summers County High School
- Raleigh County youth at Woodrow Wilson High School
- Fayette County youth at Canyon Rim Visitor Center on Hwy. 19

All equipment and safety gear will be provided for teens to use during each adventure.

Free lunch will be provided each day.

RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

In consideration of being allowed to participate in a National Park Service New River Gorge National River activity, (the "Activity"), namely:

Whitewater expeditions, rock climbing, mountain biking, orienteering, hiking & volunteer services

I represent that I understand the nature of the Activity; that I am qualified; am in good health; and am in proper physical condition to participate in the aforementioned Activity, which will demand strenuous and challenging physical exertion. I agree to only participate while wearing the protective equipment required and to follow the instructions of the guides and instructors and, if I believe it unsafe, to immediately discontinue my participation and report all concerns to the trip leader and/or NPS employee. I know that the Activity involves risks of drowning or serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death, and damage or loss of personal property which may be caused by my own actions or inactions, by others, or by the conditions in which the Activity takes place. I know that the risks of this Activity include, among others, hazards of traveling on a raft or other whitewater craft in changing currents and turbulent water conditions, walking or riding on uneven terrain and steep rocky slopes; slips and falls, either on the ground or while on a rock face or rocky shoreline; being struck by rocks, branches, or other objects falling from above; the use, miss-use or failure of Activity and safety equipment; the forces of nature, including lightning and rapid weather changes; insect, snake or animal bites; fatigue; travel by automobile, van, or other conveyance; and condition of roads, trails, waterways, or terrain, and accidents connected with their use.

I realize that there may be other risks not known to me or not readily foreseeable but I fully accept and assume all such risks, whether or not identified above, and I assume all responsibility for losses and damages which I may suffer as a result of my participation in this Activity. In recognition of the risks, I hereby give the NPS and its employees or volunteers permission to treat me and to authorize medical treatment of me in the case of an emergency or accident. I agree to disclose to the NPS and the trip leader or trip guide any physical condition that may limit my participation in the Activity.

I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS, the United States of America, its employees, volunteers or other participants (the "Releasees") from all liability for, claims for personal injury, including death, and property damage, demands, losses, costs and damages arising out of or asserted to arise, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from the Activity whether resulting from negligence or operations and hold harmless the Releasees as to all such matters. I consent to the use by the National Park Service, of photographs, video recordings, publications, films, artistic or similar endeavors made of me or the minor identified below while participating in the Activity or using the Additional Services without compensation and agree that all such materials including negatives, are the sole property of the Releasees.

I have read the foregoing Release, Assumption of Risk Agreement; and understand that I will give up substantial rights by signing it; have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature not stated herein; intend it to be a complete and unconditional release, assumption of risk to the greatest extent allowed by law; and agree that if any portion of this Agreement is held invalid the remainder shall continue in full force and effect.

(A SEPARATE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PARTICIPANT)

Printed Name of Participant (student)

Date

Signature of Participant (student)

(see reverse side)

ADULT CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR MINORS

(Required for Participant under the age of 18)

I understand the nature of the above Activity, understand and agree that the Minor will be participating as a park volunteer while participating in this program and during stewardship projects, am familiar with the Minor's experience and capabilities, and believe the Minor to be qualified to participate. I hereby personally accept and undertake, individually and in my own name, all of the obligations stated above specifically including the release, assumption of risk, and hold harmless provisions as to project, am familiar with the Minor's experience and capabilities, and believe the Minor to be qualified to participate. I hereby the Releasees of all liability, claims, demands, losses and damages suffered or alleged to have been suffered or incurred by the Minor or to others resulting from injury to the Minor. I understand that the agency volunteer program does not provide compensation, except as otherwise provided by law; and that the service will not confer on the volunteer the status of a Federal employee.

I affirm that I am the parent/guardian of the above named Minor. I give my permission for said Minor to participate in the afore mentioned Activity.

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

Relationship to Minor

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

(Minor must also complete)

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS

Participants have a duty to act as would a reasonably prudent person when engaging in recreational activities offered by commercial outfitters and their employees. These and other duties will be explained to you prior to participation.

- 1. Do you need to talk to the ranger or your guide about any matters, including medical conditions or medications, before beginning participation in the Activity? Yes _____ No _____**