

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW – WOODRUFF RIVER TRIPS**

**Important Note:** Please note the following about the Whitewater Rafting Program. In accordance with BSA Guide to Safe Scouting, only youth and adults who pass the swimmer test will be permitted to participate in the Whitewater River Program and go on either river. Learners and Beginners WILL NOT be permitted to participate in the Whitewater River Program due to safety regulations.

**Important Note - Fees:** Each youth participating at Woodruff has, included in their camp fee, one offsite activity. That activity could be rafting the Nantahala, rafting the Ocoee, the Horse Trail Ride or Horsemanship Merit Badge. Any youth that desires an additional offsite activity will pay a fee.

**All adults participating in offsite activities will pay a fee for the activity ( including adults attending camp at no cost). Please refer to the fee page for details**

**Adult leaders must have a medical form on file with the camp. Refer to the “Personal Health and Medical Record – Required” section for requirements. Adult leaders going on a river trip must take a swim check by 7:30 PM the day before they go on a river trip.**

All adults on the river are also expected to have recently completed BSA Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense Training (cards are good for two years). Safe Swim Defense Training and Safety Afloat Training are offered at camp at no charge.

Any youth who works during the week to become a Swimmer and achieves that classification will have the opportunity of going to the Nantahala on Friday; one adult must accompany every ten youth from your troop on the river.

Like other program areas at camp, all Whitewater Rafting registrations are processed in the same order as troop registrations.

The Whitewater Rafting Staff will meet with scout leaders in the dining hall the evening before their unit’s scheduled Whitewater Rafting trip. It is very important that at least one adult from each unit attend this meeting. The meeting will be held to review the following day’s schedule, safety procedures, and to make the sack lunches for the following day. For larger troops, please have additional adult leadership attend this meeting.

On the day of your unit’s scheduled Whitewater Rafting Trip, everyone will meet immediately FOLLOWING 4<sup>th</sup> period (12:30 pm) . Safety procedures will be given to all Whitewater Rafting participants, sack lunches will be distributed, buses loaded, and everyone will depart for the river. Lunches will be eaten on the bus. Every effort will be made to be back in Camp by dinnertime. However, if for some reason the buses return late, the Dining Hall Staff will be available to have hot food waiting.

Note: A White Water Express Wavier Form must be completed and brought with you when you arrive at this activity. **Note: Please refer to the appendix or the forms section of the CD for additional information.**