First Descent - Orientation Raft Trip
Information Sheet

When & Where to Meet:
Check in is 11am-Noon at Scott Hall. During check in time, you will receive keys to your room and complete any last minute paperwork. At 12:30pm, meet back at the front lobby of Scott Hall. The Base Camp Cullowhee staff will meet you there. Transportation will pick you up at Scott Hall to transport you to the river. Plan to return to Scott around 7:00pm. Make sure to eat lunch or bring it with you prior to coming to meet for your rafting trip. You will need the energy!

What to Bring:
Clothing: Come dressed in what you will wear on the river! Any type of cotton blue jeans, sweat pants or long pants are not recommended. Any synthetic fabric type clothing such as nylon, polyester, or polypropylene, is recommended.

Rafting Equipment: Base Camp Cullowhee will provide the participants with all the rafting equipment they will need. Participants have the option of borrowing a nylon-paddling jacket or wet suit depending on temperature.

Participants should wear/bring:
- Shorts or bathing suit
- T-shirt
- Tennis shoes/Tevas/River Shoes (NO FLIPFLOPS OR SANDALS)
- If you wear glasses, bring something to secure them such as “Croakies”, string, or rubber bands.
- Dry change of clothes
- Towel
- Small bag to take with you to the river to change into after we get off the water.

Suggestion: Bring some cash with you for food on the way home.

What to Expect:
After meeting with BCC, there will be a “trip talk” to inform you of the safety precautions for whitewater rafting. After the trip talk, participants will be issued gear, load into our rafting buses, and drive to the river (30min drive). The Nantahala River is 9 miles of class I to III rapids. This river is very appropriate for individuals and families with no rafting experience. You will receive a paddle and instruction on how to assist your guide in maneuvering your raft down the river. Also, participants will assist with carrying rafts and equipment to and from the river. Everyone on the trip will receive a life jacket and will be expected to wear it while on the river. You should be in good physical health.

See you there RAIN or SHINE!
NOTICE:
You are responsible for keeping up with your own equipment and any equipment assigned to you by Base Camp Cullowhee staff. Base Camp will assume no responsibility for lost or damaged personal or rental equipment. You must immediately report injuries/medical problems to a Base Camp guide. As with most outdoor activities serious injuries can occur such as dislocations, fractures, and head injuries, however the most common injuries are bumps and bruises. Please remember that you are accepting responsibility for these risks by participating in this activity. We take all precautions and with your help we can minimize these risks.

Base Camp Cancellation Policy: If the trip is cancelled by Base Camp Staff due to insufficient registration, unsafe conditions, or weather related circumstances patrons will receive a full refund (minus a $5.00 processing fee) or have the option to obtain credit towards a future outing. If cancellation is made on the part of the patron, more than seven days before the trip date for full and half day trips, more than two weeks before the trip date for overnight trips and more than one month before the trip date for trips three days or longer, a full refund minus a $5.00 processing fee will be given. Regardless of when you register, no refunds will be given, unless there are special circumstances, for cancellations made within seven days of the trip date for full and half day trips, two weeks before the trip date for overnight trips and one month before the trip date for trips three days or longer. Cancellations must be made in writing via email Monday-Friday between the hours of 10am-4pm.

A $5.00 non-refundable processing fee will be charged to all registrations. If a cancellation occurs, no matter the circumstance, this charge will remain in effect. A refund will be given for the remaining amount, if deemed appropriate by Assistant Director. Contact Jeremiah Haas with any questions.

Base Camp Cullowhee Trips are alcohol and drug free.
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