

## EASTERN DISTRICT OUTINGS #14

Destination	<b>White Water Rafting</b> – Middle Ocoee River, TN
Website	<a href="#">Cascade Outdoors - Outfitter</a> <a href="#">Parksville Lake Campground, Cherokee national Forest</a>
Activities Available	White Water Rafting (Class III/IV), Swimming, Hiking
Distance from Memphis	Approx 8 hours with lunch and breaks
Google Map Link or Directions	<a href="#">Parksville Lake Campground</a>
Site Contact Information	(423) 338-3300
Site Facilities	<p><b>Parksville Lake Campground:</b> Very Nice. We had 11 people on two sites (G-20 and G-19). Cost per night... G-20 = \$20, G-19 = \$15. Restroom adjacent. Running Water adjacent. Fire Pit both sites. On lake, though shallow. Swimming at beaches 5 minutes away. Picnic tables on each site. Lantern Hooks. 3 Pads for tents each site.</p> <p><b>Cascade Outdoors:</b> Outfitter – treated us very well – charged \$35 plus tip (\$5-\$10) per person for 3-hour, 5 mile rafting excursion on middle Ocoee. Guide plus up to 6 per raft.</p> <p><b>Parksville Beach</b> (5 min from campsite) - \$3 parking per vehicle per day</p>
Cost Per Person	\$130 per attendee. (\$35 for rafting, plus gas, campsite fee, meals, misc)
Itinerary	<p><b>Friday</b> - Left Germantown at 0830 CDT. Arrived approx. 1730 EDT at campground. Stopped for lunch at restaurant in Huntsville (many choices there).</p> <p><b>Saturday</b> – went hiking on trails near Olympic Center – easy, medium, and hard options. Swimming upon return at local beach.</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> – White Water Rafting with Cascade Outdoors. Arrival at Cascade was 1040 EDT for 1100 EDT on the bus. Returned from rafting around 1500 EDT. Swimming at a different local beach afterward.</p> <p><b>Monday</b> – left campsite at 0930 EDT and returned to Olympic Center to see riverbed after TVA shut off Ocoee water flow... Arrived in Germantown approximately 1630 CDT</p>
On-the-Road Meal Suggestions	Huntsville is about half-way. Plenty of choices for fast-food and sit down. Convenience stores and gas stations along route for restroom and snack stops
Number in Our Group	See above

Date of Last Visit	July 2011
Photos (paste or links)	
Comments / Why It's Fun	<p data-bbox="573 317 1414 415">Fantastic Trip. 4 days worked out very well. Would NOT recommend 3-day trip. Way too much driving. If done in 4, very relaxing trip – plenty of time at camp plus activities.</p> <p data-bbox="573 459 1414 632"><b>Minimum age</b> is 12 by law. Middle Ocoee River Class was appropriate for our 12-year-old. Would not recommend Upper Ocoee for younger Scouts – it has Class 5 rapids. Middle Ocoee is almost constant rapids (each with 1-2 minutes of relatively flat water in between) so no longer flat rafting... all action.</p> <p data-bbox="573 676 1401 774"><b>Guide:</b> We had Brad as our Guide – 14 years experience on the Ocoee and he knew every turn, rock, and drop, and did a great job preparing us.</p> <p data-bbox="573 819 1372 886"><b>Swim areas</b> at Parksville Beach are safe and bouys mark swim area. Areas about 6-feet deep or less. Easy to observe Scouts iaw G2SS.</p>
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