

## TROOP 48 BSA -- TRIP INFORMATION

Outing: Grayson Highlands Backpack // Truck In (Mount Roger National Recreation Area, VA)

### I. Dates and Key Times:

Assemble @ CHPC	8:00 AM	August 28, 2021	Saturday
Return to CHPC	6:30 PM	August 29, 2021	Sunday

### II. Adult Leader NEEDS: Sign up (T48.org or see Mr. Gould)

- Provide transportation to and from Grayson Highlands State Park (about 85 miles one way)
- Camp and hike with Troop. At least two adults are needed for truck-in camping and two for backpacking with the Troop.
- Provide oversight on day hikes in Massie Gap // Little Pinnacle
- Provide leadership and facilitate advancement opportunities
- Provide oversight for LNT operations in camping areas

III. Cost	Scout	Adult/Guest	Due	Pay To
Transportation Fee	\$20.00	\$0.00	8/24	Troop Treasurer
Camping Reservations	\$ 7.00	\$7.00	8/24	Troop Treasurer
Food (by patrol) ( <b>3 Meals</b> ) *EST	\$9.00	\$9.00	8/24	(cash) Patrol Food Buyer

### IV. Uniform Expectations

Travel to Grayson Highlands

Class A (NO civilian hats)

Hiking // In Camp

Class B (Casual clothes ok)

Travel from Grayson Highlands

Class A (NO civilian hats)

### V. Activities and What to Bring (not an all-inclusive list; see T-48.org Camping Checklist)

Activity	What to Take
<b><u>Saturday Lunch</u></b>	<b><u>Self-provided to be kept on your person a durable (won't freeze or spoil) sack lunch</u></b>
<i>Weather</i>	Dress and bring clothes appropriate for weather conditions
Backpacking	Usual backpacking gear, Water bottle and extra water carrying capacity
Truck In	Normal truck-in camping equipment and supplies (Patrol Boxes, Tarps, Stoves, Fuel Tanks) <b>personal hand sanitizer, facemask for nonsocial distant environments.</b> <b><u>Due to space concerns hammocks or backpacking tents are strongly recommended</u></b> Daypack, personal first aid kit, rain gear, water bottle
Patrol Meals: 3	Saturday (dinner), Sunday (breakfast, lunch)

### VI. Trip Description

Trip consists of 2 parts:

(A) **Backpacking Trip** This should NOT be your first backpacking trip without consideration. (~ 9 miles) from the Visitor Center parking lot at Massie Gap to the "Scales" area via part of the Appalachian Trail and the Wilson Creek Trail. Camping will be west of Third Peak. An excellent spring is about 200 yards south of the ridge/woods camping area. Trails are rated "moderate difficulty." Meals will be prepared by patrols from their pre-planned menus. May use wood cooking fires and/or backpacking stoves. The trail route back is via the "Scales" and Big Wilson Creek Trail to the Grayson Highlands Campground.

(B) **Truck-in Camping** in the Grayson Highlands State Park Campground. Day hikes (Massie Gap & The Little Pinnacle) and blueberry picking are special activities available.

Great effort will go to hold Troop 48 Style campfires (if weather permits). Patrols should be prepared with stories, jokes, and songs to share. Troop 48 church services are planned for Sunday. Vehicle shuttles will be used between the Campground, Massie Gap, and Visitor Center parking lots.