

## TROOP 48 BSA -- TRIP INFORMATION

Outing: Cardens Bluff (Truck In) Pinnacle Mountain Fire Tower Trail (9.1 mile) (Day Hike)

### I. Dates and Key Times:

Assemble @ CHPC

5:00 PM August 27, 2021

Friday

Return to CHPC

12:00 PM August 29, 2021

Sunday

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

- Provide transportation to and from Cardens Bluff Campground (about 72 miles total)
- Provide transportation to and from Pinnacle Mountain Fire Tower trailhead (about 40 miles total)
- Space is limited to 36 based on reservations. Looking for 8-10 drivers and 26-28 youth.
- Camp and hike with Troop. At least two adults are needed for truck-in camping and two for backpacking with the Troop.
- Provide oversite on day hikes in Cardens Bluff (1.2 mile Easy) // Pinnacle Mountain (moderate)
- Provide leadership and facilitate advancement opportunities. First Class 4a + Orienteering MB
- Provide oversite for LNT operations in camping areas

III. Cost	Scout	Adult/Guest	Due	Pay To
Transportation Fee	\$14.00	\$0.00	8/24	Troop Treasurer
Camping Reservations	\$ 7.00	\$7.00	8/24	Troop Treasurer
Food (by patrol) ( <b>4 Meals</b> ) *EST	\$12.00	\$12.00	8/24	(cash) Patrol Food Buyer

### IV. Uniform Expectations

Travel to Cardens Bluff

Class A (NO civilian hats)

Hiking // In Camp

Class B (Casual clothes ok)

Travel from Cardens Bluff

Class A (NO civilian hats)

V. <u>Activities and What to Bring (not an all-inclusive list; see T-48.org Camping Checklist)</u>	
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
Day Hikes	Usual gear, Water bottle and extra water carrying capacity. Compass, GPS device.
Truck In	Normal truck-in camping equipment and supplies (Patrol Boxes, Tarps, Stoves, Fuel Tanks) <b>personal hand sanitizer, facemask for nonsocial distant environments. Due to space concerns hammocks or backpacking tents are strongly recommended. Access to trees for hammocks is unclear. Bring a backpacking tent just in case.</b> Daypack, personal first aid kit, rain gear, water bottle
Patrol Meals: 4	Friday (dinner) Saturday (breakfast, dinner), Sunday (breakfast)

### VI. Trip Description

Trip consists of 2 parts: A long day hike on one of the top-rated hikes in Northeast Tennessee // A shorter hike to facilitate advancement mixed with free time to fish (be sure to have license if you are of age).

Directions from Elizabethton take US 19E/321 south 5 miles to Hampton. Turn left on 321/67 travel 3 miles to the campground entrance on the left.

See T48.org for directions from Cardens Bluff to The Pinnacle Mountain Fire Tower Trailhead.

Assemble at CHPC at 5:00 PM, perform roll call and depart for Cardens Bluff. Set up and cook a quick meal with limited prep (consider doing prep before leaving). Set up for a relaxed campfire and smores. Depart Cardens Bluff for the Tower around 9:00 AM. Aim to be on the trail to the Pinnacle Mountain Fire Tower around 9:30 AM. Bring your sack lunch with you and enjoy it on the trail. Rally back at the vehicles and return to Cardens Bluff around 3:00 PM.

For those not going on the long hike First Class requirement 4a and Orienteering MB are going to be offered while enjoying the scenic beauty of Watauga Lake. There will be a block of unscheduled free time to fish in the afternoon.

Patrols should plan for a cooked evening meal and traditional Troop 48 style campfire on Saturday evening be prepared with skits and songs.

Sunday there will be a cooked breakfast and a Troop 48 Church service. We will return to CHPC around noon on Sunday.