

Troop 48 BSA – Trip Information

Outing: September 11-14, 2026 GRAYSON HIGHLANDS, MT ROGERS NATL RECREATION AREA, VA

Date and Key Times:

Backpackers Assemble @ CHPC:	8:00 AM	Sept. 12, 2026	Saturday
Truck In Assemble @ CHPC:	8:00 AM	Sept. 12, 2026	Saturday
Return to CHPC	3:00 PM	Sept. 13, 2026	Sunday

I. Adult Leader Needs: Sign up (T48.org)

*Sign up online by Tuesday Sept. 8th, 2026 11:45 PM

*Provide transportation to and from Hickory Ridge Campground, Grayson Highlands State Park, VA (approx. 170 miles round trip)

*Space is limited to 30 truck-in campers and 15 backpackers (looking for 7 to 8 drivers, 23 youth)

*Provide oversight for camping, hiking, backpacking, LNT with the Troop

II. Costs:

Item	Scout	Adult/Guest	Due By	Pay To
Camping Fee	\$10	\$10	At Registration	Treasurer
Transportation Fee	\$10		At Registration	Treasurer
Food 3 Meals Est.	\$20 (cash)	\$20 (cash)	Aug. 19, 2023	Food Buyer

III. Uniform Expectations:

Travel and From Grayson Highlands - Appropriate hiking/camping clothing

IV. Activities and What to Bring: (not all inclusive, see T-48 Camping Checklist)

Activity	What to Take
Truck-In	Normal truck-in camping equipment and clothing, tents, sleeping system, cooking gear, food by patrol, snacks, no hammocks. Water and a bathhouse are available. Saturday bagged lunch
Backpacking	Normal backpacking gear, food, water filtration, Saturday bagged lunch, snacks Two camp meals (dinner, breakfast) and one trail meal (Sunday lunch)

V. Trip Description:

This trip consists of 2 parts: (A) Backpackers will meet Saturday Sept. 12 at CHPC at 8:00 AM and carpool to the Backpackers parking lot at Grayson Highlands. They will start on a 9-mile Backpacking Trip to the "Scales" area via part of the Appalachian Trail and the Wilson Creek Trail. They will camp 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, cooking with backpacking stoves. The trail route back is via the "Scales" and Big Wilson Creek Trail to the Backpackers parking lot. Two parking spots are reserved in the backpackers parking lot. Note: with enough adult leadership, backpackers may start on Friday, Sept. 11th.

(B) The Truck-In group will meet at CHPC on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 8:00 AM and carpool to Grayson Highlands. They will meet at the visitor center and organize day hikes and blueberry picking for the morning and afternoon. They will then organize and travel to the Hickory Ridge Site campground, for check-in at 4:00 PM. Note, earlier check-in will depend on the reservation status of the campsites the previous day. Sites 14,15,16, 17, and 18 are available with 2 vehicles per site and 6 persons per site. A T48 Campfire will be conducted on Saturday night. Bring stories, jokes, and songs to share. Church services are planned for Sunday. Vehicle shuttles will be used between the Campground, Massie Gap, and Visitor Center parking lots. Check-out is by 1:00 PM on Sunday.