

TROOP 48 BSA -- TRIP INFORMATION

Outing: 2026 Virgin Falls + Fall Creek Falls Truck-in Camping and Backpacking Option

I. Dates and Key Times:

Assemble @ CHPC	2:00 or 5:00 PM	Nov. 13, 2026	Friday
Return to CHPC	7:30 PM	Nov. 15, 2026	Sunday

II. Adult Leader NEEDS: Sign up (T48.org)

- Provide transportation to/from Virgin Falls Trailhead and to Fall Creek Falls State Park (500 mile round-trip). Maps will be available.
- Provide oversite and camp with the Troop @ the Falls Creek Falls Campground.
- Provide oversite with backpacking contingent on hike with the Troop on the Virgin Falls trail (8.7 miles / HARD)
- Provide oversite on hike with the Troop to Fall Creek Falls (Gilbert Gaul Loop (4.1 Miles / Easy to Moderate) Sunday ~ 3 hours.
- Provide leadership and facilitate advancement opportunities.
- Provide oversite for LNT operations in camping areas and during hikes.
- Assure gear acquisition the Tuesday before the trip to ensure an efficient departure.

III. Cost	Scout	Adult	Due	Pay To
Camping Fee	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	8/30	Troop Treasurer
Transportation Fee	\$35.00		8/30	Troop Treasurer
Food (by patrol) 4 Meals *EST	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	9/25	Patrol Food Buyer (Cash)
Food (individual) 1 Meal *EST	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00	9/25	Restaurant Stop

IV. Uniform Expectations

Travel to Falls Creek Falls State Park Campground	Class A (No civilian hats)
In camp, on day hikes, backpacking	Class B (casual clothes ok)
Travel from Fall Creek Falls State Park	Class B

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

Activity	What to Take
Backpacking	This trip should be approached as a backpacking trip to allow for maximum personnel carrying. (tents, tarps, sleeping gear and stoves). Normal backpacking gear for on trail camping and cooking.
Truck In	Normal Truck In gear, daypack, personal first aid kit, rain gear, water bottle
Friday and Sunday Dinner	Bring Money to feed yourself at a roadside restaurant of the driver's choice
Patrol Meals: 5	Saturday (breakfast, lunch, dinner), Sunday (breakfast, lunch **no cook "grab and go" trail lunch)
Backpacking Meals: 5	Saturday (breakfast, lunch, dinner), Sunday (breakfast, lunch)

VI. Trip Description

The trip will consist of 2 contingents, truck in camping and day hiking as one opportunity, and backpacking as a second opportunity. The two contingents will not meet at any point on the outing. The backpacking group will hike and camp on the Virgin Falls trail. The Truck in campers will explore Falls Creek Falls campground and hike the Gilbert Gaul Loop located in Fall Creek Falls State Park.

The Truck-in campers will assemble @ CHPC 5:00 PM. They should depart immediately and arrive at Fall Creek Falls Campground 3.5 hours later in the **Central Time Zone** ~ 8 PM. Campsites E206-E209 have been reserved for 2 nights. Dinner should be eaten along the way. The group will check in and set up their camping area. They will wake early on Saturday and cook breakfast. The Gilbert Gaul Loop hike (4.1 Miles / Easy to Moderate) can be done Saturday or Sunday. Scouts will have plenty of time to work on camping related rank skills, visit the Visitor Center, and explore. Saturday lunch and dinner will be prepared by patrols or food groups. Saturday evening, following dinner, the group will set up for a Troop 48 Style Campfire to be completed in a timely fashion so as to comply with quiet time rules of the campground. On Sunday the group should wake, cook, and break camp before 9 AM. There will be a Troop 48 Church Service. The group will rally at the vehicles to return home around 2 PM. Drivers can stop along the way for dinner and arrive at CHPC around 7:30 PM.

The backpacking group will assemble at CHPC at 2:00 PM and depart immediately for the Virgin Falls Trailhead (directions will be provided). They will hike approximately 2.4 miles to Martha's Pretty Point, Group Campsite 7, set up camp for the night, and cook dinner. Saturday after breakfast and camp breakdown, the hike will resume approximately 4 miles to Virgin Falls, stopping for lunch on the trail, and then to the Caney Fork, Group Campsite 11 for the night. The group will wake on Sunday, prepare breakfast, break camp, and return to the Trailhead, approximately 4.2 miles. The group will then depart for Kingsport, stopping for dinner, and arrive at CHPC around 7:30PM.