

Troop 48 BSA – Trip Information

Outing: Lost Sea Cavern

I. Date and Key Times:

Assemble @ CHPC: 8:00 AM December 5th 2026 Saturday

Return to CHPC 12:00 PM December 6th 2026 Sunday

II. Adult Leader Needs: Sign up on T48.org on or before Nov. 17th

*Provide transportation to Sweetwater, TN and Bald River Falls (about 340 miles round trip).

*Provide oversite and camp with the Patrol

*Tour the Lost Sea Cave with the Troop

III. Costs:

Item	Scout	Adult/Guest	Due By	Pay To
Cave Fee	\$46	\$46	At Registration	Treasurer
Transportation	\$25		At Registration	Treasurer
Food (by individual)	\$50 (cash)	\$40 (cash)	Trip	Individual
Spending Money	\$20 (cash)		Trip	Individual

IV. Uniform Expectations:

Travel to and from Sweetwater/Bald River Falls Hiking Clothes, No Civilian Hats

Bald River Falls Hike Moderate, Cold Weather Hiking Clothes & Shoes

In Cave Tour (change outside cave) Old Clothes, Mud Shoes, Jacket (58 Deg. F in Cave)

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

Activity	What to Take
Saturday Meals Sunday Meals	Durable sack lunch for hike, Dinner, buy in route Breakfast and Lunch, buy in route
Cave Tour	Full water bottle, snacks, old clothes, long pants required, closed toed shoes required , warm, long sleeve shirt ideal, jacket, shoes, extra shoes to change after Wild Cave Tour, head lamp or flashlight, extra batteries, Clean Clothes to change into, Trash bag required to stow muddy clothes and shoes in cars.
Travel	Cash for meals
Sleeping in Cave	Small Pack, Mat or Tarp, Sleeping Bag, Large Water Bottle for drinking and cleaning Remove outer (muddy) clothing to sleep in clean underclothing.

VI. Trip Description:

Saturday: Meet at CHPC and depart for Tellico Plains by 8:00 AM. Arrive at Bald River Wilderness Trailhead (at Bald River Falls, River Road, Tellico Plains, TN 37385 at approximately 11:30 PM. Eat a sack lunch and hike the moderate 4.4-mile Bald River Wilderness Trail (out and back) along the Bald River. Depart for Lost Sea Adventure (140 Lost Sea Road, Sweetwater, TN 37874 by 4:00 PM (1 hr. drive). Stop in Tellico Plains or Madisonville for a fast-food dinner. Change into old clothes and check in at the Lost Sea Adventure by 5:30 PM. The tour begins at 6:00 PM and includes the Wild Cave Tour, Spelunking (dark narrow passages), and a boat ride. Bumped heads and muddy faces are inevitable. A toilet is available but no drinking or washing water is available in the cave so bring plenty of water. The group will leave the cave at approximately 8:00 AM on Sunday and change into clean Class B uniform for the ride home. Drivers will stop for breakfast and possibly lunch on the way home. The group should arrive at CHPC by Noon on Sunday.