

# Take Your Scouts on an Adventure

WITH WILDERNESS VOYAGEURS



*With more than 60 years of experience leading Scouts, Wilderness Voyageurs can help make your program an outstanding success for your troop. Our registered merit badge counselors ensure your Scouts learn hard and soft skills on every outing with us.*



YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER AND OHIOPYLE, PA  
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All necessary equipment provided for each badge.

# Earn Merit Badges!

Whitewater • Fly-Fishing • Rock Climbing

## Whitewater Merit Badge

2 days, 3 types of boats, and 12 total river miles — a merit badge your troop will love!

Scouts begin this course in canoes on the Middle Youghiogheny. This section of river is 9 miles in length and contains numerous class I and II rapids punctuated by large pools. The rapids contain well-defined features such as eddies and hydraulics (holes) that allow for maximum learning. On **DAY 1**, we focus on sharpening skills and the introduction of whitewater terminology and maneuvering.

On **DAY 2**, Scouts are introduced to new boats: whitewater and inflatable kayaks (aka duckies) and new sections of the river, Z-Rapid and the Loop. The morning is spent in kayaks, learning about the dynamics that create whitewater features, practicing whitewater moves, and teaching rudimentary rescue skills. In the afternoon, we load into duckies and head to the Loop portion of the Lower Yough. This 1.5-mile section contains six class III rapids. Catching eddies, ferrying, and surfing hydraulics will be the challenges posed this afternoon.



Prerequisite	None
Trip duration	2 days
Location	Youghiogheny River, Meadow Run
Cost	\$175 pp + fees
Dates	June 29-30, August 8-9
Includes	Deli-style lunch on both days



## Fly-Fishing Merit Badge

Introduce your troop to this elegant, lifelong sport!

After a brief classroom introduction to terminology and bug life on **DAY 1**, we will head out for some casting practice. Your Scouts also learn basic knots and how to attach flies. Then it's off to the banks of the Youghiogheny River to see who's biting. Throughout the afternoon, your Scouts get an understanding of currents and where fish feed. On **DAY 2**, we work on improving the accuracy of casts, more difficult knots, and fly selection.

All merit badge requirements will be met except for the cleaning and cooking of fish. We practice catch-and-release fishing.

## Rock Climbing Merit Badge



Climb up to a challenging day.

We start with a review of knots, climbing etiquette, safety protocols, and a discussion of expectations for the day. Our climbing location is a 20-minute bike ride from our base in Ohiopyle (bikes provided). Upon arrival at the rocks, we begin by setting up rappels and a top-rope site. Throughout the day, we will add climbs that are progressively harder. This setup ensures that all participants are challenged by the end of the day.

Prerequisite	Call for details
Trip duration	1 day
Location	Ohiopyle State Park
Cost	\$99 pp + fees
Season	May - Sept
Includes	Deli-style lunch



# Hassle-free trip planning - 1 call, 1 payment Adventure & Lodging Packages for Scouts

Take advantage of our great adventure and lodging packages, designed to give your troop the best value. We make all the lodging arrangements and meals are served at our base in Ohiopyle. Camping is at a private campground located just minutes from Ohiopyle with excellent facilities and plenty of activities. *Your troop provides its own tents, sleeping pads, and bags.*

Customize the package to suit your troop!

### RAFT & STAY

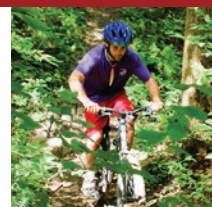
- Lower Yough rafting
- 1 night of camping
- 1 lunch; 1 dinner; 1 breakfast



Weekday rates starting at \$95 pp

### SURF & TURF

- Mountain biking
- Lower Yough rafting
- 2 nights of camping
- 2 breakfasts; 2 lunches; 1 dinner



Weekday rates starting at \$200 pp

### PADDLES & BINERS

- Day of rock climbing
- Lower Yough rafting
- 2 nights of camping
- 2 breakfasts; 2 lunches; 1 dinner



Weekday rates starting at \$200 pp

### SPLASHDOWN

- Lower Yough rafting
- 2 nights camping
- 2 breakfasts; 1 lunch; 1 dinner



Weekday rates starting at \$112 pp

OUR MOST POPULAR PACKAGE!

### SUMMER CAMP SUBSTITUTE

- 5 days of adventure: whitewater merit badge, rock climbing, mountain biking, rafting
- 5 nights camping
- 5 lunches

\$425 pp



For more package ideas and information, call 800-272-4141 or visit [wilderness-voyageurs.com](http://wilderness-voyageurs.com)

#### Package Details

- Prices are per person and do not include taxes or fees.
- Listed price is based on weekday rafting. Call for weekend rates.
- Minimum number of 12 participants to reserve a package.

The first night of camping is scheduled the night prior to your first activity, except for Raft & Stay. All guided activities include all equipment and lunch. **Remember, packages can be customized with meals and activities to meet your goals.** Standard activities do not require minimum participation to receive the Scout pricing.



### YOUGHIOGHENY CLEANUP SERVICE PROJECT

Help remove the invasive species from the Yough.

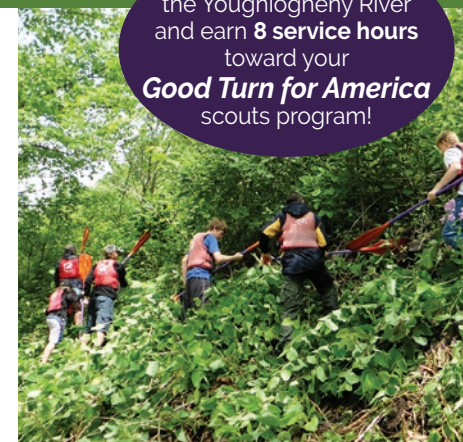
We float the Middle Yough with class I-II rapids to access the area in Ohiopyle State Park. All necessary equipment for removing the invasive species and floating on the river provided by Wilderness Voyageurs.

Stay tuned for dates and details to be announced.

What	Japanese knotweed removal
What	Ohiopyle State Park
When	May 20
Cost	\$1

Will return in 2025

Do a good turn for the Youghiogheny River and earn **8 service hours** toward your **Good Turn for America** scouts program!



Bring Your Blue Cards!

Rafting Season April 1 to October 31  
EVERY DAY

# 2024 Adventure Programs for Scouts

**We raft 15 rivers  
in WV, MD & PA —  
Call for our full catalog!**



## WHITEWATER RAFTING

The Lower Yough (pronounced "Yok") River runs through the protected wilderness of Ohiopyle State Park, Pennsylvania's largest park. Ideal for Scouts ages 12 plus,\* the Lower Yough is a class III "Drop & Pool" river: every whitewater rapid is separated by a calm deep pool, allowing plenty of time to start a water fight and prepare for the next wave of fun. Due to dams upstream, the Lower Yough has dependable class III whitewater from early spring into early fall foliage.

\*For Scouts under 12, ask about the Fully Guided Lower Yough Rafting option. For Scouts under 10, ask about the Middle Yough.

<b>Minimum age</b>	12, Beginners welcome
<b>Trip duration</b>	1 day
<b>Trip format</b>	Guide escorted
<b>Difficulty</b>	Class III-III+
<b>Includes</b>	Deli-style lunch
<b>Trip length</b>	7.5 miles
<b>Season</b>	March - October
<b>Weekdays (M-F)</b>	\$55 pp + fees
<b>Saturdays</b>	\$75 pp + fees
<b>Sundays</b>	\$63 pp + fees



## KAYAKING

Let your Scouts experience the unique joy of maneuvering their own kayak down a river — they'll fall in love with it! The Yough and surrounding rivers are ideal classrooms that allow us to fit the appropriate water difficulty to your Scouts' skill level and comfort zone.

<b>Minimum age</b>	10, Beginners welcome
<b>Cost</b>	\$99 pp + fees
<b>Season</b>	May - September
<b>Includes</b>	Deli-style lunch



## PEDAL & PADDLE

We start with a 9-mile pedal on the Great Allegheny Passage trail. At the Middle Yough River put-in, your troop exchanges bikes for paddles! Enjoy a leisurely paddle back to Ohiopyle. The biking portion takes 1.5-2 hours to complete and the river portion takes 4-5 hours.

<b>Minimum age</b>	8+, Beginners welcome
<b>Trip duration</b>	5-6 hours
<b>Season</b>	May - October
<b>Cost</b>	\$41 pp + fees
<b>Includes</b>	Deli-style lunch



## MOUNTAIN BIKING

Hit some single track on a Cannondale front-suspension mountain bike. Your guide gives your troop riding instruction, trail-side repair tricks, trail etiquette, and superior riding technique tips. Ohiopyle State Park, our playground for the day, has more than 25 miles of mountain bike trails from which to choose. We tailor a trail experience just for your troop.

<b>Minimum age</b>	12, Beginners welcome
<b>Trip length</b>	18 miles
<b>Trip duration</b>	4-6 hours
<b>Season</b>	April - October
<b>Cost</b>	\$99 pp + fees

*"We have used them [WV] for over 15 years as part of our Boy Scout activities. The pricing is competitive and the amenities, including a lunch provided on the river, are a good value. The photo service is top notch and the on-site coffee shop is welcome first thing in the morning."*

B. Bures, Medina, OH

**Stay & Play** Combine activities with meals and camping to SAVE! Camping & meal packages start as low as \$95 per person.

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## Deep Roots in Scouting

Wilderness Voyageurs is the adventures partner for the Laurel Highlands Council. Our registered BSA counselors lead all merit badge programs.

At Wilderness Voyageurs, our Scout roots run deep. Our founder, Scout leader Lance Martin, started leading troops in the 1950s and the family business was born in 1964. Today, we continue to base our outdoor adventures on Scouting ideals. Our commitment to providing safe, educational, and fun outdoor experiences to young people includes hiring Scouts to lead many of our programs. Their knowledge of Scouting principles combined with technical expertise create an environment that supports learning and growth for your Scouts. All of our guides are certified in first aid and CPR. All trip leaders (one on every trip) possess advanced first-aid certification.

We offer the largest selection of instructional adventure programs in Pennsylvania. Your Scouts will come away from our adventures with a working knowledge of the sport. Best of all, anyone can participate — no experience or equipment necessary.



**BUDGET FRIENDLY**

Our programs are designed with your budgets in mind. If you have any questions or would like to develop your own adventure program, feel free to give us a call. References available upon request.

*"Took a group of Boy Scouts, adults, and siblings for a great day on the river! The program facilitators were fabulous and everything was first rate, including lunch on the river and our dinner back at the facility. The Lower Yough is a great ride!"*

Patrick P., Highland, MD



## Your Scouting Adventure Checklist

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Whether your troop is rafting, mountain biking, kayaking, rock climbing, or fly-fishing, check out the important information below to ensure you and your troop make the most of your outdoor adventure.

- Directions to our facility — check the website because GPS directions aren't reliable in our remote area
- Signed waivers by parents/guardians (available on our website)
- Proper shoes for all activities
- Quick-dry clothing — avoid cotton!
- Sunscreen
- Dress appropriate to the weather and activity — we go rain or shine!
- Leave all electronics, valuables, and a change of clothes in the troop vehicle
- Meet Safety Afloat guidelines regarding adult participation
- Great attitudes!

Forget something important like river shoes, sunglass retainers, or a hat? Our **fully stocked, 2,000-sq ft outfitter store** has everything your troop needs to ensure a fun-filled day of adventure.

### YOUR ADVENTURE AGENDA

- Arrive a little early to keep the day running smoothly.
- After checking in at our facility, everyone changes into activity-appropriate clothing; wet suits are available for rent in spring and fall.
- Meet your troop's guides and get your equipment fitted, checked, and rechecked.
- Transport your troop to the river put-in or trailhead.
- Half-hour safety orientation on equipment and activity.
- Let the thrills begin as your troop takes off on the trail or river!
- Lunch is served midway through the activity.
- At the end of an incredible day, we transport your troop back to our facility.
- Change clothes, take a hot shower, or picnic at our pavilion and start telling the tall tales!

\*River trip durations may vary based on water levels and weather conditions.

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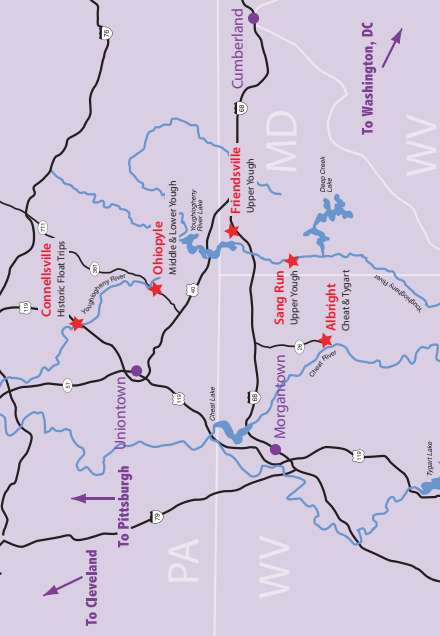
*Have other questions? Our reservations office is open year-round. We are ready to answer any questions and help you plan your troop's best adventure!*

**Call today: 800-272-4141**

# SCOUTING ADVENTURE PROGRAMS WITH WILDERNESS VOYAGEURS

*Closer than you think!*

Deep Creek Lake, MD ... 35 mi.	Cleveland, OH..... 195 mi.
Canaan Valley, WV..... 50 mi.	Philadelphia, PA..... 268 mi.
Pittsburgh, PA..... 70 mi.	Buffalo, NY.....289 mi.
Harrisburg, PA..... 180 mi.	Cincinnati, OH..... 295 mi.
Washington, DC..... 180 mi.	Detroit, MI..... 366 mi.
Baltimore, MD..... 185 mi.	New York, NY.....350 mi.
Columbus, OH..... 185 mi.	Chicago, IL..... 546 mi.



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