

Boy Scout Troop 6

*Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church
Cincinnati, Ohio*

Rock Climbing at Torrent Falls Climbing Adventure Via Ferrata in Red River Gorge March 19 – 21, 2010

Troop 6 is making a return visit this month to Via Ferrata for the first time in over five years. Torrent Falls Climbing Adventure (TFCA) has the first European-style “*via ferrata*” in the United States, allowing individuals and groups a way of discovering a naturally wild place. Essentially, this is a safe, easy and fun rock-climbing experience for non-climbers, with six sections ranging from easy to expert. Originating in the European Alps, “*via ferrata*” translates as “iron path” or “iron way” and is a steel cable system that allows climbers to experience new heights by attaching to the cable with specialized gear provided by TFCA. Check out the TFCA website at <http://www.torrentfalls.com>.

The group will leave Friday afternoon, March 19, at 5 p.m. sharp from the Presbyterian Church parking lot, unless travelers agree to a different departure time. The Philmont trekkers will be going to Red River Gorge for a shakedown hike, and will camp Friday night with the Via Ferrata group. We plan to camp (car-accessible) at Koomer Ridge Campground in Red River Gorge on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20. We will return Sunday afternoon, March 21 around 3 p.m. (may vary). Prior to leaving the Red River Gorge area, we will make the traditional and obligatory Troop 6 stop for lunch at Miguel’s Pizza. Basic cost **includes** the pizza stop on Sunday but **does not include** dinner on Friday night.

Basic cost for the outing is estimated to be **\$65 per person**, but it could be less if at least 10 go climbing. Since we’re traveling more than 100 miles one-way, gasoline expenses will be reimbursed.

Registration Since spaces at TFCA can fill up quickly, an initial reservation will be made with TFCA on Friday, March 12 for those whose payments have been received by this Thursday, March 11. Additional reservations will be made for payments received after March 11 if spaces are available. All consent and waiver forms must be in no later than **next Monday, March 15**. Fill in the attached registration form and **bring it to the troop meeting**, or mail it to Kevin Sigward, 6401 Grand Vista Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45213 by March 15. Please make checks payable to **Troop 6 BSA**. Forms submitted after March 15 cannot be guaranteed a place on this outing, since Via Ferrata can accommodate only a limited number of visitors each weekend.

Food and Travel We will plan patrol menus and finalize travel arrangements on March 15.

What to bring Bring personal tents if possible. We have only a limited amount of troop tents.

See *Outdoor Essentials*, pg. 51 - 54, The Boy Scout Handbook

- Tent, sleeping bag, ground cloth, etc.
- Rain gear, mess kit, nalgenes/canteens
- Hiking boots and tennis shoes, and layers of clothing suitable for the weather
- Flashlight/headlamps
- Gloves (fingerless gloves recommended; TFCA does not provide gloves)
- TFCA Waiver form



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Parent/Guardian Agreement and Medical Release

I/We hereby grant permission for my/our son(s)/ward(s), _____
(Name of Scout)

and _____, to participate in the rock climbing outing at Torrent Falls Climbing Adventure Via Ferrata, near Red River Gorge in the Daniel Boone National Forest near Campton, Kentucky on March 19-20-21, 2010.

In consideration of the benefits to be derived thereby and having full confidence that every reasonable precaution will be taken to assure his/their safety and well being during this activity/trip, I/we voluntarily waive all claims against the leaders of this activity/trip, officers, agents, and representatives of Boy Scout Troop 6 and the Boy Scouts of America.

I/we further give my/our permission for emergency medical assistance. Our son's physician is _____ and may be contacted at phone # _____ in the event of an emergency.

I/we may be contacted at _____, or _____ or _____.

Is he/they in good physical condition, with no serious illness or operation since his last health exam? YES NO

Is he/they currently taking any medications? YES NO Please specify: _____

Does he/they have chronic or ongoing medical conditions of which the leaders should be aware? (Such as allergies, diabetes, asthma, contact lenses, etc.) Please specify:

Parent/ Guardian Medical Insurance Coverage: _____

Contract #/Policy # _____

Please see Risks Specific to this Outing on Reverse

X _____ X _____
(Signature of Parent/Guardian) (Signature of Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

Please note: At least one parent/guardian must sign and date this form and the TFCA waiver forms (a single signature, however, binds both parents/ guardians). Each Scout must sign below, as well. A new form is required for each activity/trip. The form must be received prior to each activity/trip or participation will not be permitted.

Permission is granted to any emergency room physician to treat our child/ward prior to contacting our child's/ward's physician. ____YES ____NO, consult our physician first.

X _____ Date: _____
(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

Scout(s): I agree to conduct myself in a responsible manner and in accord with the principles of Scouting during this activity/trip.

_____ Date: _____
(Signature of Scout)

_____ Date: _____
(Signature of Scout)

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Risks Specific to this Outing

The risks inherent in rock-climbing are obvious to all. The purpose of this two-night outing is to train the scouts in the safe manner in which to participate in rock climbing with the aid of iron chains.

As with all other Troop 6 functions, the consumption of alcohol and the use of drugs other than medications listed on the previous sheet are strictly forbidden at any time during this outing.

A separate waiver form from Torrent Falls Climbing Adventure must be filled out and turned in to the tour leader by Monday, March 15.

Basic cost for the Via Ferrata trip is \$65. If anyone wishes to come on the outing but not participate in the rock climbing activities at Via Ferrata, the basic cost is \$35; **note that if there are scouts who wish to hike or bike only, there must be at least two adults present with any group that does not go rock climbing.**

Please indicate method of payment by checking one box.

- Check (include check number) _____
- Cash (indicate amount) \$ _____
- Scout Account (indicate name on account; verify you have enough \$\$ in your scout account first)

Name _____ Age _____ \$ _____

Name _____ Age _____ \$ _____

Name _____ Age _____ \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Questions? Call Kevin Sigward at 351-2603 or check the Torrent Falls website at www.torrentfalls.com.

Driver Information - Must be filled out by all those driving on the trip

Coverage in thousands

Year Make Model Driver Lic # # Seat belts

\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____

Note: BSA requires coverage of \$50K/100K/50K and that every passenger wears a seat belt at all times