

River Raft Race Rules



1. All participants riding on the rafts must wear shoes with a heel strap and a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device.
2. All rafts must have a 20-foot safety rope attached.
3. There will be a minimum of three and a maximum of eight persons on a raft.
4. Girls and Troop Leaders must be on separate rafts.
5. Troops may enter as many rafts as they wish.
6. All rafts finish the race intact and with the same participants that started the race to be eligible for fastest reward.
7. All raft material must be removed from the river and campsite after the race.
8. Each raft will be judged at the start for:
 - a. Seaworthiness and safety
 - b. Compliance with the construction rules
 - c. Participants' safety apparel
9. The following can be used:
 - a. Inner-tubes: one inner-tube per person plus one extra inner-tube (minimum) (three participants in the raft must have a minimum of four inner-tubes; adjust for age/size?)
 - b. Natural decking material (saplings, cane, bamboo, etc.)
10. The following **cannot** be used: barrels, row boats, canoes, foam, surfboards, milk jugs, pontoons of plywood, fiberglass, etc.
11. Each raft must have a deck construction using lashing skills only. No nails, bolts, wire, etc. will be allowed.
12. Rafts can be powered by:
 - a. Poles
 - b. Paddles
 - c. Wind
 - d. People-powered devices of any kind
13. Rafts **cannot** be powered by electric outboard motors, gas outboard or any fuel-consuming device.
14. Winners will be determined by the time it takes the raft to cover the course.
15. The race will start at the railroad tussle in Reliance, TN and end at the takeout at the Highway 441 bridge.
16. Rafts may add flags, coolers (no glass allowed on the river), etc.; however, they must be securely lashed in place and not subject to littering the river.
17. Once the rafts are removed from the river, the girls cannot go back into the water.
18. Prizes are given for the following:
 - a. Fastest
 - b. Best looking
 - c. Displays Girl Scout skills
 - d. Hard luck