

Buffalo River Camp & Float

About the Trip

C3 Men, you don't want to miss this one! Join us for our third annual Camp & Float on the majestic Upper Buffalo National River **May 3-4**. We are taking the weekend to intentionally unplug and find joy in God's creation, forging relationships through shared adventure and good old-fashioned fun.

Itinerary

You're invited to participate in all or part of the itinerary below. Just be sure to indicate which activities you'll be participating in on your registration form! *Note that all the times listed are flexible.*

- Friday (May 3):
 - Prior to 6 pm: arrive and set up camp (*Note: If you want to arrive earlier in the day to hike or relax, feel free!*)
 - 6 – 9 pm: dinner and campfire activities/snacks
- Saturday (May 4):
 - 7 – 8 am: breakfast and cowboy coffee
 - 8 – 9 am: transportation for floaters
 - 9 am – 1pm: float
 - 1 pm – 3 pm: lunch and break camp

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How much does it cost?

That depends on what you want participate in!

- Camping: \$40 per person
- Floating:
 - \$40 per canoer (*Note that canoes are designed for 2 people and cost a total of \$80 per boat; if you do not have a second member of your party, we'll match you with another single floater. In some cases, canoes can accommodate one adult and two children*)
 - \$80 per kayaker (single person)

Please plan to pay online at the time of registration OR bring a check/cash to the church office prior to April 22!

2. Who can come?

All the men of C3 are invited to participate in this event and you can feel free to invite



friends! Dads are encouraged to bring their sons 8 years and older.

Never floated the Buffalo before? No problem! This is a great trip for novice paddlers. However, please note that all floaters must be experienced swimmers!

3. Where will we stay?

We're planning to camp at Kyle's Landing Campground, right on the banks of the Buffalo River! This is a great campground with flat grassy areas and even complete with a fully flushing modern commode on site! See below for driving directions.

Some of our volunteers will head up the day prior to stake out real estate at the



campground for our group. But please note that spaces will be available on a first-come-first-served basis.

NOTE that there is NO cellular coverage available at Kyle's Landing Campground!

4. Do I have to bring a tent? What else do I need to bring?

If you want to brave the elements and sleep under the stars, be our guest! Otherwise, please plan to bring the temporary shelter of your choosing. If all you bring is a tent, sleeping pad, and sleeping bag, you'd be good! Food will be provided, and you can find a suggested packing list at the end of this document.

Please note...out of respect for the fathers bringing their sons on this trip, we ask that all participants refrain from bringing alcohol or tobacco products.

5. How do I get there? Can my car make it?

You're responsible for your own transportation to and from the campsite. Feel free to team up with some of the other participants and carpool...the road trip is half the fun! Driving directions and considerations are included at the end of this document. When considering what vehicle to bring, note that the last 2 miles of road are dirt.

6. What will we eat? Can you accommodate my vegan/keto/Mediterranean/gluten free/high fiber diet?

This weekend is all about dude food...cooked *in* the fire or *over* it, the way it was meant to be!



Vegetables will be lucky to make an appearance. You're in for a treat with Famous French Toast, World-Renowned Smudge Pockets, and "Endless" Bacon. Your registration will cover 3 meals (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, and Saturday lunch). But feel free to bring extra snacks (especially for the float).

In all seriousness, if you do require a restrictive diet, you will likely need to plan on bringing your own food for the weekend.

7. What if I only want to camp and not float?

Come along...you're welcome to! Please just indicate that you won't be floating on your registration form.

8. What if I only want to float and not camp?

You're welcome, too! If you want to drive up early Saturday morning and float with the group, that's great. But note that it will be a bit tricky to make sure that we link up at the launch point to get your canoe rental taken care of. If you're planning on doing this, please contact WillB@C3LR.org before registering.

9. What section of the Buffalo will we float?

Our *hope* is to float the stretch of the Upper Buffalo River between Steel Creek and Kyle's



Landing. This is one of the most iconic and picturesque sections of the river. However, this will depend on water flow. We will be watching the weather and talking with the outfitter in the week leading up to the trip to confirm which stretch is best for our group.

10. How long does the float take?

The float from Steel Creek to Kyle's Landing takes 3 to 5 hours (depending on the water flow and your paddling habits). There's also the option to go ashore and hike to one of Arkansas' most stunning waterfalls, Hemmed in Hollow (about 0.5 miles each way). Our goal will be for all floaters to be off the river by 3:00 pm.



11. Who are we getting canoes from?

We will coordinate all canoe and kayak rentals from a local Outfitter. With the paperwork filled out in advance, following breakfast, we will use vans to transport all the floaters to the launch point (hopefully Steel Creek) to get their canoe, paddles, and life jackets.

12. Can I bring my own canoe or kayak?

Yes! You are free to bring your own watercraft for the river. However, please note that this may require you to drive your own vehicle to the launch point. C3 won't be responsible for

shuttling your vehicle back to the campground, but you can pay an additional fee to the outfitter for this service.

13. How will I get to my car afterwards? Can I get it shuttled?

Unless you're planning to bring your own canoe/kayak, your vehicle will stay at Kyle's Landing Campground throughout your float. As stated above, if we can float our preferred section of the river, Kyle's Landing will be our take-out point. That means you will finish your float and be at your vehicle, ready to pack up and head out!

If we are forced to float a different section of the river, C3's staff and volunteers will coordinate transportation so that you can get back to your vehicle after the float.

If your individual plans require a vehicle shuttle for any other reason, you will be responsible for paying the outfitter for that service.

Driving Directions

Depending on traffic, the drive from Little Rock to Kyle's Landing takes approximately 3 hours (plan accordingly). While the roads are well marked, we suggest that those who are unfamiliar with the area plan to arrive before sundown. The final 2 miles of road before you reach the campground are dirt (and include a steep decline into the river valley). While this road is usually well graded, it can become tricky to navigate without four-wheel drive during and after rainstorms. Additionally, please note that cellular service is spotty in many areas around the Buffalo River; therefore, we suggest you either download offline map coverage or load the route prior to leaving Little Rock.

Google Maps: [Link](#)

Apple Maps: [Link](#)

Packing List

REQUIRED:

- Tent
- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad

SUGGESTED:

Clothing:

- Sweat-Shirt/Coat
- Cap/Gloves (as needed)
- Rain Jacket (as needed)
- Hat/Ball Cap
- Swimming Trunks
- Post-Float Clothes
- Water Shoes/Sandals
- Towel

Miscellaneous:

- Snacks
- Cards/Games
- Lawn Chair
- Other Camp Gear
- Hiking Boots
- Car Phone Charger

Gear:

- Flashlight
- Water Bottle
- Travel Mug
- Sunglasses (with strap)
- Dry Bag (for float)

Toiletries:

- Req'd Personal Items
- Toothbrush & paste
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen