

United Church of God  
Ocoee Whitewater Rafting Trip  
August 5, 2007

The Whitewater Rafting trip will be on August 5, 2007. Participants need to be at the Ocoee Inn at 10:00 AM EDT to receive instruction, equipment and to process signed waivers. A waiver has been included with this letter. Please make enough copies and complete for everyone in your party. No one will be allowed to participate without a signed waiver. Anyone under 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian. No one under 12 will be allowed to go. This is Tennessee law. While we don't expect any problems, the outfitter does reserve the right to reject anyone whom the outfitter feels could not safely make the trip. The use of alcohol before or during the trip is strictly prohibited.

For clothing, the outfitter recommends bathing suits, shorts, or cutoffs, T-shirts and tennis shoes. You will be walking on rocks getting to and from the river. You will get wet! Bring a change of clothing and a towel for after the trip. Changing rooms and hot showers are provided. Everyone will be wearing an approved PFD (personal floatation device) and a helmet, both provided by the outfitter. Sunscreen is advisable. Please be cautioned about coming without a reservation expecting to go down the Ocoee; there is no guarantee of extra space as the outfitter has a limit for each trip.

Camping is available in the Ocoee area. As a reminder that the surrounding area is National Forest Land and we should take all precautions to respect the wilderness and its natural dangers. The nearest campground to Ocoee Inn is Chilhowee Recreation Area with 47 RV or tent sites. It is strictly on a first-come, first-serve basis and generally fills up on the weekends. The overnight camping fee is \$12-20 per campsite with a maximum of 5 people per site. The campground has bath facilities, bike trails, campfire rings, fishing, hiking, a swimming area, and waterfall. Parksville Lake Campground with 16 sites is also close by. It also is first-come, first-serve. Thunder Rock Campground with 7 sites is 12 miles up the road from the Ocoee Inn. Again, it is first-come, first-serve. For further information call the Ocoee/Hiwassee Ranger District Office at 1-423-338-5201.

Lake Ocoee Inn where Ocoee Rafting is located has a few rooms available. Their number is 1-800-272-7238 or 1-423-338-2064. There are other cabins in the area. Please refer to the Polk County Chamber of Commerce web page at [www.ocoeeTN.org](http://www.ocoeeTN.org) or call at 1-800-633-7655.

In Cleveland on I-75 at Exits 25 and 27 are several motels. These are about 30 minutes from the event. Some of the motels include Hampton Inn, Ramada Inn, Holiday Inn, Comfort Inn, Travel Inn, Wingate Inn, Baymont Inn, and Super 8.

As in prior years, a Camp Bible Study will be held on the Sabbath by Mr. Bruce Gore in the Chilhowee Recreation Area.

For those attending Cleveland Sabbath Services, services will be at 2:00 PM EDT. From I-75 going north or south, take Cleveland exit #20. Exit onto Bypass #64 heading east. Go 5 ½ miles to Exit Hwy #74. Exit at #74 and go down to the traffic light. Turn left at the light (Hardee's will be on your left). Within ½ mile, "Spring Place Village" (Shopping Strip) will be on your right. The hall is located at the far left of the building. A sign "United Church of God-Cleveland" identifies the location.

For those coming from Ocoee, travel west on US Hwy #64 to Bypass #64 west. Exit onto Bypass #64 and continue west 1 mile to Exit Hwy#74 down to the stop sign and turn left. You will pass Hardee's on the left. Within ½ mile "Spring Place Village" will be on your right.

Directions to Ocoee Inn/Ocoee Rafting, Inc. Take I-75 to Cleveland Tennessee and take Exit#20 which is Bypass #64. Go east on Bypass #64 to US Hwy #64 and continue east past the dam and beside Parksville Lake. Continue until you come to Ocoee Inn/Ocoee Rafting, Inc. on your right. From the Bypass travel is about 13 ½ miles to Ocoee Inn/Ocoee Rafting, Inc. It's not more than 30 minutes from Cleveland. Again, please be there by 10:00 am on Sunday morning.

