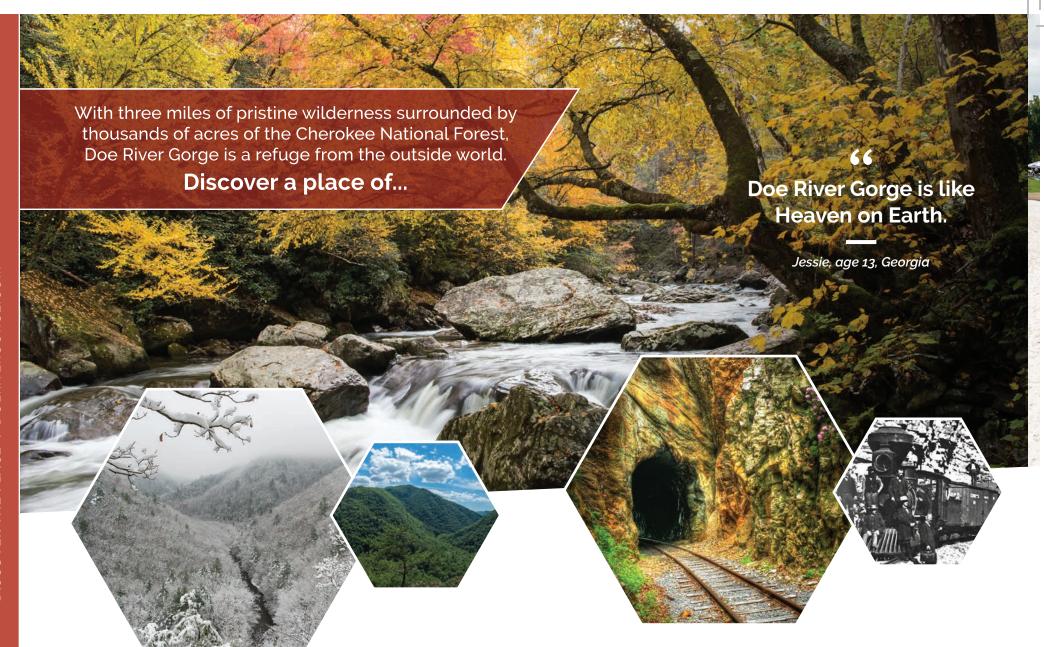


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Majestic Scenery

Doe River Gorge consists of rugged mountains, scenic meadows, vertical rock cliffs, rushing whitewater rapids, and colorful flora. You'll be captivated by the beauty of God's spectacular creation.

Fascinating History

In 1880, a railroad was constructed from Johnson City, TN to Cranberry, NC. A portion of this railroad has been restored through the Doe River Gorge and provides scenic excursion trips into the Gorge, as well as transportation to various sites where you can experience amazing wilderness adventures.



Exhilarating Adventure

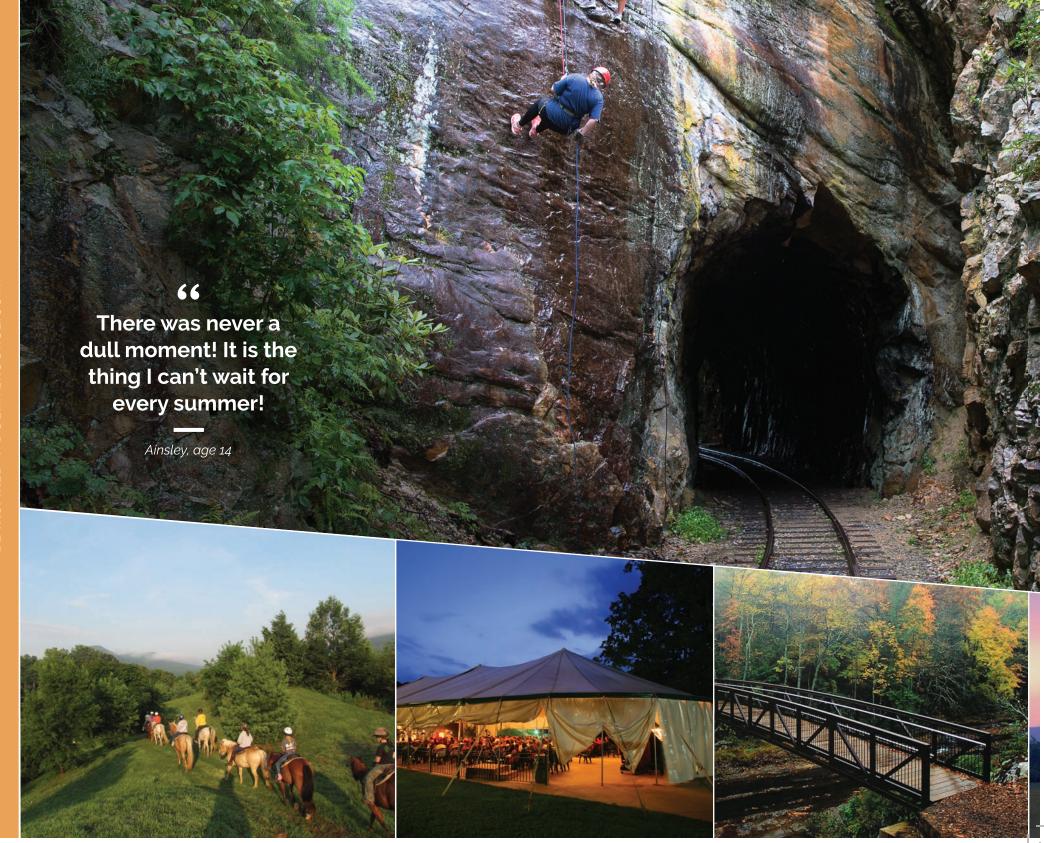
Doe River Gorge explodes with adventure. Rappel sheer cliffs, tube whitewater rapids, brave rope challenge courses, race down ziplines, and engage in a battle of paintball. Saddle up a horse and ride along a quiet mountain trail, challenge your friends to a game of octaball, or enjoy some incredibly fun activities at the action-packed lakefront. Doe River Gorge is a place where you can experience fun and laughter while creating lasting memories.

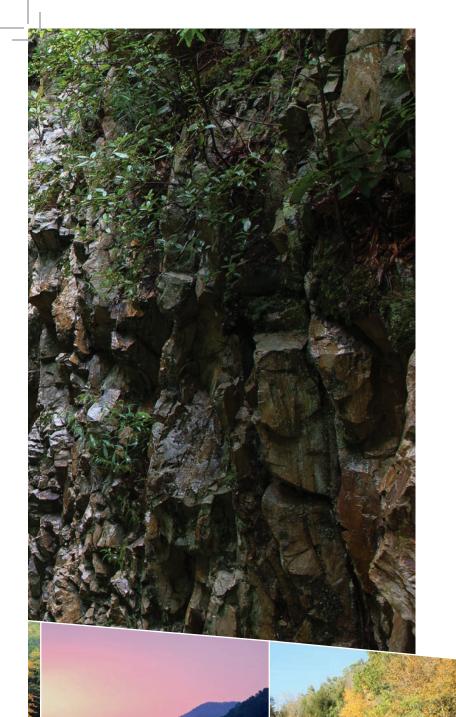
★ See pages 26-27 for activities overview

Incomparable Hospitality

Doe River Gorge is enhanced with premier facilities and dedicated staff to enrich your experience. You can sleep in a riverfront cabin, an authentic railroad car, or a scenic mountain lodge. Our chef prepares great-tasting, well-balanced, and nutritious meals so that no one walks away from the table hungry. The hospitality staff at Doe River Gorge are eager to make your stay enjoyable and refreshing.

 \star See pages 24-25 for pictures and details





BE INSPIRED

Doe River Gorge is a place where people are inspired to be more than they could ever imagine!

In an atmosphere of fun, adventure, acceptance, and love, you will...

Experience one of the best times of your life

Cultivate Christlike character and integrity

Achieve greater self-confidence

Discover your Godgiven gifts, abilities, and passions

Build friendships and memories that will last a lifetime

Realize your value and worth as one created in the image of God

Step beyond your comfort zone and accomplish what you never thought possible Get to know your Creator and advance your relationship with Him

Find authentic community and refuge from the pressures of everyday life

Doe River Gorge offers experiences for...

children, teens, college-aged students, families, churches, youth groups, children's groups, schools & businesses. Explore the pages of this catalog to discover how you or your group will "be inspired to be more than you could ever imagine!"

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The Spirit of the Lord is here. They do their ministry well and give God all the glory!

Cody, Youth Leader



SEQUENTIAL PROGRAMS

for Personal and Spiritual Growth

Children and teens live in a busy world. School, sports, homework, extracurricular activities, friendships, recreation, and social media all vie for their attention. But living in this hightech, fast-paced, win-at-all-cost culture can leave its scars on young people. Loneliness, rejection, low self-esteem, pressure to perform, and fear of the future are some of the struggles that cause anxiety and heartbreak.

Doe River Gorge desires to partner with parents and youth leaders to help children and teens navigate through these formative years. From the time a student enters second grade until they graduate from college, Doe River Gorge offers sequential, age-appropriate programs that will inspire, educate, encourage, and equip students to be all they can be. In this fun, loving, and caring refuge, students have time to grasp their value and worth, discover their gifts and abilities, develop Christ-like character, and meet God in life-changing ways.

Explore our programs to find the launching point for the young person you love. Working together, we can raise up a generation of young people who live lives for the glory of God.



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Beginner Camp

Rising 2-3 Graders



Junior Adventure Quest

Rising 3-6 Graders





Adventure Quest

Rising 7-12 Graders



17THREE

Rising 9-10 Graders



SALT

Risina 10-11 Graders



LEAD

Rising 11-12 Graders



Exponential

Post High School



College Challenge

Post High School









OUR PLEDGE



Exceptional Staff

Doe River Gorge has a committed team of full-time staff members with a combined total of over 215 years of camping ministry experience. During the summer, this staff is complemented by 70 of the most hard-working, kid-loving, God-honoring college students that we can find. Before beginning service, summer staff members receive 150 hours of intensive training.



Health and Safety

Safety is top priority. While danger is inherent in any adventure activity, Doe River Gorge seeks to minimize that risk through well-designed courses, regularly inspected professional equipment, and highly-trained staff. A medical professional is on site 24/7 during the summer.



Personalized Attention

Emotional safety is very important to us. Doe River Gorge strives for a counselor/student ratio of 2:8, minimizing the potential for bullying and giving your child personalized supervision, instruction, and attention.



Fabulous Meals

Doe River Gorge takes pride in serving great-tasting, nutritious meals. Fresh fruits and vegetables are always available and special diets can be accommodated with prior notice.



Partner in Parenting

We desire to stand with you through the joys and difficulties of parenting. We want to partner with you by offering memory-making and defining-moment opportunities that will educate, motivate, and inspire your children to be all they can be.



We grew closer together, conquered fears, & got real with God. Highly recommend!

Trevor, Youth Leader







BEGINNER CAMP

Rising 2nd-3rd Graders / 4-Day Mini Camp

Pack your bags because you are about to experience one of the best times of your life! Your days will be jam-packed with splashing across the water obstacle course, roaring through the river on the UNIMOG, blobbing your friends into the lake, and learning life-changing truths under the Big Top.

You will also meet some amazing animals during your visit to the Critter Room! Welcome to *Beginner Camp* and the Doe River Gorge family.



For dates, rates, & registration call **423.725.4010** or visit **doerivergorge.com/AQ**



Junior Adventure Quest is the best thing in my life.

Mariah, age 10

JUNIOR ADVENTURE QUEST

Rising 3rd-6th Graders / 4-Day or 6-Day

Junior Adventure Quest is a kid's dream come true! Imagine racing your friends down a 700-foot water-landing zipline, being catapulted by the blob into the lake or engaging in a game of paintball. Hang out on the white sand beach, sip a root beer float at the Sidetrack Café, or express your creativity in the Creative Arts Center.

You'll love the fun, kid-friendly staff who will be with you 24/7 throughout the week, leading, encouraging, and cheering you on to grow in challenging new ways. You'll learn new skills, and discover the adventure of getting to know the God of the universe.



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Bring your Children's Group - Minimum of 10

Bring your organized group to Doe River Gorge, where you are freed up to invest your time in the students. As a group, you'll receive a substantial discount from published rates. Call us today!







ADVENTURE QUEST

Rising 7th-12th Graders / 4-Day or 6-Day

Doe River Gorge will quench your thirst for adventure. Imagine racing your friends down a triple water-landing zipline, feeling the rush of adrenaline on the whitewater rapids of the Doe River, or jumping off the top of a telephone pole to catch a trapeze.

If you're not feeling so adventurous, you can ride a horse along a quiet mountain trail, or take it easy on the white sand beach. Through fun and laughter, you will form lasting friendships and build unforgettable memories.

Explore Activities

Check out the main Adventure Quest activities on pages 26-27!



For dates, rates, & registration call **423.725.4010** or visit **doerivergorge.com/AQ**

ADVENTURE QUEST GROUPS

For Youth Groups / 4-Day or 6-Day

Come as a group, leave as a team! Doe River Gorge is ideal for youth groups. It's a refuge where you and your students can reconnect, refresh, and re-energize as you fall in love with the magnificent God of all creation. We provide all programming and logistics so that you, as leader, are free to invest in the students that God has entrusted to your care.

Discounted Rates

Organized groups (minimum of 10 people) receive a substantial discount off normal rates. Call 423.725.4010 for more information and to register your group. We can't wait to see you and your group at Adventure Quest!



I knew I was going to have fun and gain friends, but I never expected to gain a family.



TEEN LEADERSHIP CAMPS

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." — Luke 2:52

From the time Jesus was twelve until He turned thirty and began His public ministry, we know from Scripture that He grew mentally (in wisdom), physically (in stature), spiritually (in favor with God), and socially (in favor with men).

At Doe River Gorge we strive to provide the same well-rounded growth for the next generation of leaders. Our leadership programs provide a comprehensive biblical approach to equip you to become the person and leader God made you to be! Through targeted programs that build character and progress each year, you'll discover your God-given gifts and develop servant-leadership skills.

Each program includes mentoring, experiential training, practical service projects, and life-transforming teaching. Throughout the program, you'll experience the depth and significance of living in true, biblical community while building lasting friendships and unforgettable memories.



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John 17:3

Rising 9th & 10th Graders / 13-Day

Start your Teen Leadership journey with *17THREE*, a unique experience that incorporates leadership development, transformational Bible studies, and experiential training.

Enjoy in-depth discussion, off-camp excursions, and intense service initiatives as you build friendships and work alongside Doe River Gorge staff as servant leaders. As you grow as a leader, you'll discover your potential and find direction in your understanding of God and His plan for your life.















Rising 10th & 11th Graders / 20-Day

For three exciting weeks of Servant And Leadership Training, you'll be part of a community learning together that the first quality of leadership is selflessly serving others. Building on the truths learned in 17THREE, your team will grow together as you face challenges, engage in the next level of team building, and serve the camp community all while having a blast!

Counselors will quickly become your close friends as they challenge you to develop a genuine relationship with God. Experience passionate worship, in-depth Bible study, fireside chats, and intense experiential training. Your newly-developed skills and servant heart will transform your relationships and your world.



1 Timothy 4:12

Rising 11th & 12th Graders / 27-Day

The four-week *Leadership Experience And Discipleship* journey will stretch you spiritually as it challenges you to grow as a strong and confident leader. You will form solid, Christlike character, develop personal and spiritual disciplines, and be empowered to lead others.

LEAD is an incredible opportunity for hands-on leadership. Solidify your community as you participate in challenging experiential training including a three to four day wilderness expedition. You'll be equipped to lead younger campers as you partner with summer staff in facilitating adventure activities, games, Bible studies, and more. After *LEAD*, re-enter your world empowered with an unshakable biblical world view and a vision for godly service and leadership.

Coming to DRG was a huge step of faith for me, and it was one of the best decisions I've ever made.

Carlisle, SALT, age 14

EXPONENTIAL Psalm 46:1-2a

A 9-month gap year discipleship journey for high school graduates ages 18-24

One of the most difficult times in life is the transition after high school. It's a time when you're trying to discover what you want to do with the rest of your life. You're seeking to discover your gifts, your passion, and the direction of your life. Perhaps you find yourself in the all-too-familiar position of not knowing which way to turn. If this sounds like you, then we invite you to explore *Exponential* at Doe River Gorge. *Exponential* is a 9-month residential discipleship program unlike anything you've experienced. It's a chance to unearth your true self as you build a community with others and become rooted deeper in your faith.

Exponential is designed to help you know God, empowering you to shift from seeking refuge in the world to finding refuge in Christ. Here you will find time to be alone with God, to seek His will, and to discover the unique plan He has for your time on this earth.

For more information call **423.725.4010** or visit **doerivergorge.com/exponential**













COLLEGE CHALLENGE

A summer adventure for college students

As a college student, you are uniquely positioned in life to invest your time for maximum experience, growth, and impact. You have the opportunity to come apart from the hectic pace of school, be immersed into a community of believers, and find your fulfillment in serving as Christ served. This summer, over 1,000 children and teens will be traveling to Doe River Gorge for a week of high adventure fun. To minister to these students, approximately 70 college students will have the opportunity to serve as Summer Staff.

As a Summer Staff member, you will receive 15 days of intense training that will be invaluable during your service at Doe River Gorge and the rest of your life. You'll learn first aid, team-building techniques, skills to safely facilitate high adventure activities, and counseling principles.

You'll develop lifelong friendships, experience the refuge of Christian community, discover your gifts, and revitalize your relationship with God. Our Summer Staff receive job-specific training, food, lodging, and entertainment. Each individual chooses to either volunteer or to raise personal financial support as a missionary. Customized internships to meet a variety of requirements are also available.

APPLY NOW

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Doe River Gorge has been my happy place for a big part of my life. It has molded me into the person I am today.

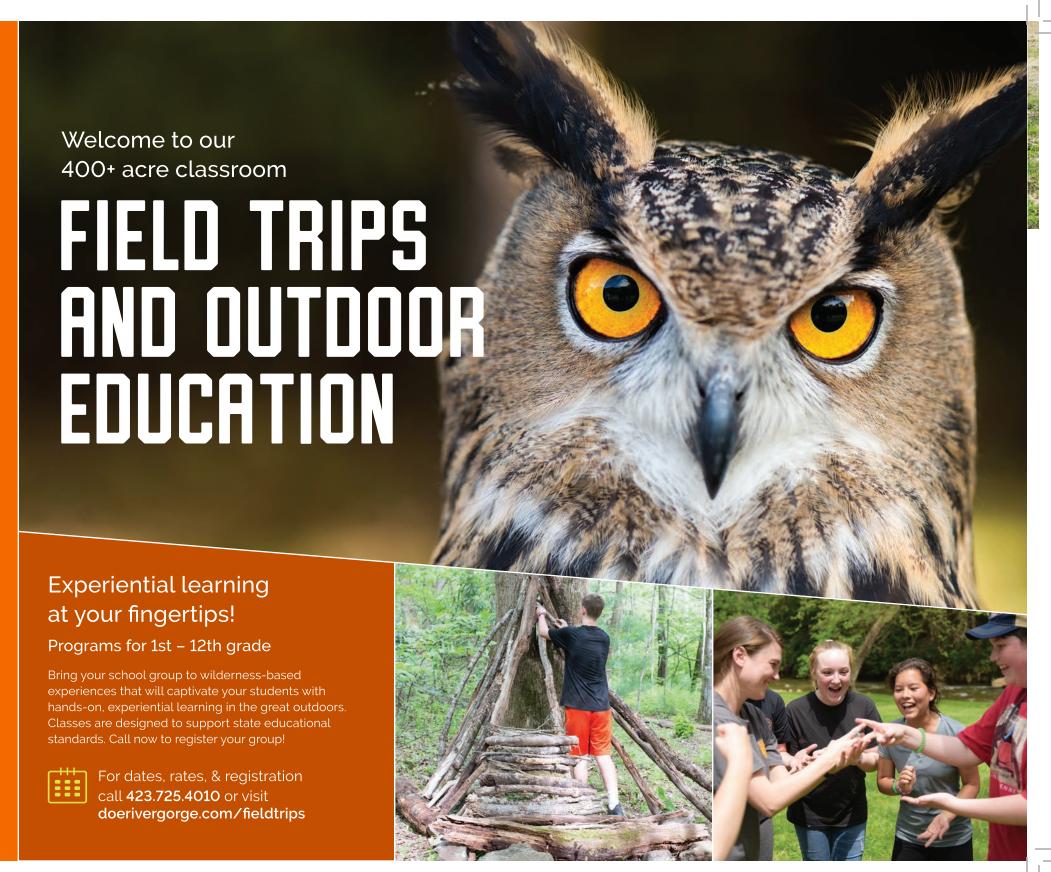
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SUMMER STAFF POSITIONS



Counselor
High Adventure Instructor
Lifeguard
Whitewater Guide
General Maintenance
Housekeeping
Health Care
Office Assistant
Gift & Snack Shop
Videographer
Wrangler
Photographer















CLASSIC FIELD TRIP

Bring your group on our classic field trip consisting of 4 one-hour periods that all take place in the great outdoors. This includes:

- 1. Narrated train ride in the gorge on the historic East TN & Western NC railway that linked Johnson City, TN and Cranberry, NC. See native flora and unique rock formations!
- 2. Group Game (DRG staffed) Learn to work together while having fun.
- 3. Teacher-led Activity: Enjoy free time activities with your team including Octaball, 9 Square in the Air, Volleyball, Ping Pong, Cornhole, Dodgeball, Disc Golf.
- Adventure Activity OR Outdoor Education class (one activity or class based on number of participants and age).

Lunch served during last two activity hours. Bring your own lunch or purchase! (\$5 per person: hot dog, chips, cookie, drink)

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I would recommend this experience for all grade levels.

Crystal, 6th Grade Teacher

CUSTOMIZED FIELD TRIP

Customized field trips allow you to fully customize your stay, hand-pick your favorite classes and choose your preferred activities.

- 1. Identify your goals for your students. Do you want your team to conquer fears, develop trust or strengthen communication? Call us to discuss your needs and we will tailor the field trip to meet your students needs.
- 2. Choose how long you stay.
- **3.** Pick your activities and outdoor education classes.

Come experience the magnificent scenery, premier facilities, unsurpassed activities, excellent food, and heart-warming hospitality of Doe River Gorge. Secluded from the outside world, it is the perfect destination for your group.

Choose Your Outdoor Education Classes

- Talk with Animals
- Horse Studies
- Decomposition
- River Critters
- Tree Detectives
- Nature Hike
- Incredible Invertebrates
- Fire-Building
- Outdoor Shelters

Choose Your Activities (based on group size)

- Climbing Tower
- The Rapture
- Leap of Faith
- Unimog Rides (Giant 4X4 ATV)
- Tree Swings (ages 8 & under)
- Historic Train Ride
- Team Building
- Group Games

Animals on the Move - If you can't make it to Doe River Gorge to meet our animals, we can bring them to you!

Our trained staff will travel to your location with 5-7 different species of animals for this one hour Talk with Animals experience. Students get to encounter live, exotic reptiles and birds through hands-on interaction, instruction, and discussion! Give students a chance to explore, value, and enjoy the natural world! Tell your school or group about Field Trips and Outdoor Education at Doe River Gorge.









Your fun-filled day!

On select Saturdays throughout the summer, you can zip down a 700-foot water-landing zipline, get blasted by the blob, swim in a mountain lake, play on the white-sand beach, or enjoy the new water obstacle course.

If your adrenaline still needs charging, jump on the UNIMOG 4x4 vehicle for a wild ride into the surrounding mountains or scale to new heights on our climbing tower. You can also take a guided horseback trip along scenic trails, or play a game of sand-court volleyball.

When you're ready to slow down, take a scenic train ride on the historic rails of the former ET & WNC Railroad where you'll see some of the most majestic scenery in the eastern USA.

- \$20 per person for the day (Ages 7 & under are free!)
- · Come anytime from 10:00am 4:30pm



New activity included with paid admission!

Add-ons

Horseback Riding \$20/1 hour ride



UNIMOG Rides \$12 per ride



Lunch Buffet \$9 adults \$5 ages 7 & under







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Doe River Gorge is a safe & welcoming place with a lot of great stuff & fun activities.

Cooper, age 12, TN



FATHER/SON CHALLENGE

A weekend adventure for fathers & sons ages 8 to 108!

Pack up your bags and escape to Doe River Gorge for an adventurous, unforgettable, memory-making weekend! Fathers and sons will brave innovative challenges, experience incredible fun, and form new and lasting friendships. But most of all, you will build bonds of unity and create memories that you'll cherish for years to come.

Working together, you can rappel a sheer cliff, tackle high challenge courses, go horseback riding, play paintball, race each other down the 700-foot water-landing ziplines, explore a cave, or leap together from the top of a 30-foot pole and attempt to catch a trapeze. And that's just the beginning! The weekend will be filled with surprise events, worship experiences, challenging speakers, and time in God's Word—all designed to help you reconnect and prioritize the critical father/son relationship.

The time my son and I got to spend together, just the two of us, was worth more than anything.

Doug, age 48, TN

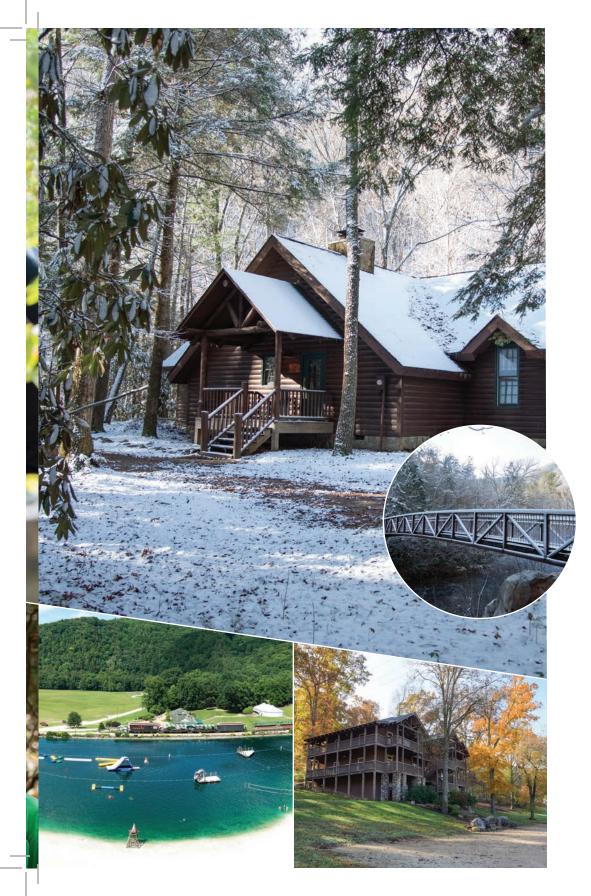




SAVE YOUR SPOT

It happens only once a year, and space is limited, so register now at doerivergorge.com/father-son or by calling 423.725.4010.





CUSTOMIZED RETREATS

For families and groups

Come experience the magnificent scenery, premier facilities, unsurpassed activities, excellent food, and heart-warming hospitality of Doe River Gorge. Secluded from the outside world, it is the perfect refuge for your group or family retreat. Doe River Gorge can host a family of four to groups of 300+ guests. Your retreat can be customized to include:

- 1. Lodging (pages 24 25)
- 2. Meals
- 3. Meeting Facilities
- 4. Recreational Activities
- 5. Adventure Activities
- 6. Team Building Initiatives
- 7. A/V Equipment
- 8. Outdoor Education

Free Activities

- 1. Use of playing fields
- 2. Ping Pong
- 3. Disc golf
- 4. Octaball
- 5. Sand court volleyball

- 6. Hiking trails
- 7. Fishing (bring your own fishing gear; license may be required)
- 8. 9 square in the air
- 9. And more!



SAMPLE RETREAT PACKAGE

2 nights' lodging, 4 meals, and use of all non-staffed Doe River Gorge activity areas. Your retreat may also be customized to include additional nights' lodging, meals, and adventure activities that require Doe River Gorge guides. Guided activities must be scheduled a minimum of two weeks prior to arrival date.

Customized retreats are available August - May! Please call 423.725.4010 to book your retreat.









Mountain Meadows Lodge

- CAPACITY: Eight rooms with 10 bunk-style beds per room for a total of 80 guests.
- BATHROOMS: Adjoining each room is a bath containing two showers, two sinks, and two toilets.
- ADDITIONAL FEATURES: Every room accesses a spacious covered deck for outside gatherings.
 The lower level consists of a meeting room with a stone fireplace, video projector and sound system, serving kitchen, and two restrooms.

Cedar Mountain Lodge

- CAPACITY: Nine rooms with 10 bunk-style beds per room for a total of 90 guests.
- BATHROOMS: Adjoining each room is a bath containing two showers, two sinks, and two toilets.
- ADDITIONAL FEATURES: This majestic lodge contains a central great room overlooking the rushing Doe River. This room has a wood-burning fireplace, video projector and sound system, serving bar, and interior horseshoe balcony.

Railcars

These charming, historic railcars offer a small gathering room per car and provide a unique lodging experience.

- CAPACITY: These five railcars sleep 8 people each for a total capacity of 40 quests.
- BATHROOMS: Each railcar has two showers, two sinks, and a toilet.







Gazepee Village

Located next to the rushing Doe River, these sleeping quarters are our version of a deluxe tepee. While each gazepee contains electricity and air conditioning, they provide a more traditional camping experience.

- CAPACITY: The Gazepee Village has five 32-ft-tall gazepees, each sleeping 10 for a total of 50 guests.
- BATHROOMS: Bath facilities with hot water are located just a few steps away.

Riverfront Cabins

Cross the scenic footbridge to three secluded riverfront cabins.

- BEAR DEN CABIN: This cabin sleeps 20 people in two bunk-style rooms, with four bathrooms. Amenities include a full kitchen, gathering room, washer/dryer, fireplace, and riverfront porch.
- BEAR CLAW & BEAR TRAP: Each cabin sleeps 10 and has two bathrooms, a kitchen, wood stove, small gathering area, and riverfront porch.

Depot

Home to our kitchen, the DRG Outfitters store, and an outdoor patio with ping pong tables, various games, and dining tables, the Depot is a central hub at Doe River Gorge. Relax and enjoy the beautiful mountain view from the front porch rocking chairs. Inside, make use of the comfortable, informal space.







