

Register now for July Classes!

**Basic River Rescue Clinic
July 7-9, 2023**

Join CHOTA, Knoxville area canoe club, and TSRA for our joint Basic River Rescue Clinic. Held at Gee Creek Campground on the Hiwassee River, in Delano, Tennessee.

This class provides an opportunity for you to learn how to help yourself and your paddling friends whenever you run into trouble on the river.

This course will be taught by Swiftwater Rescue trained instructors. Students will need to have some basic comfort with their paddling skills ON WHITEWATER before embarking on the training. A roll is not necessary in order to take this class.

Whitewater boats (no recreational boats), or Whitewater Canoes are required for this course.

For more information and to register, [click here!](#)

**Swiftwater Rescue
July 22-23, 2023**

Join us at the Hiwassee / Ocoee Scenic River State Park located at: 404 Spring Creek Road, Delano, Tennessee on the Hiwassee River.

This school is for beginner whitewater canoe and kayak paddlers up to advanced paddlers ages 12 and up.

Instructional opportunities will include on and off-river lessons covering orientation and logistics; terminology and river signals; stroke work, self and assisted rescue; fundamentals of river features; whitewater practice such as eddy turns, ferries and surfing; assessing current environmental conditions; and paddling group dynamics. On-water instruction is based on skill level. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information and to register, [click here!](#)

**Intro to Kayaking
July 27, 2023**

An FUN introductory class to make you knowledgeable about Kayaks, be comfortable and safe in the water with new Kayak Skills!!!

For more information and to register, [click here!](#)
**minimum age 14

**Rescue for Rec Boaters
July 29, 2023**

Rescue for Rec Boaters is an entry-level safety and rescue class for kayakers, canoeists, and stand-up paddlers who plan on paddling flat water lakes and slow moving rivers such as the Caney Fork, Cumberland, Harpeth, Piney or Stones Rivers. This is not a paddling class; if you do not have basic paddling skills, please first attend Intro to Kayaking or Intro to Rivers.

For more information and to register, [click here!](#)

*Upcoming
Events*

Full Calendar

1st Saturday Paddle	July 1
Basic River Rescue	July 7-9
3rd Sat Paddle	July 15
Swiftwater Rescue	July 22-23
Intro to Kayaking	July 27
Rescue for Rec Boaters	July 29

Trip Report: 1st Sat Paddle. Pigeon

Saturday June 3rd, TSRA and friends met to set out on the Dirty Bird. We started with 13 boats including kayaks, canoes and a phat cat. The weather was sunny and 80F and the water was refreshing, which was fortunate because we had quite a few swimmers. Beginners and experts alike had swims this day, which goes to show we are always in between swims. Fortunately, everyone who started down the river in the morning eventually made it down to the end, even if it took multiple runs.

When we stayed upright we crushed through Dragon Fly (III), pushed upstream to the wave at Lost Guide (III) and weaved our way through Double Reactionary (III) into Accelerator (III+). What stood out the most in this trip was the positivity and encouragement of TSRA team had. We had paddlers in new boats, we had new paddlers to Tennessee, and folks getting good practice in their combat rolls. Despite individual challenges, the camaraderie prevailed, everyone had a great time, and I can't wait to see this crew back on the river.

by, Cage Spoden



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Trip Report: 3rd Sat Paddle. Elk River

We had a wonderful day on the Elk River this month for the 3rd Saturday trip of June. We paddled the 12-mile section from Elkton to Prospect. We had beautiful partly cloudy blue skies, but it was a bit warm temperature. Thankfully, the water temperature is very cool on the Elk which allowed for some good swimming breaks.

This section of river is very remote farmland and isolated with very few others on the water even in mid-summer. There is abundant wildlife everywhere. The water level was perfect, revealing many prominent gravel bars in which to stop and stretch our legs or enjoy some lunch. Many side tributaries, towering bluffs, old growth trees and deadfalls scattered the banks adding to its wonder. All in all, it was a great day on the river with great friends.

by, Steve Morris



Jack Lyle's River Kids

Jack Lyle's RiverKids – Biggest Year Ever!

by, Mary Buckner

The 2023 summer season marked our largest class ever – 18 kids signed up, and 15 TSRA volunteers turned out to share their boating skills, love of the outdoors, and hilarious fun. As usual, we had lots of spills, chills, and laughter. Everyone loved getting wet on a hot June day!

RiverKids was founded by a legacy left by the late Jack Lyle, long-time TSRA member, active volunteer, and former president. Immense thanks to all our hardworking volunteers!



TSRA Supports First Annual Row'n The River Race

The Roaring River flows through Jackson County and empties into the Cumberland River just north of Downtown Gainesboro, our county seat. In the early 1900s, Gainesboro was a main port for steamboats traveling up and down the Cumberland River. Since then, our river has seen a good variety of bass fishing, but not as much recreational boating due to the river not being easily accessible.

We only have a handful of launching points for boats due to the silt/sludge that develops throughout the seasons. With the lack of boat launches, we have seen a great decline in the enjoyment of one of Jackson County's greatest natural assets- our river. Our hope is to create experiences or events that bring people back to the river. With newfound excitement and drive, we plan to provide more access points for kayaks and SUPs to launch from. Row'n the River Race was formed from this hope.

The race will take place on July 15th. The competitive 6 mile race will begin at 8:00am while the "fun float" will begin 2 miles down river at 9:00am. The competitive race's route will take you through small rapids and around some obstacles, some of which are simply rock bars. While the fun float will be on a much wider (but deeper) leg of the river.

****If you are interested in Volunteering at the booth after the race email: ops@paddletsra.org**

Both races will end at the Roaring River Park where we will have live music and free lunch for all. Come see your TSRA friends at their booth at the Roaring River Park.

The goal of this event is to bring people together to celebrate being in community, but more so sharing our green spaces and rivers with all in hopes that they, too, will enjoy them and take advantage of having incredible recreation in our backyard in Jackson County.

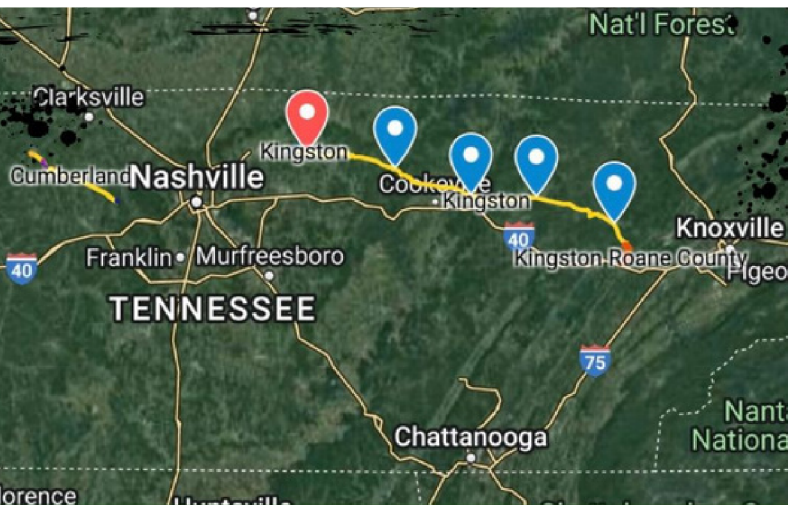
by, Hope Vargas,
ED, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce



Conservation Gathering

Safe Affordable Energy is holding a meeting July 6th at the Leslie Town Center in downtown Cookeville for a catered event featuring local businesses and citizens that risk being affected by the proposed Kingston pipeline build.

Come and go as you please from 9 am to 2 pm as they showcase information regarding the environmental impact if the TVA chooses to go forward with contracting Enbridge to build a methane pipeline.



• Presentations on clean energy and sustainability
• Workshops on how to submit comments and get your voice heard by the TVAA
• Short films
• Refreshments and amenities on site



WHEN
July 6th
From 9 am to 2 pm

WHERE
Leslie Town Center
1 W 1st St, Cookeville, TN 38501

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