# 2023 KID'S DAY ON THE RIVER

## FAQ'S

**2023 KDoR's Frequently Asked Questions:**

***A week before the event directions to location will be sent to all those who registered. Expect an email from info@flfral.com and/or text from (256) 887-4248. Please respond to confirm or cancel your reservation.***

**1. Who is putting this on?** Friends of the Locust Fork River (FLFR) organizes this event with the vital help of partners such as Birmingham Canoe Club, Blount County Education Foundation, Covered Bridge Players, and statewide environmental educators.
Main sponsors  Regions Bank and Walmart Foundation.

**2. How will this be organized?**  After checking in at the site, 10 to 15 children and their parents will gather in a group led by a shepherd (adult volunteer and guide). Throughout the day each group will attend 6 activity stations, including a play.

**3. What will my kids do?** Visit activity stations where they will learn by doing something or experiencing nature in an active way such as finding tiny life forms in the river, learning 3 or more uses of solar energy, safely handling reptiles, doing art in nature, and learning basic kayak safety with the opportunity to paddle a kayak on their own. Plus field games and watching a play by the Covered Bridge Players and singing and moving to ukulele music.

**4. What age children should participate?** 5 - 12

**5. What if I have a child with special needs?**  Please email *indya@flfral.com* and someone will contact you.

**6. We want to come as a family. What about our younger children?**  This IS a family event.  Although the activities are geared toward children in the 5 - 12,  younger and older children may still enjoy the activities. The accompanying adults seem to have a pretty good time also.

**7. What about our teens?** Teens ages 14-15 may participate in our activities or be a volunteer.  Teens 16 and older may prefer to be helpers in one of the stations. Send us an email if a teen wants to volunteer: indya@flfral.com

**8. Can we drop off our kids and leave?** No! Parents or scout leaders must stay. Your child will not be able to participate without you. An adult must be responsible for every child attending.

**9. What's the parents' role in this?**  Parents will travel in the group and learn along with the children. Parents must keep any children below age 5 with them at all times as there will not be activities for this age group. Although we make provisions to monitor the water and rocks for safety, parents and scout leaders are ultimately responsible for keeping up with all the children they bring, and for maintaining discipline.

**10. Can we just drop-in at any time during the day?** No. This is an all day event, please arrive on time.

**11. When should we arrive and when will it be over?** Plan to arrive by 8:30 a.m.  The program will start promptly then.  Kids' Day on the River ends around 3:00 pm.

**12. Why do we need to register ahead of time?** In order to have enough food and volunteers for the event, we need to know the number of people coming. This includes how many adults and children attend for the day.

**13. Is there a cost to attend?** No, Kids' Day on the River is a gift to the children of Blount County by the Friends of the Locust Fork River and all its partners. It's all FREE, lunch included.

**14. What should my children wear?** Old clothes, or a bathing-suit under their shorts, and hats and shoes that can get wet and very dirty. Shoes that protect feet while being in the water and on rocks are important. Bring a towel and a set of dry clothes to change into at the end of the day.

**15. What food and drinks will be provided?** A simple lunch of hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad, water and dessert will be available for all, including parents and volunteers. There is also a vegetarian option. Children and parents will be encouraged to stay with their groups during lunch. Drinking water is available all day. Feel free to bring a reusable water bottle with you and refill as needed from our water coolers!

**16. What about safety and first aid?** We do everything possible to keep the children safe. Should there be a scratch or bump, please see the EMT vehicle. Parents or scout leaders are ultimately responsible for keeping up with the children they bring & adults should not allow them to run around on the rocks recklessly.

**17. Can we bring pets or hand-held electronics?** No dogs or pets! Absolutely no cell phones or electronics with the children. Of course adults may bring cell phones for emergencies.

**18. What else should we bring?** Sunscreen. A hat and a comfy folding chair for the adults in your family may be a good idea too!

**19. Do I need to bring any money?** No money is necessary. However, you may want to bring cash or a check to purchase t-shirts, or hats, or even make a contribution to 'Friends of the Locust Fork River'.

**20. Can parents or scout leaders also volunteer?** Yes! We always need more volunteers. Email *indya@flfral.com* or check in at the registration table to let them know you are available during some part of the day to volunteer.

**21. What if the weather is bad?** Should the event need to be canceled due to bad weather, this will be posted on our website as soon as the decision is made. The event will occur with light rain. Please check online if you are unsure.

**22. Is smoking allowed?** No. Give your lungs a day off. Thank you for your consideration.

**24. What if I need to cancel?** Please respond to this email to let us know! Or text

Please email *indya@flfral.com* with any other questions!

FLFR is inclusive of all members of the community in our activities and events.