

## **Kodiak Trek for West Tennessee Area & Chickasaw Councils**

On June 14th, 2009, we held a Kodiak – Youth Leadership Training Trek for Venturers and Scouts from the West Tennessee Area and Chickasaw Councils. Our week was jam-packed with a little something for everyone!



We meet at Camp Mack Morris and started with low COPE games to bring the group together, then a night run down the Zip-Line with glow sticks! The next day we drove to the Ocoee camp in Copper Hill, TN where we rode horses and mountain bikes. On Tuesday we began our 13 mile overnight backpacking trip from the Nanahala camp in Andrews, NC, this ended on Wednesday with a swim in the 42° waters of the Nanahala River. Thursday morning we whitewater rafted the Nanahala, and then that afternoon we kayaked one of the ‘finger lake’ overflow areas of Lake Fontana. Friday morning, we drove back to Copper Hill for the whitewater ‘ride of our lives’ down the Ocoee River. After a 6 hour drive back to CMM, everyone was completely exhausted!

When you overlay the Kodiak Commissions and all the exercises and supporting activities into this schedule, we were one ‘busy’ group. But I have to say, that this has been one of the premier trips of my 25+ year Scouting career.

If you have not yet attended or hosted a Kodiak trek in your area, start planning now! The kids loved it, and are still talking about it. Where else can we ‘old guys’ have so much fun acting like kids, while teaching kids to lead like adults?

I will be forever grateful for this experience and look forward to many more!

YIV,  
Joe Craven, Trek Director