



Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association

“Protecting clean water and free-flowing streams in TN since 1966”

TSRA Emergency Operations Plan for Schools on and near the Ocoee and Hiwassee Rivers

Minor injuries may be treated on site using gear carried by Instructors. Each class will have one First Aid Kit with them on the river.

The Ocoee and Hiwassee River areas present difficulties for cell phone users. In the event of a serious emergency it is considered wise to dispatch multiple persons or vehicles to summon help. The roads near both rivers are well traveled by the public and patrolled by various law enforcement personnel. If on foot, flagging down passing vehicles may be the best choice. Do not depend on only one person to contact emergency assistance. If near an occupied dwelling ask to use their phone or ask them to call 911 giving a brief description of the potential injury, evacuation situation and the precise location of the victim.

Evacuation by private vehicle may be appropriate if no other method is available. Contact by telephone with emergency service personnel should still be made as soon as possible.

It is important to communicate with School officials about any injury or emergency that occurs. Verbal reporting to the School organizer is the first step. Telephone numbers are provided below. Official TSRA accident forms are available on our website. School organizers may also need to report incidents to the ACA.

**TSRA President, Charlie Wilkerson, must be notified
of any accidents that occur during any TSRA Schools.**

Charlie Wilkerson - 615-351-0586 or ctwilkerson@outlook.com

Canoe & Kayak School – Sally Barr 615-215-3801 or canoeandkayakschool@hotmail.com

Basic River Rescue – Tiffany Henderson 931-561-4157 or tiffany.henderson629@gmail.com

Swift Water Rescue- Jim McCool 615-210-1355 or wwseal@yahoo.com

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Polk County Sheriff and Emergency Medical Services -- 911

Tennessee Department Of Environment & Conservation. 423-263-0050

Ocoee/Hiwassee Ranger Station 423-338-3300

Ocoee F.S. Law Enforcement Officer – Ken Seymore 423-240-8086 (cell)

Hiwassee F.S. Law Enforcement Officer – Shawn Reese 423-650-1967 (cell)

Erlanger Hospital 975 East Third Street, Chattanooga, TN 37403 423-778-7000

Bradley Memorial Hospital 2305 Chambliss Avenue NW, Cleveland, TN 37311 (423) 559-6000 S

Woods Memorial Hospital District 886 Highway 411 North, Etowah, TN 37331 423-263-3600

Bradley County Sheriff's Office, 2290 Blythe Avenue, Cleveland, TN 37311 423-728-7311

Polk County Sheriff's Office, RR 1 Box 211 , Benton, Tennessee 37307 423-338-4543

Nearest landline telephone, upper Ocoee: Ocoee Whitewater Center ~ 4400 Hwy. 64, Copperhill TN 37317

Phone: 423- 496-5197

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