

2009 NEW RIVER GORGE BRIDGE DAY™ RAPPEL APPLICATION

I have read, fully understand, and agree to the 2009 Bridge Day™ Rappel Guidelines listed below.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

1. Please complete the application. All blanks must be completed. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
2. The group leader is to mail a \$137 per person fee, individual JPEG 'face' photo, and a non-refundable \$175 team fee to Bridge Day™Rappel, PO Box 71, Fayetteville, WV 25840. Please make the check payable to Bridge Day™ Rappel. Applicants not chosen to rappel off the Bridge will have their money returned.
3. Application to rappel off the Bridge should be made by a group of twelve to fifteen rappellers. The group leader will be responsible for certifying experience, supervising participation, and disseminating information to the group members. The applicant and group leader will be contacted if there is a concern with an application.
4. Each member of the group is expected to be an experienced rappeller, eighteen years or older, who is familiar with the skills, equipment, and rescue techniques associated with rappelling. Each participant must assume personal responsibility for his/her own safety.
5. Remember, rappelling can be dangerous! Each rappeller should be experienced with long rappels. Each applicant must have done at least a 250' free rappel. He/she is responsible for his/her equipment and personal safety. Each rappeller chosen to rappel off the Bridge will complete and sign an acceptance of risk and liability waiver releasing all people associated with Bridge Day™ rappelling (i.e., Bridge Day™ Commission, Rappel Coordinator, Safety Team).
6. Individuals not associated with a group will be given the list of groups selected to rappel off the Bridge to see if space is available. We will not assign individuals to teams.
7. Bridge Day™ rappelling is not a training session. 'Speed rappels' are not allowed! Figure 8's, micro racks, and "U" shaped frame racks are not used on Bridge Day™. Helmets are required. Knotted ropes, sandals, upside down rappel, and costume accessories (i.e., antlers) that may interfere with other rappellers are not allowed.
8. Groups will be assigned a rappel site based on a lottery drawing on Friday, June 19 at Passages To Adventure. You do not have to be present to be selected.
9. All ropes will be rigged under the Bridge. Two independent anchors will be provided. The catwalk will be supervised and secured on Bridge Day™. A pass will be issued to each rappeller and person authorized to be in the area.
10. There must be at least two people who know how to bottom belay at the bottom of each Bridge Day™ Rappel rope.
11. Each group must have at a minimum 4 radios: (1) on the catwalk at the anchor, (2) at the bottom of the rope, and (3) at the North end of the Bridge Saturday morning, then to the South end of the Bridge. The 4th radio must be able to communicate with our Motorola Talk About radios.
12. Once a group has been chosen to rappel, substitutions and/or additions may be made with the permission of the Rappel Coordinator. New rappellers must pay the \$137 fee. The application fee is not transferable. There will be NO substitutions and/or additions made after Monday, August 24.
13. You are required to check-in for the Bridge Day™ rappel on Friday, October 16, between noon and 6 PM. Information and materials will be given to you at that time. There will be an orientation meeting beginning at 6:30 PM. You must be present at the orientation meeting or you will not be allowed to participate on Saturday.
14. There will be no refund or credit extended if Bridge Day 2009 is canceled for any reason.
15. The Bridge Day™ Rappel Coordinator is Benjy Simpson. His decisions are final.

List two references who can attest to your rappel qualifications.

Name		
Address		
City		
State/Province, Country, Zip		
Telephone		
Email		

As the group leader, I authenticate that this person has met the requirements as outlined herein, and has the qualifications, skills, and experience to rappel off the New River Gorge Bridge. I, furthermore, hold myself responsible for this person's application and participation in the 2009 Bridge Day™ Rappel.

Group Leader's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Group		Group Leader Yes No	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
Name		Age Date of Birth	Height Weight
Address			T-Shirt Size <i>Circle</i> S M L XL XXL
City	State/Province	Country	Zip
Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	Email	Social Security Number	

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you done a Bridge Day™ rappel?
		Highlight Years 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008
		How many years have you been rappelling?
		What is the rappel device you will be using on Bridge Day™?
		What kind of harness will you be using?
		How long is your Bridge Day™ rope?
		How old is your Bridge Day™ rope?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you done a 250' free rappel?
		What is the longest free rappel you have done?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Can you consistently add and/or drop bars during a rappel?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is your body's weight a problem for you doing a Bridge Day™ rappel?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you use a chest harness?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Can you do a "V-sit"; sit upright in your harness with your arms extended, remain upright, and control your body's weight for 15 seconds?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you know how to bottom belay?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical concerns. Please explain.

Please list three notable rappels that you have done.

Year	Rappel	Length	Location

When was your last rappel?

Date	Rappel	Length	Location