



**Adventure Center of Asheville  
Merit Badge Adventure Weekend  
May 15-17, 2020**

Merit Badge workshops offered by Daniel Boone Council and BSA Troop 61, Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Asheville Catholic School (12 Culvern St, Asheville, NC 28804).

- All proceeds go to Boy Scout programming and summer camp scholarships

Workshops will be followed by:

- Camping at the Adventure Center of Asheville, Saturday night
- Adventure Activities at the Adventure Center on Saturday night and Sunday morning

- All activities must be pre-registered and paid for.

- Standard BSA two deep leadership is mandatory for each scout. This is not a camp setting. Please assure proper adult supervision for your troop unless prior arrangements have been made with another troop.

- Girls in Scouting are invited to participate. There will be 1 female Council Family of Scouting Coordinator onsite at both Asheville Catholic and the Adventure Center of Asheville.

There will be an Adventure Center of Asheville table at Asheville Catholic School on Saturday May 16 at registration to check in your troop, and to get more information.

**NOTICE: An ACA Waiver is required for each person who participates in ANY activity at the Adventure Center of Asheville. That includes parents and siblings. Camping is included as an activity. Parents or legal guardians must sign their child's waiver. Please sign your waivers at time of registration!!! Waivers can be filled out online:**

<https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/e/JEgMvSNWLXK7At2ksAEiPB/>

## **CAMPING**

Camp underneath the stars at the Adventure Center. Tent spots are available starting at 5pm on Saturday, May 16. Tents must be taken down by 9 am on Sunday morning. Open flames are not permitted, but there will be an area for camp stoves and charcoal grills. This is one of the few times you can camp at the Adventure Center. Please bring your own equipment and food.

For those scouts who are not in the Daniel Boone Council, camping is also offered on Friday night as well at the Adventure Center. Set up will be at 5pm and tents may stay up until Sunday morning at 9am.

## **Camping FAQ:**

**Do they need a waiver to camp? Each person who is participating in any activity including camping is required to have a waiver. You may do that online:**

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### **Directions:**

The Adventure Center of Asheville is located at 85 Expo Drive Asheville, NC 28803 behind the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Our office area has a parking lot for day use. If you are coming for day use- please use these directions:

From the East or Downtown Asheville

Take I-240 West until you cross the French Broad River. Take Exit 3A straight onto Hwy 19/23 also known as Patton Avenue. Turn right at second light onto Regent Park Blvd. Turn left at end of road at sign for Crowne Plaza Resort. The Adventure Center of Asheville is at the top of the hill on your left.

From the West (I-26, I-40, I-240)

Take I-240 East to Exit 3A (left hand exit ramp). Turn right at second light onto Regent Park Blvd. Turn left at end of road at sign for Crowne Plaza Resort. The Adventure Center of Asheville is at the top of the hill on your left.

**If you are coming to camp- the parking lot for campers will be located on Hansel Avenue beside the tent and Treetops Adventure Park. If you are parkling overnight, please use these directions:**

From the East or Downtown Asheville

Take I-240 West until you cross the French Broad River. Take Exit 3A straight onto Hwy 19/23 also known as Patton Avenue. Go through the second stop light and turn right at Hazel Mill Road which is right after Regent Park Blvd. Take an immediate right at the Pet Vet which is Hansel Avenue. Drive through the neighborhood until you see our tent and the Asheville Treetops Park at the Adventure Center of Asheville. You will park on the left in the gravel area. Look for the Parking Sign.

From the West (I-26, I-40, I-240)

Take I-240 East to Exit 3A (left hand exit ramp). Take Exit 3A straight onto Hwy 19/23 also known as Patton Avenue. Go through the second stop light and turn right at Hazel Mill Road which is right after Regent Park Blvd. Take an immediate right at the Pet Vet which is Hansel Avenue. Drive through the neighborhood until you see our tent and the Asheville Treetops Park at the Adventure Center of Asheville. You will park on the left in the gravel area. Look for the Parking Sign.

### **Dinner options:**

There is a dinner option on registration for Saturday night provided by Troop 26 that you may purchase. You may also bring food to ACA or have food delivered to ACA or stop for food on the way.

There will be a designated area for charcoal grills and camp stoves.

There is a Jason's Deli at Westgate shopping center (which is the same exit as ACA.)

There is also a Sam's Club beside ACA.

## **Adventure Center of Asheville Activity options:**

- Asheville Treetops Adventure Park with a Saturday Night Twilight Climb
- Kolo Bike Park
- Asheville Zipline Canopy Tours

## **Asheville Treetops Adventure Park (ATAP)- \$35/person**

ATAP is a challenge course in the trees that has over 75 unique climbing, rolling, walking, jumping, swinging, and rappelling challenges anchored to over 30 trees and towering poles tucked into a wooded park. There are 7 different adventure trails ranging from beginner to challenging levels based on age of participant. And you can choose your level of adventure, once you complete at least one beginner trail.

There are several elements that are representative of the activities you can do in North Carolina including a sky kayak, a parkway tunnel, a snowboard in the sky, swinging hula hoops, bumper boats and a zip hang glider, all in the trees that make this a "Truly Asheville Adventure."

We use a new technology called "smart belays" that, when used properly, are designed to assure Park Guests are attached to safety systems at all times and cannot detach from the system until they have completed the aerial trail and are back on the ground. Guests can explore freely knowing the safety system monitors their attachments and is designed to not allow accidental unclipping from the safety points. It is an active adventure that incorporates physical fitness and personal accomplishment.

- Chaperones/ Escorts/Monitors
  - Every troop is required to have an adult monitor. (An adult watching on the ground who does not have to pay.)
  - Ages 10-12-access to Green, Blue, Yellow and Orange trails. To access the Red Trail, 1 adult escort per 2 youth is required. (Adult escort participates and is required to pay.)
  - Ages 13 and over- access to Green, Blue, Yellow and Orange and Red trails.
- 2 hours of adventure
- **Maximum weight of Guest is 265 lbs.**
- Signed waivers are required
- Closed toe shoes are mandatory

### **Booking options:**

Saturday-7:30 pm Twilight in the Treetops

Watch the world transform from dusk to night while climbing in the trees. Trails will be illuminated to give climbing the obstacles a new perspective. Over 15,000 colored lights, plus colorful lasers sparkling on thousands of leaves, cables, rope, and platforms throughout the park will create a mystical tree climbing experience like you can't imagine. The Black Course will not be open.

### **FAQ:**

- Monitors watch and participants climb. Monitors are not required to pay.
- **Rules and Regulations- Trail and Escort Information**

<http://www.ashevilletreetopsadventurepark.com/asheville-treetops-adventure-park/treetops-rules-regulations>

- Every participant has to be 4 years old and over and under 265 lbs.

#### **What you should wear:**

- **closed toe shoes are mandatory (tennis shoes are fine)**
- long shorts or pants
- tie long hair back and no dangling jewelry
- bring a raincoat in case of rain (we go rain or shine)

### **Kolo Bike Park- \$15 pass**

Part of the Adventure Center of Asheville is a bicycle experience called Kolo Bike Park. Here you'll find miles of purpose-built mountain bike trails and features on rolling terrain plus an adult and a kids pump track. We like to think of it as a mountain bike sampler-pack.

The park is designed for all rider levels. Whether you're just learning, taking it easy, or looking to push your edge a bit - you'll find a taste of it at Kolo Bike Park. Some of the features you'll find are:

- Hand-built single track in wooded space
- Machine-built flow trail with dirt berms and rollers
- 2 pump tracks for beginner and advanced
- Wooden balance features and bridges
- Wooden step-down and gap jumps
- Dirt jump area with jumps ranging from easy to difficult
- 180-degree wood berm

All of the trails and features at Kolo Bike Park are designed to be progressive. That means there are multiple ways to ride them depending on your skill level. This encourages developing riders to advance their skills in a controlled environment.

Of course, you can always bring your own bike. Please be advised that helmets and closed-toe shoes are required on the park.

- Bike Pass good from Saturday at 6pm until Sunday at 5pm
- One pass per rider- non-transferable
- Please pre-register and pay for activity on website
- Helmets and closed-toe shoes required
- Signed waivers are required

Bike rentals are available on a first come first-served basis. Rates may vary starting at \$35 per person for a 2-hour rental including park access. Pre-registration is not available, must rent on site or call Sarah Dickson, 828.450.3400 to pre-rent.

## **Asheville Zipline Canopy Adventures (AZCA) Express Tour- \$49**

The Asheville Zipline Canopy Adventure is an urban canopy tour that includes 7 ziplines and 1 sky bridge in treetop platforms and several large adventure towers with mountain and skyline views of Asheville.

AZCA offers the best of many worlds. It is convenient to Asheville and exciting. It is urban with views of downtown Asheville. And it is set on a 124-acre resort and designated tree preserve perched in and amongst some of the oldest and largest oak trees in Asheville. Zippers will enjoy scenic mountain views, as well as spectacular views of the Asheville skyline, as they fly through tree-lined corridors.

- ages 8 and over
- all guests must weigh between 70 and 250 lbs.
- closed toe shoes are required
- signed waivers are required

### **Booking Options:**

Saturday at 6pm

Sunday at 9am

There will be one Troop 61 Troop ADULT on each tour, so it is not mandatory for adult chaperones.

**If you have indicated on your registration that you would like more information about the ziplines, you must follow up with Sarah Dickson at [groups@adventurecenterofasheville.com](mailto:groups@adventurecenterofasheville.com) or 828.450.3400 to pre-pay. You do not have a reservation unless you make a reservation with her.**