

2008 NEW RIVER GORGE BRIDGE DAY™ RAPPEL APPLICATION

DIRECTIONS: Please complete the following application, signing both the front and back; initial where indicated. Please type or print legibly. **All blanks must be completed.** Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Mail the application, individual photo, and \$129 per person fee to Bridge Day™ Rappel, PO Box 71, Fayetteville, WV 25840. Make check payable to Bridge Day™ Rappel.

Group		Group Leader Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Social Security Number
Name		Sex Age Height Weight	Date of Birth
Address			T-Shirt Size
City	State/Province	Country	Zip
Phone	Email		# Years Rappelling

Have you done a Bridge Day™ rappel? Yes No Years: 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 00 02 03 04 05 06 07

Please list three notable rappels that you have done. You must have done a 250' free rappel.

RAPPEL	YEAR	LENGTH	LOCATION

BRIDGE DAY™ ROPE	LENGTH	RAPPEL DEVICE	HARNESS	USE A CHEST HARNESS
				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

List two references who can attest to your rappel qualifications.

NAME		
ADDRESS		
CITY		
STATE/PROVINCE		
COUNTRY		
ZIP		
TELEPHONE		
EMAIL		

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

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 2008 Bridge Day™ Rappel and/or High Line.

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

2008 BRIDGE DAY™ RAPPEL GUIDELINES

1. Application to rappel off the Bridge should be made by a group of twelve to fourteen rappellers. The group leader will be responsible for submitting the application for each member of the group, certifying experience, supervising participation, and disseminating information to the group members. If there is a problem/concern with an application, the applicant and group leader will be contacted.
2. 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. Each prospective rappeller will be required to complete an individual application outlining rappel training, experience, and the equipment to be used.
3. The group leader will make application for the group by returning the application forms of each participant along with a \$129 per person fee and individual JPEG or TIFF photo. Each team will enclose a non-refundable \$150 team fee. Applicants not chosen to rappel off the Bridge will have their money returned. The team fee will not be returned. The money of those chosen to rappel will be used to pay for the expenditures associated with the Bridge Day™ Rappel. Please make all checks payable to the Bridge Day™ Rappel.
4. 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, group members). Initial that you have done and can safely do the following: a) ____ a 250'+ free rappel; b) ____ be able to consistently add and/or drop bars during a rappel; c) ____ be able to control your body's weight during the Bridge Day™ descent (practice rappelling with a heavy weight, 60+ pounds, below you; something you can do on short rappels; d) ____ be able to sit upright in your harness with your arms extended on a rappel, remain upright, and control your body's weight (if not, incorporate a chest harness into you rappelling system); e) ____ bottom belay.
5. There will be at least two people who know how to do a bottom belay at the bottom of each Bridge Day™ Rappel rope.
6. Individuals not associated with a group will be given the list of groups selected to rappel off the Bridge. The individual can then make contact with a group to see if space is available. We will not assign individuals to rope 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. The following will not be allowed: knotted ropes, sandals, upside down rappel, costume accessories (i.e., antlers) that may interfere with other rappellers,
8. Groups will be assigned a rappel site based on a lottery drawing on Friday, June 20 at Passages To Adventure. You do not have to be present to be selected to rappel off the Bridge. There are **NO REFUNDS** for cancellations after the drawing.
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. 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 \$129 fee. The application fee is not transferable. There will be **NO** substitutions and/or additions made after Monday, August 25.
11. You are required to check-in for the Bridge Day™ rappel on Friday, October 17 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.
12. 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. This radio should be positioned at the anchor site and monitored throughout the day. We will be issuing any weather warnings, command messages, etc on a designated frequency. You will also be able to contact us.
13. There will be a high line. High line team members are not members of a rappel team.
14. There will be no refund or credit extended if Bridge Day 2008 is canceled for any reason.
15. The 2008 Bridge Day™ Rappel Coordinator is Benjy Simpson. His decisions are final.

DATE	DAY	TIME	SUBJECT
June 6	Friday		Deadline For Applications
June 20	Friday		Lottery Drawing
August 25	Monday		Deadline For Changes
September 2	Tuesday		Rap Data to Law Enforcement
October 16	Thursday	9 AM - 5 PM	Rig High Line
October 17	Friday	9 AM - 5 PM	Rig High Line
		Noon - 6 PM	Registration
		6:30 PM	Orientation Meeting
October 18	Saturday		Bridge Day™

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____