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Gladie Visitor Center Offers “Ask a Climbing Guide” Event for Visitors

Red River Gorge, KY – Gladie Visitor Center, located in the majestic Red River Gorge, is proud to offer its visitors the opportunity to chat with certified climbing guides from the Bluegrass Climbing School during their “Ask a Climbing Guide” event on July 9th.

The Gladie Cultural-Environmental Learning Center, operated by nonprofit FIND Outdoors, is a haven for anyone looking to plan their next trip to the Gorge and all areas in the Daniel Boone National Forest. You’ll find area information, a large retail area with local goods and memorabilia, safety notifications, and opportunities to learn about the amazing history and recreational adventures within the area’s 40,000 acres – including over 100 natural sandstone arches within the Gorge.

Speaking of geology, the Gorge has some of the best climbing in the world thanks to these rock walls and unique features, and the area sees climbers of all ages and abilities throughout the year. Looking for a new adventure? A new hobby? Would you like to learn more about how to get started as a climber, but not sure where to go? The “Ask a Climbing Guide” day at Gladie is intended to answer all of these questions for those who would like to know more about this amazing sport.

“There are so many times that visitors have come in to Gladie and wondered what it was like to go climbing, but they feel there are barriers holding them back from taking that first step,” stated Brittney Santiago, who manages Gladie with her spouse, Joey. “With Bluegrass Climbing School as a partner and their expert guides on board with us, we can remove those barriers for everyone.”

The Bluegrass Climbing School, located in the heart of the Red River Gorge, excels in providing customized guided climbing experiences for climbers of all skill and ability levels – ranging from beginners to pros. All guides are certified by the American Mountain Guides Association, and hold Wilderness Medical Certifications to ensure a seamless, high quality experience for each visitor. This information will be passed on to all visitors to Gladie on July 9th from 10:30 am-3pm as part of the presentation and Q & A session.

In addition, the Bluegrass team will bring out climbing equipment of all shapes and sizes to the session, as well as highlighting different knots that are used during the process, and identify which items would be appropriate for your first climb. By signing up for a climbing experience with Bluegrass Climbing School, all equipment is provided to give the visitor a hassle-free experience on the rock face.

“We hope to make this a series of regular occurrences over the course of the season,” concluded Santiago. “If the need for these beginner question and answer sessions for our visitors is there, we’re going to keep the programs and talks coming!”

For more information about Bluegrass Climbing School, please visit <https://bluegrassclimbingschool.com/>. To learn more about Gladie Visitor Center, a current list of programs, and to see other amazing areas that FIND Outdoors operates, visit <https://gofindoutdoors.org/> and go have an adventure!

About FIND Outdoors

FIND Outdoors, formerly the Cradle of Forestry in America Interpretive Association, is a 50-year old 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Pisgah Forest, NC. We serve over 900,000 visitors annually with a mission that promotes educational, recreational and interpretive opportunities about forest and water resources, natural history and the Cradle of Forestry in America. FIND Outdoors proudly manages campgrounds, visitor centers, sales outlets and educational facilities on five National Forests in North Carolina, Georgia, Indiana, and Kentucky, along with the Northwest Trading Post on the Blue Ridge Parkway. FIND accomplishes its mission by providing exceptional outdoor experiences through partnership opportunities for the health, safety and education of all visitors to local and regional public and private lands.