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View From The Cliff by Joyce Belcher Resort Executive Director

New Road Scholar Program Comes to Cliffview Resort

With its continuously winning of Trip Advisor Excellence Awards and the quality of hospitality received by our guests, it's not difficult to see why Cliffview Resort has become one of the "favorite" destinations for outdoor adventure travelers coming to the Red River Gorge area.

A new adventure for Cliffview Resort is coming this September. A new Road Scholar Program called **Outdoor Adventures in the Red River Gorge** will be held at Cliffview Resort. Road Scholar is educationally based programs, many of which are offered worldwide. Its participants are lifelong learners that travel the world on learning expeditions.

Road Scholar has offered educational travel adventures for over 40 years. Cliffview's new program will have guests registered from across the United States. They will be coming here to learn about the geology of the area from local experts as well as enjoy the outdoor adventures offered in this area. They will get the opportunity to learn about Eastern Kentucky culture and enjoy local musical talent. If you are interested in registering for this program or to learn more about Road Scholar, please take a tour on their website at roadscholar.org. We hope you will join one of our future programs; we plan to have 3 - 4 annually. Whether a solo traveler or couples, Road Scholars are usually over the age of 50 and are seeking to gain knowledge and have an intriguing and memorable experience.

Electrifying News!

We have three Tesla Charging Stations, one of which is universal. Now you can recharge your Tesla, Prius, Leaf, Volt, or any electric or hybrid car while enjoying unforgettable time in the Gorge zipping, hiking or just napping. And, we offer this service to anyone, you do not have to be a guest at Cliffview.

Oh yeah, I almost forgot - you can charge absolutely free! That's right. Free!

June Birthdays

Housekeeper **Kaci Bussell** - 13th
Office Manger **Nancy Griffin** - 20th
Zipline Guide **Peter Rakow** - June 28th



More Good News

Jordan Townsend recently joined the staff performing dual roles in housekeeping and Resort maintenance.

He and housekeeper **Kaci Bussell** have two children, **Kayson** who will be 2 years old June 3 and baby girl, **Kaidence** born February 9, 2018.

No Weekend Plans?

We have some you'll love.

How about breathtaking views and lungs full of fresh naturally scented air? What more could you want?

Well, we have a few ideas.

It's hard to beat the view from a mountain top, but we can do that! And even improve on your view.

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A zipline tour is one of the most exciting hands-on adventures you'll ever experience. Ziping from one platform to another and another above and through the lush forests is the closest to flying you can get without growing a set of wings!



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- **Hiking Trail Guide and Descriptions:** Great for beginners. redrivergorge.org.
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Safe Hiking in Cliffview and State and Federal Forests of the Red River Gorge Geological Area

The hiking season is now in full swing. Hundreds, thousands of folks from all over the country regularly visit Cliffview Resort and the Red River Gorge Area to enjoy nature's bounty. There is no better way to experience all the area has to offer than to hike the hundreds of trails in federal, state and private lands than hiking. We want everyone to have the best hiking experience possible and leave the area with fond memories and beautiful pictures and videos. To make the experience fun, informative and safe we offer a few hints and some do's and don'ts.

- * **First and foremost, the Boy Scouts are right, Be Prepared!**
- * The Mountains are known for unpredictable weather. Check the weather forecast for the area.
- * Plan your hike--know about the area and how to get there. Get detailed maps.
- * Take enough food, clothing, and equipment to keep you comfortable for at least another day and night longer than planned in case of emergency.
- * Notify others of where you will be, and when you plan to be home, in case someone needs to contact you. Let them know when you return.
- * If you are a beginner, contact local outfitters or camping and hiking locations for a general check list of needed equipment. It's a very good idea to have a comprehensive Red Cross approved First Aid kit and manual.
- * Take a cell phone with a fully charged battery.

Make certain there is service in the area you plan to explore

- * Download a GPS app so friends and family can track your progress and always know exactly where you are. In areas with no service, inexpensive walkie-talkies are a reasonable alternative .
- * Always bring waterproof matches or a couple of Bic lighters and a knife of some kind.
- * A loud whistle is another good idea. It can be used to attract attention if 'confused' and may convince an unwelcome animal to leave the area.
- * If hiking in an area bears are known to habituate, make some noise while hiking. Sing, clap your hands, talk, whatever. Bears don't like to be surprised and if they know you're approaching, they'll usually go the other way.
- * Remember, you're a guest, be courteous and appreciative.

If you carry it in, please carry it out!

- * Take only pictures; leave only footprints and leave those only on **designated trails and areas.** Remember, when you're enjoying any federal area, guidelines forbid the taking of even a pebble from national parks.
- * Never, ever cut a live tree for firewood or any other reason.
- * Be respectful of your state and national forests; keep the trees and shrubs alive and growing.
- * If hiking with Fido, keep him on a leash no longer than 6 feet.



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Kentucky Chamber Of Commerce Visits the Gorge! (kychamber.com)

Terri Charles

The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, which is based in Frankfort, recently held their board meeting and retreat in May at Cliffview Resort's beautiful, Cliffview Lodge and conference center.

Kentucky Chamber President and CEO Dave Adkisson stated the agenda of the board meeting was to discuss the tourism potential of eastern Kentucky, as well as to see and experience the beauty of the Red River Gorge. Many of the board members had not visited this area before and they were incredibly impressed with its beauty.

Adkisson explained that the board is made up of business leaders from all over the state. The purpose for their meeting was strategic planning for the state of Kentucky and Kentucky Chamber of Commerce to increase tourism which will have direct benefits to businesses and all Kentuckians.

Kentucky Chamber Director of Communications, Jacqueline Pitts, stated that the Kentucky Chamber is a private, non-profit entity – not a governmental entity, as many people incorrectly assume. Businesses pay to be a member of the Kentucky Chamber. She further stated that the Kentucky Chamber is the business community's representative and state's largest business advocate. One of the Chamber of Commerce's functions is to work with legislators to pass business-friendly laws. Thus, representatives of the Chamber often spend time lobbying the legislators at the State Capitol Building.

Pitts informed us that their meeting here at the Cliffview Lodge consisted of stakeholders talking about the business community's interests and priorities, as well as eastern Kentucky's potential for new tourism.

The keynote speaker was Ian Teal, owner of Red River Gorge Cabin Rentals, Thrillsville and the Gorge Underground. Ian elaborated on the tourism aspects of the Red River Gorge area.

Hollywood East? Not yet but workin' on it.



Thanks to the efforts of Ian and Sandy Teal, in the month of April film crews from Hollywood and Kentucky arrived at Cliffview and the Red River Gorge to shoot a movie called *Sinkhole*, AKA *Shookum Hills*.

Multiple locations in the area were used including the Gorge Underground. Many of the cast and crew stayed in cabins in Cliffview.

This isn't the first production shot in the Gorge Area. The state of Kentucky is offering huge incentives for film productions in the state.

There have been a couple of TV series episodes filmed here as well as celebrities visiting, staying at the rental cabins, the Resort and experiencing the Zipline adventure.

Keep an eye out for *Surviving the Wild*, with John Voight and a few locals you may recognize. It was shot here last year and is available on DVD and online. It is scheduled to air on the Hallmark channel this summer.

These movie and TV productions are great financial boons to the area.

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The Snake with "Baited" Breath by Buck Thorn



**Excuse Me, But Do You
Have A Frog In Your
Throat?"**

*Not just another wishful fish story, this is the
"true" account of the snake with baited breath.*

One of the things I love to do more than almost anything else is fish. Pond, river, reservoir, lake, ocean, even a damp spot on the freeway - it makes no difference so long as there's even the slightest chance some finny creature will latch onto my dangling hook.

A recent month-long hot, dry sweltering stretch of summer's worst weather had left the ground hard-packed and virtually worm-free. Finding bait was a very difficult task and I had been searching for several hours when I happened upon an odd sight. There in the middle of a dried up pond bottom was a ragged and dusty old speckled snake. From the looks of his bones showing through loose folds of scale-draped skin, he too was having a tough time finding "bait". But, he had just experienced a bit of luck. That is, up 'til I happened by. Dangling from his mouth were the two hind legs of a small green frog. Still kickin'! What I saw hangin' out of that speckled snake's mouth wasn't a pair of green frog legs - it was bass bait!

The snake, weak from hunger, lost any semblance of speed and had no chance of escape.

I grabbed the decimated reptile with my right hand, the frog's legs with my left and began to pull. Now, that old snake had gone a long time between meals and wasn't about to give that frog up without a fight. He clamped down with such force and determination, that it was obvious the most I could hope for would be a disjointed leg.

That would never do. I quickly realized a different tactic was called for.

Right here I must explain one little thing. Because I am always on the look out for a "sweet hole", Sometimes I venture into areas that may be shunned by more reasonable folks. One of the dangers, perceived or otherwise, is snake bite, so... I take the precaution to always have a little flask of "snake bite medicine" along.

I pulled that flask from my rear pocket and poured a "speck" of Kentucky's finest 8 year-old snake bite medicine into that snake's mouth, hoping to lubricate the frog so's to pull it free. Let me tell you, that old speckled snake took to swallowin' and squirmin' and flayin' around like I've never seen! He immediately let go of the frog and struck off across the dried mud in a series of figure eights and nines.

In Roman numerals!



Taking up the frog, I ran on down to the river bank where I plopped the frog-baited hook out into the water. I hadn't been sitting there for more than five or six minutes when I felt something rubbing and pushing against my back pocket. I jumped up in surprise to discover that same old speckled snake coiled up there with a funny look in his eyes.

And another frog in his mouth!

Big News!!

Baker's Beer and General Store aka Beer King is under new management. We have updated and will continue to update the appearance and the selection of beers in the store. We have West 6 and Country Boys which are Lexington founded. Large or small party - we can cater to all your needs.

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