



WITW²¹

2021 EVENT GUIDE

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WOOKIES IN THE WOODS DISCLAIMER

Liability Release Waiver Form

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

1. In consideration for participating in 2021 Wookies in the Woods Event held on April 16-17, 2021. I hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE Drive More LLC / Wookies in the Woods, their officers, servants, agents, and employees (hereinafter referred to as RELEASEES) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or otherwise, while participating in such activity, or while in, on or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted or in transportation to and from said premises.

2. To the best of my knowledge, I can fully participate in this activity. I am fully aware of risks and hazards connected with the activity, including but not limited to the risks as noted herein, and I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said activity, and to enter the above named premises and engage in such activity knowing that the activity may be hazardous to me and my property. I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of being engaged in such an activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.

3. I further hereby AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, that may incur due to my participation in said activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.

4. It is my express intent that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse (if any), if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if I am not alive, shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the above named RELEASEES. I hereby further agree that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the States of Tennessee & North Carolina.

5. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE RELEASEES WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY MEDICAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INJURY I MAY SUSTAIN.

6. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE I CAUSE TO THE FACILITIES.

7. COVID-19 DISCLAIMER & ASSUMPTION OF RISK: An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any place where people gather. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. You assume all risks, hazards, and dangers arising from or relating in any way to the risk of contracting COVID-19 or any other communicable disease or illness, bacteria, virus or other pathogen capable of causing a communicable disease or illness, whether occurring before, during, or after the event, however caused or contracted, by attending the event you and anyone traveling with you voluntarily waive all claims and potential claims against RELEASEES relating to such risks.

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist.

2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, even if arising from the negligence or fault of the RELEASEES.

3. I hereby knowingly assume the risk of injury, harm and loss associated with the Activity, including any injury, harm and loss caused by the negligence, fault or conduct of any kind on the part of the RELEASEES.

8. COVID-19 PROTOCOLS & INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Please adhere to local and national guidelines regarding COVID-19 Protocols. This includes but is not limited to: Maintaining 6ft distance from yourself and others, otherwise known as 'social distancing', Using a face covering when indoors or around other people, frequent hand washing and other hygiene to

prevent the spread of disease. Please note that these protocols change regularly, and current local, state, and national guidelines will be enforced. Those that wish to not adhere to these guidelines will be asked to leave the event.

Attendees who fall within any of the categories below should not engage in Wookies in the Woods / Drive More LLC events and/or other face-to-face fundraising activities. By attending an Wookies in the Woods / Drive More LLC event, you certify that you do not fall into any of the following categories:

1. Individuals who currently or within the past fourteen (14) days have experienced any symptoms associated with COVID-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath among others;
2. Individuals who have traveled at any point in the past fourteen (14) days either internationally or to a community in the U.S. that has experienced or is experiencing sustained community spread of COVID-19; or
3. Individuals who believe that they may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities or the health care team responsible for their treatment.

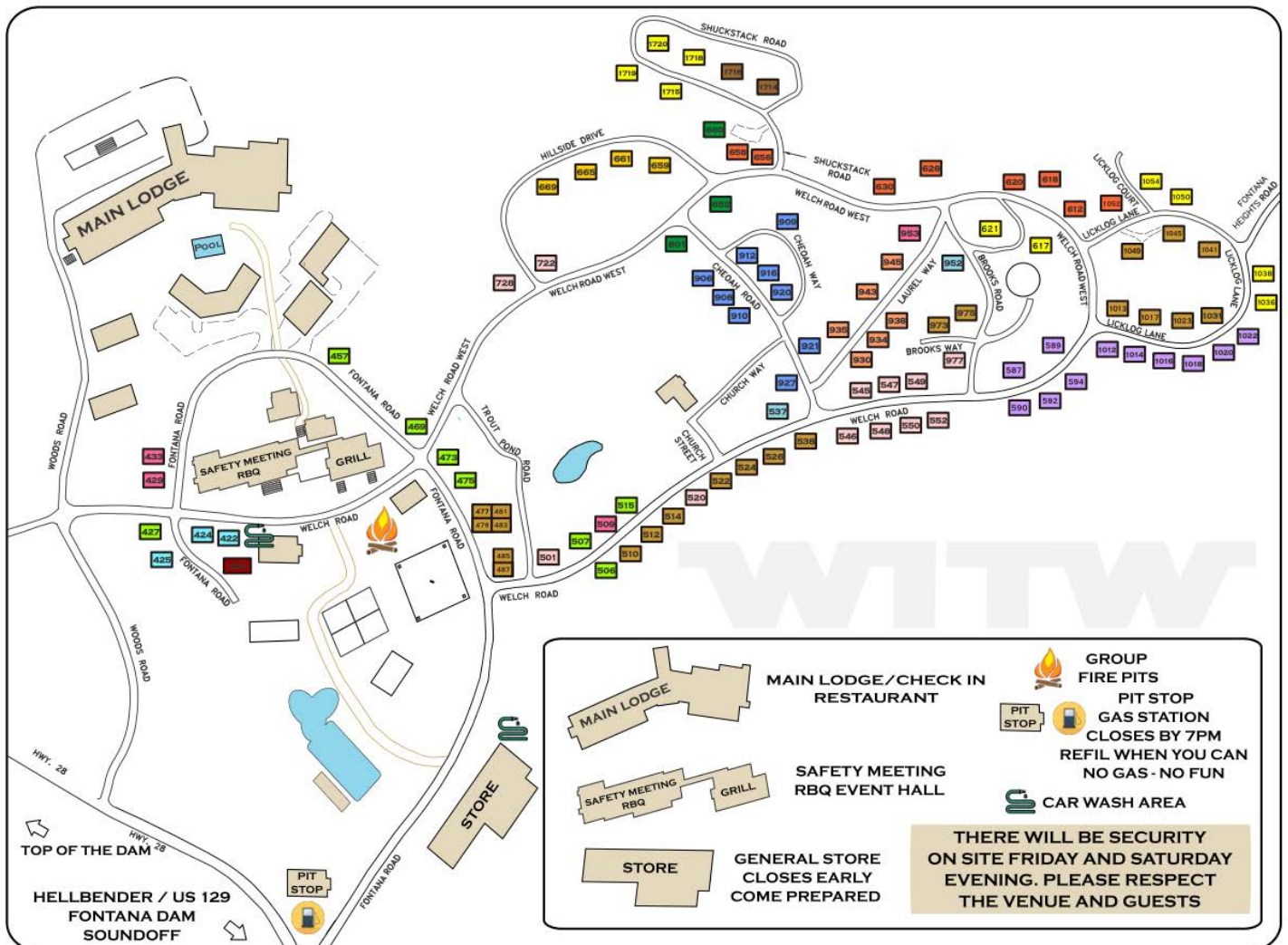
9. BY REGISTERING FOR THE EVENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute this Release for full, adequate, and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

EVENT COMMUNICATIONS

For general communications between everyone attending, please monitor channel 3, 3 sub 0 on the FRS/GMRS radio. Please use this channel only to get in contact with other members of the group and refrain from having long conversations on 3-0. Doing so blocks the channel and prevents others from using it. If you wish to add a channel (IE. Channel 9-2) let us know and we can add it to the list or post it at the event.

FONTANA MAP

We have a very **large** group. Please respect the Fontana property and other guests. We've been coming here a long time and don't want to ruin it for others. No speeding, testing your new launch control at 3am and or other shenanigans on resort property. There will be paid police security Friday and Saturday night.



SAFETY ON THE DRAGON

If there is one thing we take seriously at this event, it's everyone's safety. Anyone found to be driving recklessly will be asked to leave the group. Follow the rules of the road at all times. You are responsible for your own actions. FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD, STAY IN YOUR LANE & BETWEEN THE MAYO AND MUSTARD AT ALL TIMES. Let's be careful out there.

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Drive the Dragon at your skill level - don't try to push it or keep up with faster vehicles.

STAY IN YOUR LANE - cutting the corners and taking chances that might appear "fun" while sitting in your easy chair, BEWARE, this style of driving the Dragon can cost you dearly. The challenge of the Dragon is to take the many curves in the best line possible inside your lane.

DO NOT SIGHTSEE -The Dragon is to drive, not to watch sights. On many runs I don't even see what is on the side of the road. I'm watching the roadway way ahead.

Look far ahead at the road, curves, bushes, other vehicles, etc -If you haven't seen the hazards right in front of you, you are going to hit them anyway, so you might as well pay attention to what you have time to avoid.

We have seen deer, bear, turkeys, and wild boar on the roadway - Be ready to brake and slow down When we say brake we DO NOT mean slamming on the brakes. That will get you turned around in a hurry and it's no fun looking at where you've been at any speed.

Maintain a "safe zone". Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle ahead of you. Watch your rear view mirrors for faster vehicles. If you see a faster rider/driver coming up behind you, when you are able to, pull over to the right of your lane -slow down a little -and wave them around. It's much safer to let a faster vehicle go around you than to try to outrun them. NEVER stay left trying to keep someone from passing you. NEVER pull off the road onto the shoulder unless it is at one of the pull-off parking areas. It may be illegal to pass on the Dragon, but I'll let a faster vehicle get around me to protect my safe zone.

There will always be faster drivers than you. **Don't try to be the King of the Dragon.** Drive the Dragon many times before trying to challenge it. Even then you still need to respect it at all times.

DO NOT STAND ON THE BRAKES if you see danger ahead. You are much better off to tap the brakes and maintain control. Some 90% of the accidents on the Dragon are due to speed and then over braking. If you see another vehicle coming at you in your lane, hug the white line in your lane. In all likelihood you can avoid trucks and trailers if you stay alert and watch ahead.

SAFETY ON THE DRAGON (CONT.)

DO NOT be spooked by other vehicles. DO NOT make sudden avoidance moves. You might have to adjust your line to avoid a car, truck, or bike, but **DO NOT** lay on the brakes or turn off the roadway suddenly unless that is the only out you have. Motorcycles might dent your car, but that is better than going off the bank and hitting a tree sideways. If a cycle is in your lane, that is their mistake and problem, don't let them force you into a worse situation for yourself.

Trucks are usually traveling at a very slow speed and you should have time to stop and back-up if you see one coming at you and taking the whole corner. **Watch for signals from drivers/riders coming at you.** Many times they will escort a big truck over the Dragon and wave a warning to you to pull over. **DO NOT** ignore these warnings.

Avoid driving hard on the Dragon in heavy traffic times. Weekends from 11am to 5 pm are the busiest. These are the times to lay back and enjoy watching the "show" go by. The early mornings (before 11 am) and the late afternoons (after 5 pm) have the least traffic. Always stay 100% alert.

You do not have the advantage of relaxing on the Dragon.

Make sure your vehicle is mechanically sound and that your tires are good and properly inflated. Plan to make several runs, the first is always a nervous one then you can have fun on the second and third.

DO NOT over-use your brakes. Use your gears and **DOWNSHIFT**.

A good Dragon driver WILL NOT use a lot of brakes.

Focus - do not daydream. Watch the road, your mirrors, and pay attention to other biker/car/trucks.

99% of the accidents on the Dragon come from the following:

Too much speed - Too much brakes - Inattentiveness - Driving above your abilities

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD AT ALL TIMES
WE WANT EVERYBODY TO ARRIVE AND GET HOME SAFELY**

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

If you have cell coverage call 911. If you don't not have cell coverage try to make your way to an establishment such as Fontana Village or Deals Gap Motorcycle Resort. Other helpful numbers:

Cheoah Ranger Station - NC 828-479-6431
Tellico Ranger Station - TN 423-253-2520

Graham County Sheriff - NC 828-479-3352
Monroe Sheriff Dept- TN 423-442-3911

There is also a TVA Police station located at the top of the Fontana Dam near the Visitor's Center. The nearest hospital is the Swain County Hospital in Bryson City. As a reminder, none of the drives are a race. Please drive safely, obey all traffic laws, and stay alert for changing road conditions.

2021 EVENT VENDORS AND SPONSORS

This event would not be possible without our sponsors. Support our sponsors and vendors onsite!

Event Sponsor: [Volkswagen of America, Inc.](https://www.volkswagen.com)

Other Sponsors:

Please visit our [sponsors page](#) on our website for a full list and links to all sponsors.

Visit Sponsors Page Here: <https://www.wookiesinthewoods.com/sponsors/>



7TH ANNUAL BEER SWAP

Bring a favorite beer or other spirit of choice to the fire pits (noted on Fontana map by the ballfields), we all throw them down to share and it's like Christmas all over again.

Emphasis on beverages that are local or unique to your area or your heritage and enough to share!

Trying new things is always fun, right? Pretty simple eh?

- Fire pits are reserved after sunset Friday and Saturday evenings.
- Please wear a mask and practice social distancing
- ***You must be at least 21 to participate.***
- ***DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE - CATCH A RIDE WITH A DESIGNATED DRIVER OR WALK BACK TO YOUR ROOM.*** This is only for those that are staying in for the night.

CRUISE INFORMATION

Drive at your own leisure. If you're new and looking for people to drive with, hang out by the grill parking lot and have your radio on Channel 3 to listen in for possible trips people are taking.

Saturday April 17th 10:00 AM Group R/R32 Dragon Parade led by Charles the Humble Mechanic [Map of Group Dragon Parade](#). (Note this is not an official WITW event, attend cruise and drive at your own risk.)

Check our website or below for other cruise routes.

CHECK OUT THESE OTHER LOCAL CRUISE ROUTES FOR YOUR DRIVING PLEASURE

Tail of the Dragon - <http://tinyurl.com/mx23ghm>

Cherohala Skyway Loop - <https://tinyurl.com/yyzyzjss>

Gatlinburg Foothills Parkway Loop - <http://tinyurl.com/kcfapvb>

Devils Triangle Loop - <http://tinyurl.com/ls22hxm>

Hellbender/Tapoco/ Robbinsville Loop - <https://tinyurl.com/y3shpnwh>

Highlands via 28/ Elijay / Lake Glenville Loop - <https://tinyurl.com/y23sqx4z>

Highlands via Wayah & back via 28 Loop - <https://tinyurl.com/yxpv3zme>

www.tailofthedragon.com map page - <http://tailofthedragon.com/maps/>

Other regional maps from www.tailofthedragon.com - <http://tailofthedragonmaps.com/>

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Essentials:

- Mask & Hand sanitizer
- Photo/Movie device
- GPS device - cell phone data is scarce, a sky powered unit is recommended
- First aid kit
- Roadside Emergency kit
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Walkie-Talkies for communication with the group. We use channel 3
- Umbrella, rain jacket, poncho, garbage bag etc
- Bonfire attire, it does get cold at night. If you get cold, bring warm clothes
- Alcoholic Beverages - DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE (**Graham County is a Dry County**)
- Food, snacks, cooler. You are away from home. You want to eat. It's the middle of nowhere Robbinsville is 30 mins away, they close early and sell no beer. Come prepared

Bonus Items:

Build street cred and real life Karma.

- Positive Attitudes
- Dramamine for queasy passengers
- Allergy Medicine
- Car wash and detailing supplies (we know who we are and Fontana has a small car wash area)
- VCDS/tools/spare stuff/ a lil time to help others out. It will happen, Somebody will need a zip tie or your assistance for a moment.
- Print map of area & schedule (remember no cell phone data!) A good ole atlas would help.
- Extra Memory cards for your camera
- Wheel chock for steep hills and cooling your brakes without the parking brake on

PRO TIPS:

- Check in is 4PM - plan accordingly
- Fontana Pit Stop gas station closes at 7pm each day. Gas up whenever you have the chance, stations run out of 93, there are long stretches between stations. The next closest station is @ Deals Gap, then Robbinsville which is 30 mins away.
- Go outside and introduce yourself to that other person in the VW that looks like yours. This gathering is all about meeting other enthusiasts. You will make new friends for life.
- It may be cold, hot, snowing, rainy or perfect out. Rain or shine be prepared to have a good time
- Allow time for the car and brakes to cool down after runs. Bring a Wheel chock if possible. It's steep, everywhere
- **DRIVE WITHIN YOUR MEANS - PULL OFF/ LET OTHERS BY IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE DRIVING ABOVE YOUR LIMITS**
- It's not a race, enjoy the driving
- **STAY BETWEEN MAYO & MUSTARD AT ALL TIMES**

WITW 2021 EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday (4/15):

People will be arriving throughout the day, take this time to familiarize yourself with the area and make some new friends. Check wookiesinthewoods.com for maps and other info.

Friday (4/16):

Drive More. Choose your own adventure. No Safety Meeting this year. Please check out the videos below.

Driving tips & Instruction with Todd Peach: [CLICK HERE](#)

General event info, car prep and safety with Charles the Humble Mechanic: [CLICK HERE](#)

Fire Pits reserved after sunset / Beer Swap

Saturday (4/17):

Raffle tickets will be available throughout the day and at the Soundoff for all the awesome Sponsor donated items.

10:00 AM – Dragon Parade led by Charles The Humble Mechanic. *(Note this is not an official WITW event, attend cruise and drive at your own risk.)*

3:00 PM – Staging for Soundoff

Tickets have been issued for those that will be parking on the actual ballfield area. If you do not have a ticket, please refrain from driving up near the ballfield. R/R32s have designated parking areas. Spectators and Non-R Cars can park in the yellow designated areas on the map on the next page..

4:20 PM – Sound Off at the Ballfield

Raffle tickets are \$10 CASH ONLY. \$1,000s in raffle prizes donated by our generous sponsors, you'll want tickets! ATM on site is always empty. Raffle proceeds will go to the [Blount County Rescue Squad](#) and The [University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital](#). Items and buckets to place raffle tickets will be in front of the main event hall next to the Fontana Grill. Volunteers will be helping sell tickets and directing people to buckets to place tickets on items you'd like to try to win.

Fire pits reserved after sunset / Beer Swap

Sunday (4/18):

People head home.

Some stay to enjoy another day in the mountains.

Thank you for attending and see you in April.

Sound Off Info on next page. WITW 2021 SOUND OFF INFO

Sound off is at the Fontana Ballfield Time/Date: Saturday, April 17th, 2021.

Staging begins at 3PM EST Soundoff Starts at 4:20PM EST. Please take note of the traffic flow.

Do not block the road. Spectator Non R/R32 parking in yellow.



Sound off notes on next page.

Sound Off Notes:

- Clarification: To be considered a R32/Golf R your VIN must read as such. Sorry, R32 swaps do NOT count unless you've already talked to WITW Organizers.

- Those wishing to participate in the Soundoff should arrive early as space is limited.
- Spots on the ballfield are for those that pre-registered and were contacted by WITW to procure a spot.
- Participants will be guided to their parking space.
- Please listen closely to instructions and any organizers directing flow.
- Be Courteous, no donuts, hooning or other disrespectful behavior.
- Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.
- Thank you for your cooperation.

Thanks to everyone, attendees, sponsors and anyone that's helped WITW become what it is today. We're glad to be able to host any sort of event in light of what's gone on in the world in the last year and a half.

Please remember our 3 main rules:

- 1. STAY ON YOUR SIDE OF THE ROAD.**
- 2. DON'T OUT DRIVE YOURSELF.**
- 3. BE COURTEOUS TO ALL.**

