



Girls Who Hike Tennessee - Group Rules

1. WHAT TO DO FIRST! - Upon being accepted into the facebook group, look at (AND READ) the pinned announcements FIRST and then make a post introducing yourself. We can't wait to meet you!

2a. POST & COMMENT INTERACTIONS - Positive interactions only - this includes memes, gifs, & opinions - think "if I can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all" as a guide. We expect everyone to show respect for all members and Ambassadors. We're all adults here. Be Kind.

2b. HOT TOPIC ISSUES - Leave all political, religious, and "hot topic" issues out of the group. If you're not sure if your comment falls into those categories, PM a Lead Ambassador (any Admin), we would love to help you out. GWHTN reserves the right to decide what falls under a "hot topic" issue.

3a. NO SALES OR MARKETING - No reaching out to members of the group privately or publicly about your business or product. This is NOT the group for that. If we find out you are using this group and it's members to further your business, you will be removed from the group. **(Small Business Saturday Posts are the ONLY appropriate posts to publicly share your business and/or product – see GWHTN Calendar 2x/month)**

3b. CAN YOUR BUSINESS & GWHTN COLLAB? - If you have a small business and you are interested in providing products or services to our members at a discounted price, email us and we can discuss further to see if we're a good fit.

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4a. SIGNING UP FOR EVENTS - To sign up for a GWHTN Official Hike, you MUST fill out a waiver form (only once unless there is a noted update) and fill out registration with Eventbrite or Google Docs (depending on which platform your Ambassador is using).

Checking "going" on the Facebook event is NOT sufficient and will not be counted on the roster.

4b. BE PREPARED FOR EVENTS - You are responsible for bringing the items you need on a hike/trip. If you don't have what you need, it's your responsibility to reach out and ask for help about acquiring items. You can PM a Lead Ambassador (any Admin) to get help. Some may have extra of what you need or can at least point you in the right direction to get what you need.

5. QUESTIONS - If you have a question (ex- gear, trail system, hiking with pets, etc) go to the search bar and see if it's been asked before. Even if it's old, feel free to comment on that post to get more answers.

If you have any private questions for the Ambassadors of GWHTN, you may PM a Lead Ambassador (any Admin) or send an email to girlswhohiketennessee@gmail.com

6. FUNDRAISERS - No gofundme posts or anything of the like. If you feel there is a fundraiser cause that would be meaningful to the group as a whole, please email us for approval. **This is the ONLY way to get a fundraiser approved.**

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7. SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS – We do not allow random social media posts that share personal links like, but not limited to: Instagram, LinkedIn, websites, facebook profiles (personal or business), personal business profiles, Twitter, etc. However, we offer Social Media Sunday posts (made by Ambassadors) every couple of months (see GWHTN Calendar). **This is the ONLY appropriate time to share your personal links.**

8. UNOFFICIAL HIKES/EVENTS – If you want to gather some girls for an event, you can create UNOFFICIAL events within the group by creating a post. Within your description of the event please include the following:

- "UNOFFICIAL" EVENT

- trailhead location
- co-ed or kid/dog friendly
- easy, moderate, or strenuous trail

If for any reason you have to cancel your event, you need to make every effort to reach each hiker and let her know the event is canceled. Some will have to drive hours to get to a trailhead... please be considerate of each other! **If you signed up for a hike, it was canceled and you weren't notified, please contact an Ambassador (any Admin) ASAP.**

9. RESALE OR RESCUE – No selling of gear or items of any kind/pets/etc within the group. We are not a resale group and we don't want the group to turn into one. As much as we all love our furry (or scaly) friends, we do not allow rescue posts either. GWHTN has a goal and focus of inspiring women to get out on the trail and funding Tennessee State Parks, we don't want to lose sight of our group goals.

10. GWHTN reserves the right to remove a member (Official or Unofficial) from the group at any time. WE will NOT tolerate bullying or disregard for GWHTN Facebook Rules or GWHTN Trail Etiquette Rules.