

May 8 - 12, 2018 28th Anniversary

Wilderness Wildlife Week Named Top International Event of 2017





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For questions about Wilderness Wildlife Week prior to the event, please call **(865) 429-7350**. If you have questions about Wilderness Wildlife Week while it is going on (May 8-12), please call **(865) 429-6743**.



Official Event Locations and Hours of Operation

LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge

2986 Teaster Lane, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863

May 8 – 11 7 AM – 9 PM

May 12 7 AM – 6 PM

Host Hotel and Pigeon Forge Lodging



HOST HOTEL

The Ramada Pigeon Forge North, 2193 Parkway, is your host hotel for luxurious accommodations for your Wilderness Wildlife Week stay. Ramada Pigeon Forge North is minutes from LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge. The hotel is offering a special rate for all guests who mention they are attending Wilderness

Wildlife Week. For complete information, call toll free direct 1-866-269-1122 or locally 865-428-0668 to make your reservations today. Or, you may visit www.pigeonforgeramada.com.

Their motto is "You do your thing, leave the rest to us."

PIGEON FORGE LODGING OPTIONS

Should you decide you would prefer to stay at one of Pigeon Forge's other properties whether it be cabins/chalets, condos, or campgrounds, you can visit www.mypigeonforge.com and click on Where to Stay and the website will connect you with all the information you require to make an informed decision.

Upcoming Events

PIGEON FORGE

T E N N E S S E E

Patriot Festival

July 4, 2018

Veterans Homecoming Parade

August 18, 2018

Winterfest Kickoff

November 6, 2018

Chuck Wagon Cookoff

March 2, 2019

A Mountain Ouiltfest

March 11 - 16, 2019

Wilderness Wildlife Week

May 7 - 11, 2019

For more information on these and other Pigeon Forge events, please visit MyPigeonForge.com or call the Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events at 865-429-7350.

Mission Statement By Ken Jenkins

From its inception, Wilderness Wildlife Week was intended to be an event committed to the education and enjoyment of the public as to the wonders of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It has been our commitment to create an enjoyable, yet enriching series of walks, talks and workshops, as well as informative exhibits that entertain while encouraging the participant to know more of the abundant opportunities awaiting the visitor in this beautifully diverse area.

In combining efforts from well-qualified authorities, it has benefited the overall program to include presentations and information from other regions of the country as we attempt to illustrate how all things are truly connected. The balance of presentations is a further attempt to include a substance of material for every interest and age level.

The natural history of the region shall combine with the rich history and folklore of this mountain region through a wealth of descendants of the area, which is now a national park and once was their family home.



As they share their knowledge, expertise and humor with those who desire a deeper insight as to the significance and the struggle that resulted in such a resilient people who settled the area, we believe a deeper attachment to the mountains can be had by all who participate.

The theme of Wilderness Wildlife Week involves a continuous thread of wholesome, family-oriented, tasteful integrity beginning with the originators and continuing throughout every presentation and excursion associated with the event. It is a constant aim and commitment that Wilderness Wildlife Week proceeds, and succeeds, as an event of the highest standards and principles and that it be obvious to every participant that this is a safe, encouraging and giving event.











Ken Jenkins is a nationally known natural history photographer, writer, lecturer, outdoor adventurer and the Father of Wilderness Wildlife Week. For more than 30 years Ken's photographs and articles have appeared in publications from National Geographic to Southern Living.

As a testament to Ken's vision and foresight, he met with Pigeon Forge tourism officials to discuss the possibility of working together to craft a free event focusing on passing the passion of the natural world and the wilderness on to the public.

On January 19, 1991, the first-ever Wilderness
Wildlife was held as a half day event
and luncheon. With roughly 60 people in
attendance, the event attendees were
enthusiastic and looked forward to seeing how
the event would grow.

Today, thousands of people have traveled not only across the United States, but also internationally to partake in Wilderness Wildlife Week's free excursions and educational, family-friendly programming.





Wilderness Wildlife Week Named Top International Event of 2017

In the 28-year history of Wilderness Wildlife Week, dozens of awards and countless recognition and praise has been bestowed upon the City of Pigeon Forge and the event. Whether it is Wilderness Wildlife Week's mission of promoting education, environmentalism, community outreach and a greater appreciation of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the event has continued to keep these traditions alive while constantly looking for new ways to improve the event from one year to the next. Recently, Wilderness Wildlife Week won 16 Pinnacle Awards including the highly coveted Grand Pinnacle presented to the best international event of the year for the second consecutive year. Without doubt or comparison, the 2017 Wilderness Wildlife Week is the most decorated in terms of international recognition.

At the International Festivals & Events Association's (IFEA) Pinnacle Awards ceremony, held September 14, 2017, in Tucson, Arizona, where Wilderness Wildlife Week received a record-setting 16 Pinnacle Awards as listed below:

Gold Pinnacles

Grand Pinnacle, Best T-Shirt Design, Best Hat, Best Give-Away Item, and Best Green Program

Silver Pinnacles

Best Commemorative Poster, Best Hat, Best Miscellaneous Clothing, Best Community Outreach Program, and Best Overall Merchandising Program

Bronze Pinnacles

Best Event Program, Best New Merchandise, Best Give-Away Item, Best Educational Program, Best Children's Programming, and Best Event / Program Within an Event to Benefit a Cause

Everyone involved in Wilderness Wildlife Week should take pride in these awards, as they are a testament to the quality of everyone involved with Wilderness Wildlife Week, whether it be the volunteer presenters, volunteer hike and field trip leaders and sweeps, event volunteers and staff.

Past IFEA honors for Wilderness Wildlife Week include, but are not limited to:

Grand Pinnacle:

Events with Budgets of \$250,000 or less - 2016 (1st Place)

Best Children's Programming

2014 (Gold), 2015 (Silver)

Best Community Outreach Program

2011 (Silver), 2012 (Silver), 2013 (Bronze), 2014 (Silver), 2015 (Gold) and 2016 (Gold)

Best Environmental/Green Program

2003 (Gold), 2005 (Gold), 2006 (Gold), 2008 (Gold), 2011 (Gold), 2013 (Silver), 2014 (Gold), 2015 (Silver) and 2016 (Gold)

Best Educational Program

2001 (Gold), 2002 (Gold), 2004 (Gold), 2011 (Gold), 2012(Gold), 2013 (Silver), 2015 (Gold) and 2016 (Silver)

Best New Attendee Service

2015 (Silver) – Bess & Co. Mobility Assistance Rentals

Best Event/Program to Benefit a Cause

2015 (Bronze) and 2016 (Bronze)

These awards are of great importance to the City of Pigeon Forge as Wilderness Wildlife Week was selected to be worthy of these honors against competition from across the world. Also, these awards are evidence of the many passionate hours of hard work and volunteer efforts to make each Wilderness Wildlife Week better than the last. Furthermore, these awards and the prestige they bring not only belong to the City of Pigeon Forge and Wilderness Wildlife Week, but also to everyone and each organization passionately providing their resources, talents and time to the event as it takes hundreds of men and women to truly make this one-of-a-kind event a reality.



The Story of Wilderness Wildlife Week By Brandon Barnes (event coordinator)

Not many events can lay claim to having an intimate relationship with the area in which they take place. Perhaps no such event is more intimately tied to a place than the City of Pigeon Forge's Wilderness Wildlife Week. In the event's 27-year history, people have traveled from as far as Australia, Canada, China, England and New Zealand to take part in the five-day festival of honoring and celebrating the great outdoors, including our very own Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

As such, it is important for event attendees to know the story of how Wilderness Wildlife Week came to be one of Pigeon Forge's flagship events.

In 1987, Ken Jenkins, who many of you know as "The Father of Wilderness Wildlife Week," began presenting evening programs at his gallery, Beneath the Smoke. These evening programs, while well-attended and popular, helped Ken realize how much he enjoyed imparting his knowledge of wilderness and wildlife to others.

As time passed and the series of programs continued to draw interest, the three cities of Sevier County – Sevierville, Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg – committed to producing Winterfest, a winter-themed event taking place from early November through the end of February.

With Winterfest being an event designed to celebrate the best of the winter season, as well as to create other events to entice visitors to travel to the Great Smoky Mountains area, Ken felt his presentations might be a good way of passing along knowledge while also bringing people to the area who have a deep appreciation of the Smokies. As such, Ken Jenkins met with Leon Downey, director of the Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism, and (then) Assistant Director Kay Powell to discuss the possibility of working with Pigeon Forge to craft a free event focusing on passing the passion of the natural world and the wilderness on to the public.

On January 19, 1991, the first Wilderness Wildlife was held as a half day event and luncheon. With roughly 60 people in attendance, the event was considered a success and attendees enthusiastically believed in the Wilderness Wildlife event. Over time, Wilderness Wildlife Week became a full-fledged week-long event.

While there have been many people who have volunteered their time and passion to presenting programs, leading hikes and assisting with behind the scenes event functions, Wilderness Wildlife Week remains an ever-growing event because of the love and passion for the event not only from those involved in the process but also those who attend each year from all around the world.

2014 was an important year for Wilderness Wildlife Week as the event moved to its new home at the LeConte Center, Wilderness Wildlife Week grew to offer more programming than ever before with more than 400 sessions offered in 2014.



Celebrating 28 Years of Free Family Friendly Education, Entertainment, & Adventure!

In 2015, Wilderness Wildlife Week celebrated its 25th anniversary by announcing its move from January to May beginning in 2016 in an effort to celebrate springtime by engaging all ages to journey into the great outdoors whether it be by participating in onsite presentations or outdoor activities and excursions.

The 2016 incarnation had a great deal to live up to as it was the first Wilderness Wildlife Week to take place in May. While some wondered if the move would be beneficial, the overall results spoke volumes as to the wealth of programs and experiences attendees could enjoy. Whether embarking on leisurely tubing excursion, embracing an exhilarating rafting adventure, or connecting to old-time Appalachian entertainment at the first-ever Appalachian Homecoming at Patriot Park, attendees were provided numerous opportunities to connect to the outdoors.

As we now celebrate the 28th year of this one-of-a-kind event, it is worth mentioning that the International Festivals & Events Association awarded Wilderness Wildlife Week as the Best International Event of 2016 and 2017. For those who are in the events industry to recognize the remarkable work and quality of what Wilderness Wildlife Week has blossomed into, especially with the event restructuring around a new season. To be recognized as the best event internationally is a monumental accomplishment and an accolade the entire Wilderness Wildlife Week family takes pride in. As we look to the 2018 Wilderness Wildlife Week, our team has incorporated even more into opening up new programs and outdoor opportunities for the enjoyment of all.











Check Out Some of the Great Merchandise Available this Year!





The Wild Ones Mission is to promote environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities. Wild Ones is a not-for-profit environmental education and advocacy organization.

LEARN:

About native plant communities

How to choose the right plants for your landscape
Where to locate native plant nurseries

How to ethically rescue native plants and ensure they survive
How to establish and maintain your native landscape
How to combat invasive species
How to provide habitat for our native pollinators
How to educate others about the benefits of native plants

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BY CLAY THURSTON



EMMA DUFORT ART AND DESIGN **Proffitts Woodworks**

Cliff Dwellers Artist: Louise Bales
Cliff Dwellers Artist: Pat K. Thomas



New for 2018

YEP: Young Experts Program

A major addition to this year's Wilderness Wildlife Week is the Young Experts Program (YEP). This special incentive program has been designed to provide youth ages 12 and younger an immersive and unique way to learn about wildlife, wilderness, old-time arts, area history, Appalachian culture and to connect to the great outdoors. More than 100 activities are available in this inaugural year. Session attendance and participation also allow each youth participating the opportunity to receive credit to redeem for free gifts for participating in the program. Gifts include coloring books, teddy bears, and other special prizes and treats. Complete information regarding this program can be found on page 18.

First-Ever Film Competition Events

Another major addition for this year's Wilderness Wildlife Week is the first-ever 48 Hour Film Race. The total prize money up for grabs in the contests and categories is \$1,500. Please note this is a family-friendly event and entries featuring profanity or nudity will not be accepted.

For the 48 Hour Film Race, the contest theme will be announced during Wilderness Wildlife Week at 10 AM on Tuesday, May 8 in Greenbriar Hall C. Those participating have until 10 AM on Thursday, May 10 to submit their short films for judging and showcasing. All submissions will be shown with winners announced beginning at 4:45 PM on Saturday, May 12 in Greenbriar Hall C. Complete entry information and submission guidelines can be found on page 16.

Wilderness Wildlife Week Photography Contest Goes to Digital Display Format

For our photography friends, there are some major changes for this year's photography contest. For the first time ever, submissions for the contest will be digital only. What this means is the contest will no longer display printed images for judging and will be a Digital Display Photography Contest. This change has been made for a myriad of reasons as we know it will make the contest easier and more affordable to enter. Additionally, the categories and submission guidelines have also changed. All entry rules and submission information can be found on pages 14 & 15. As a side note, there will be special physical photography displays of Great Smoky Mountains National Park from Thompson Photo Products, as well as Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers.

Wordsmiths of the Smokies: A New Programming Track As a way to celebrate those who use the art of spoken and written words, Wordsmiths of the Smokies is a special programming tract celebrating authors, storytellers and poetry of the Great Smoky Mountains. This special series is set for Saturday, May 12 in North 2AB. For a complete schedule of programs in this series, please see the Saturday schedule beginning on page 50.

Event Program Guide Schedule Notations

For those who have difficulty deciding on which programs to attend on a given day, this year's schedule denotes whether a session is scheduled more than once during the course of the event. Programs featured more than once have a special "Encore!" listing next to the program.

For the adventurous souls who embark on Wilderness Wildlife Week's Outdoor Excursions, this year's listing features descriptions of each excursion to help you better understand each activity, as well special trail conditions.

With all the new components featured during this year's Wilderness Wildlife Week, there are activities for all ages to enjoy!





Celebrating 46 years and our mountains!

Tennessee State Bank is a proud sponsor of Wilderness Wildlife Week and transportation to its Outdoor Excursions.

Events like Wilderness Wildlife Week connect guests and locals alike to the best of the great outdoors and everything the Great Smoky Mountains offer whether it is a scenic drive, a challenging hike up to Mt. LeConte or a beautiful setting to capture a glimmer of its majestic beauty.

As a proud sponsor, Tennessee State Bank hopes you enjoy this wonderful event.

With 15 locations across Sevier, Knox, Cocke and Jefferon Counties, we hope to see you soon.

While there is a Tennessee State Bank ATM onsite at the LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge, our nearest locations to Wilderness Wildlife Week at the LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge are:

2210 Parkway P.O. Box 1260 Pigeon Forge, TN 37868 (865) 453-0873

Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Drive-thru window opens at 7:30 a.m., Mon.- Fri.

3155 Parkway

P.O. Box 1260

Pigeon Forge, TN 37868

(865) 453-1043

Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Drive-thru window opens at 7:30 a.m., Mon.- Fri.



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The 2018 Wilderness Wildlife Week Photography Contest is proudly sponsored by GSM Outfitters. The goal of this contest is to encourage participants to enjoy the beauty of nature and to share the experience through photography.

Awards in each Category

First Place: \$75 + Ribbon Second Place: \$50 + Ribbon Third Place: \$25 + Ribbon

One **Best of Show Ribbon** along with **\$125** will be awarded to the image the judges deem to have the best overall image quality and that best represents the spirit of wilderness and wildlife found in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. All first-place winners in all categories are eligible. The photograph awarded this honor may be included in the 2019 Wilderness Wildlife Week Program Guide along with the winner's name and title of the photo. <u>An image file of sufficient print quality must be given to the City and its representatives once the contest and judging are complete.</u> Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of this honor.

Entry Information

Please see page 15 for complete entry inustructions.

Ouestions / Information

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact Colby McLemore at colby@colbysphotography.com or (865) 924-1455.

Categories and Criteria

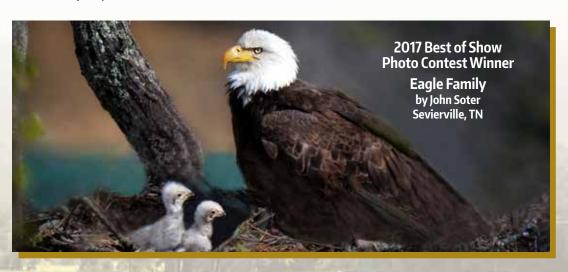
#	Category	Who Can Enter?	Subject
1	Children & Young Adult Photographers	Open to children and young adults <u>ages 17 and younger</u> . May enter up to three different images.	Any subject related to nature, wilderness or wildlife (no pets, posed portraits, or studio photographs).
2	Amateur Image of Great Smoky Mountains National Park	All ages who <u>DO NOT</u> earn primary income (must be less than 20%) from photography.	Any subject related to nature, wilderness, or wildlife within GSMNP (no pets, posed portraits, or studio photographs).
3	Professional Image of Great Smoky Mountains National Park	All ages who <u>DO</u> earn <u>20%</u> or more of their income from photography.	Any subject related to nature wilderness, or wildlife within GSMNP (no pets, posed portraits, or studio photographs).
4	Scenic Views of Great Smoky Mountains National Park	Everyone	Any broad view image of land within GSMNP. May have people or manmade objects but they must not be the dominate subject of the image.
5	Wildlife of Great Smoky Mountains National Park	Everyone	Any wildlife subject within GSMNP (no pets, posed portraits, or studio photographs).
6	Black & White Images of Great Smoky Mountains National Park	Everyone	Any subject or scene related to nature, wilderness, or wildlife within Great Smoky Mountains National Park (no pets, posed portraits, or studio photographs) in black and white.
7	7 Manmade Landmarks of Great Smoky Mountains National Park	Everyone	Entry must be of a manmade GSMNP landmark (such as the Walker Sisters' Cabin, John Oliver Cabin, John Cable Grist Mill, Tyson McCarter Place, Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, etc.).
			The entry can be from any season (fall, winter, spring, or summer). Artistic interpretations are welcome.
8	Natural Wonders of the World Outside the Great Smoky Mountains	Everyone	Any natural subject from anywhere outside of GSMNP (people or manmade structures must not be dominate subject).



Rules and Regulations

- Images must be submitted according to the following instructions:
 - **a.** Photographs must be the original work of exhibitor and cannot feature pets or have people as the main subject. Entries cannot be posed portraits or studio photographs.
 - **b.** Personal identification or text of any type is not allowed on the photo. This includes, but is not limited to, a quote, title, photographer's name, photographer's logo, etc.
 - **c.** No individual may enter more than two images per category, with a limit of seven total entries with the exception of the Children & Young Adults category. There can be three submissions for this category.
 - **d.** Photographs entered in any past Wilderness Wildlife Week Photography Contests are not eligible for reentry.
 - **e.** Images are to be submitted by going to this link between April 13, 2018 and April 27, 2018 and following the instructions: www.colbysphotography.com/wilderness/.
- The photographer must allow the City of Pigeon Forge and Wilderness Wildlife Week usage of submitted images to be displayed and used at the Wilderness Wildlife Week event, promotion for the contest, and/or exhibition on their website.

- 3. The images will be judged on color-calibrated monitors and displayed at Wilderness Wildlife Week, potentially on HD TVs with 1920 pixel by 1080 pixel. We suggest you upload the most high-quality image files possible.
- 4. It is up to the photographer to upload appropriate images as well as correctly categorize them. Poor quality images or miscategorized images may negatively affect the judges' view of your images. Wilderness Wildlife Week volunteers may or may not contact entrants about any submissions deemed questionable. If you are contacted, you may resubmit, but it must be done by the submission deadline.
- 5. Entry Acceptance and Judging:
 - **a.** Decisions of the panel of judges will be final. Entries will be judged on theme, artistic merit, presentation, and technique. This includes but is not limited to proper categorization, composition, presentation, sharpness, and white balance, among other aspects.
 - **b.** The City of Pigeon Forge reserves the right to reject any entry for any reason, including those that fail to follow the contest rules and theme, or any entry whose subject matter may be deemed by contest officials to be unsuitable for exhibition in a family environment or is deemed to put Pigeon Forge and/or the Smokies in a negative light.
 - **c.** Entries will be judged in the category designated by the entrant so it is important to choose the most appropriate category for your entries.
 - **d.** Acceptance for display does not necessarily imply acceptance for judging.







Wilderness Wildlife Week's™ First-Ever 48 Hour Film Race



The goal of the film contest is to encourage participants to enjoy the beauty and history of the Smokies and to share the experience through film. The goal of Wilderness Wildlife Week's 48 Hour Film Race is to foster comradery and positive energy through the ability to produce a short film based on the theme provided to all artists during opening day of the event, Tuesday, May 8 at 10 AM in Greenbrier Hall C of the LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge, located at 2986 Teaster Ln, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863.

FILM LENGTH AND STYLE

Entrants may submit a film of no longer than 3 minutes. Entry can be in any style so long as it follows the theme of the contest.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judges will check to adherence to these submission rules, including compliance with all terms (legality, conduct, etc.), film length, format, etc. Films will be judged by Wilderness Wildlife Week volunteers and agents based upon quality and content of the film and its ability to educate, inspire, and raise awareness of the film's chosen topic. Entrants who do not conform to policies and rules may be disqualified at the discretion of the judges. Any disqualifications are the decision of the judging panel and are final.

CONTEST SUBMISSION PERIOD

All entries for the contest must be submitted and received no later than 10 AM on Thursday, May 10, 2018. Films must be presented in .MP4 format. Any filming prior to 10 AM on Tuesday, May 8 is strictly prohibited.

HOW TO ENTER - SUBMISSION RULES/GUIDELINES

Contest entries may be submitted by an individual or by a group of any size (ex: a group of friends, an afterschool program, an entire class, etc.). In the case of group submission, one prize will be awarded to the entire group as a whole. All film submissions are requested physically on a USB flash drive in MP4 format, as well as electronically. Digital files are to be emailed to bbarnes@cityofpigeonforgetn.gov. Entry Forms can be picked up onsite day of contest kickoff.

All entries become the property of Wilderness Wildlife Week and will not be acknowledged or returned and entrants agree that winning entries can be used for showing during future Wilderness Wildlife Week events and activities, as well as the city's website, MyPigeonForge.com, YouTube, and other media accounts. Please note, Wilderness Wildlife Week is a free, family-friendly event. Films that use NUDITY, PROFANITY or VIOLENCE will be disqualified.

SHOWCASE CELEBRATION

All eligible films will be shown on Saturday, May 12 at 4:45 PM in Greenbriar Hall C at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge as the closing program of Wilderness Wildlife Week. This special showcase is free and open to the public to attend. All attending the showcase will be eligible for special door prizes.

WINNER SELECTION, NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT

Wilderness Wildlife Week will select the potential winners after judgment of all eligible entries with winners announced at the conclusion of the Showcase Celebration.

Cash prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st Place-\$1,000 2nd Place-\$400 3rd Place -\$100

Wilderness Wildlife Week will notify them via telephone or e-mail. It is the duty of the winners to supply a mailing address to Wilderness Wildlife Week and to complete a W-9 form in order to receive payment. As Wilderness Wildlife Week is a city-sponsored event planned by the City of Pigeon Forge, payment will be made within 30 days of receiving the completed W-9.

Complete rules and regulations will be provided at contest kickoff.



SMALL TOWN LIVING

Fundraising Luncheon

Benefiting Friends of the Pigeon Forge Public Library

Featuring Former Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Gary Wade

Thursday, May 10, Noon

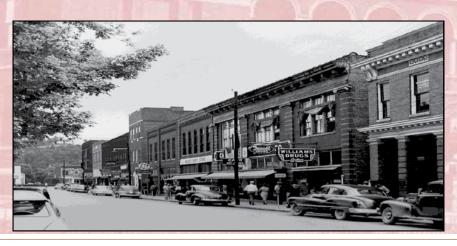
Every small town has its heart-warming stories.

Come hear wonderful memories of families who drove to the county seat and filled the streets around the courthouse square.

Tickets \$15

Limited Seating

Tickets available at the Library Booth #49







This year we are pleased to introduce a new incentive program for ages 12 and younger. Known as the Young Experts Program (YEP), there are more than 125 sessions and activities our presenters and staff feel are both educational and engaging for this age group. As a bonus of this being an incentive program, youth can achieve free prizes and gifts by completing activities and sessions in the following fields:

Heritage, Exploration, Wildlife, and Art

Achievement milestone gifts include commemorative coloring books, teddy bears, and more.

As a new component, we hope you and your child find this as an engaging addition to Wilderness Wildlife Week.

All activities marked as YEP on the Wilderness Wildlife Week schedule are eligible for this program.

YEP program form can be picked up from the **Information Desk** during Wilderness Wildlife Week.

Great milestone gifts for kids!

Look for this symbol for eligible activities









Schedule of Events

8 AM: Registration at LeConte Center Circle Drive Covered Pavilion

9 AM – Noon: Fishing in tournament waters from Patriot Park to the end of the municipal parking lot near The Island in Pigeon Forge, a 1.5 mile walkable stretch.

Noon – 1 PM: Free Hot Dog Lunch for Youth at LeConte Center Circle Drive Covered Pavilion

1 PM: Awards Presentation

There is no registration fee or cost to participate.

There are 100 tagged trout. An award will be given for every tagged fish caught. Each youth who participates will also receive a complimentary gift.

Divisions are ages 7-9 and 10-12.

For complete information, please contact Jason Baiamonte at **865-429-7306**.

Event will go on rain or shine.





Tournament is free & open to youth ages 7 to 12.







Outdoor Excursions Sign-Up Procedures and Rules

The following rules have been developed to help ensure safety, enjoyment, and fairness to all those wishing to participate in outdoor excursions during the 2018 Wilderness Wildlife Week:

SIGN-UP PROCEDURES

- All participants must register according to the schedule. After the initial sign-up period, outdoor excursions will remain open until filled.
- Interested participants must be in Greenbriar Hall A by the time listed in the daily schedule. Doors will close at the assigned time.
- Upon entry to the sign-up room, each participant will receive one ticket. Individuals must be present to receive a ticket. Tickets will be drawn and selected at random.
- 4. Once an individual's ticket is randomly selected, that participant will be allowed to register themselves, in addition to three (3) others, not to exceed a total of four (4) people, for the open excursion of their choice.
- Once an excursion has filled, interested participants may sign up on an alternate list. This, however, does count as a participant's one excursion event for that day.
- 6. Participants may only sign up for one excursion and one night event per day.
- 7. There will be no pre-registration or phone registration.
- 8. More strenuous excursions are not recommended for small children or less-experienced participants. Certain activities are open to certain ages.
- 9. Parents are responsible for determining, in advance, children's ability to complete any hike/field trip, including, but not limited to, maintaining the hike/field trip pace. A parent or guardian must accompany children 13 and under at all times during hikes/field trips. Children ages 14-17 may participate in hikes, but must have a parent or guardian's signature on the release form.

RULES

- All excursions originate only from LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge. For all excursions and activities, participants may not meet at the trail head or starting point of excursion.
- 2. It is essential that participants be at the designated assembly point for each hike on time. The first 15 minutes will consist of a hike orientation and completion of certain administrative requirements. Absence from this orientation may result in the loss of the participant's place on the excursion to an alternate participant.
- 3. Participants not present for initial roll call for bus loading will be replaced by an alternate participant, after the entire list is announced.
- The excursion leaders and event staff will have the final decision to remove any individual from an excursion prior to departure due to, but not limited to, lack of essential equipment, or for any other reason.
- It is the participant's responsibility to be prepared for a variety of weather conditions, such as wearing appropriate shoes, or carrying the proper equipment and supplies (water, trail snacks, poncho, flashlights, etc.).
- Please respect all participants and leave cell phones behind or "off" while hiking or on excursions.
- You will be required to sign the Off-Site Excursion Release Form acknowledging that you have read and understand all rules pertaining to requirements for excursions during Wilderness Wildlife Week.

Note: All outdoor excursions are subject to rescheduling or cancellation.

Checklist for Hikers

Traditionally, May is warmer, with daytime highs in the 70s and 80s and lows in the 40s and 50s. May rainfall averages about 4.5 inches. If you are joining us for one of our day hikes into the mountains, be prepared. Not only should you wear a sturdy pair of hiking boots, be sure you also include the following items in your backpack:

- Towel
- Head Cover
- Rain Gear/Poncho
- Lunch or Trail Snacks (fruit, nuts)
- Pocketknife
- Extra pair of socks
- Flashlight





GSM Outfitters was started out of a passion and commitment to the outdoor experience in and around Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Owners Michael and Heather Shepperd opened GSM Outfitters in June of 2013 with a commitment to provide quality clothing and gear at affordable prices to people that wanted to have a mountain experience. We strive to facilitate a "go to" place for information and advice for hiking, camping, fishing, river activities as well as many other things that can be accomplished in and around GSMNP.

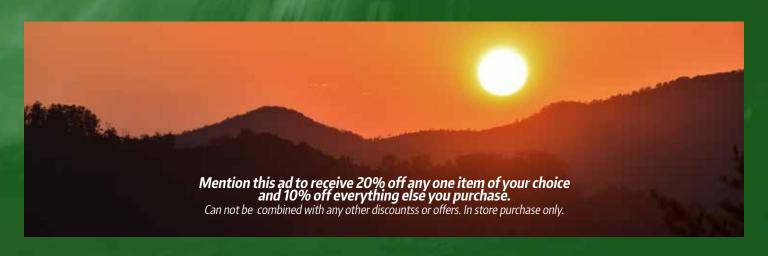
GSM Outfitters is not a large corporation with shareholders that need to be satisfied. On the contrary, GSM Outfitters' passion revolves around the beauty and preservation of Great Smoky Mountains National Park and similar places. GSM Outfitters is driven to maintaining and preserving quiet places that are a result of nature and natural eco systems. These natural ecosystems are critical in lots of different ways. Whereas debates and discussions relative to the environment so often focus on solitary components, GSM Outfitters is passionate about the big picture relative to the natural places. It is more than clean air or clean water.

Quiet, beautiful places in nature offer things that are not measurable. Natural places provide space to reflect and experience true peace of mind. These environments are reminders of our history, as well as indicators of where we are headed. It is quite possible preservation needs to happen for reasons we do not even understand.

GSM Outfitters believes it is paramount to provide advice and aid in generating interest in Great Smoky Mountains National Park and similar places as it is that appreciation which motivates people to preserve and support these places that are so important.

GSM Outfitters is looking forward to celebrating the 28th anniversary of Wilderness Wildlife Week in 2018. We feel it is an excellent venue for like-minded people and companies to come together to celebrate these places and the people that view this as a national treasure. What Wilderness Wildlife Week is, and the essence of what it stands for, is something GSM Outfitters LLC is proud to be part of!

We look forward to see you at Booth #1.



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Outdoor Excursions Schedule Wednesday, May 9 Sign-ups at 6 PM on Tuesday in Greenbriar Hall A

Start/End Time	Excursion/Hike/Field Trip	Guide	Mileage	Difficulty	Description
7:30 AM – 4:45 PM	AT to Charlies Bunion	George Owen	10.2		This moderate to strenuous hike along the Appalachian Trail offers spectacular views of the mountains to the north, Mt. Kephart and the Jump Off to the west, and Mount Guyot towards the east. Due to the extremely steep drop-offs you'll definitely want to watch your footing in this area.
8:30 AM – 4 PM	Ramsey Cascade	Wildland Trekking Company	8		This hike is one that is used and appreciated by all who accomplish it. Although logging of years ago one will find record-size trees still stand along the trail. Not long past the trailhead you will encounter a long bouncy footbridge which crosses the Middle Prong where it plunges over huge boulders and forms into swimming holes. As you hike, watch out for bald faced hornet nests as they stand protecting the area. Just when you wonder if you will ever find the falls, you will come up on the right side of the cascades. Water splashes 90 feet from ledge to ledge. This is the highest waterfall accessible by trail in GSMNP. The water flows from Mt. Guyot some 2,000 feet above. Look for salamanders and tadpoles in the pools of water, but do not leave your lunch sitting out unless you want to share it with the red squirrels and yellow jackets.
9 AM – 1:30 PM	Photo Safari of the Smokies	Colby McLemore	N/A		Learn the use of your camera and photo composition from your instructor who will provide insight on how filters, lenses and other equipment can enhance your artistic ability as you tour beautiful Cades Cove. A small amount of hiking will be done as you hop on and off the bus during your tour.
9 AM – 3 PM	Trails, Tales & Taverns / Bush Beans Bus Trip	Kathy Gwinn	N/A		Learn a vast amount of history covering topics such as the formation of the TVA, the White Caps, old Cherokee accounts, early transportation and migration settlement, Davy Crockett, the taverns of Sevier County, the French Broad River Valley, circuit riding preachers and numerous other fascinating topics. You will then proceed to the famous Bush Visitor Center & Museum in Chestnut Hill, Tennessee for a tour and lunch at Bush's restaurant.
9:30 AM – 2 PM	Chimney Tops	Danny Bernstein	4		This will be an interesting hike for those who know of the devastating fires the Smokies endured in late November 2016. The Chimneys were closed for an extended period and has only recently partially reopened. You will be able to ascertain some of the destruction as you journey up a portion of the trail to where the gated area is located due to the uncertain terrain above.
10:30 AM – 2:30 PM	American Eagle Foundation / Sevier Solid Waste	Lizzie Gaver	N/A		Participants see birds of prey in captivity, learn about the eagle breeding program, and will learn firsthand how the facility works. You will then proceed to Sevier County's Solid Waste facility to witness the County's commitment to better our environment in regards to recycling and waste handling and its proper operation.
1:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Hartford Whitewater Rafting Excursion	Smoky Mountain River Rat Rafting & Tubing	N/A		For those looking for a true easy to moderate fun adventure this special excursion is available today only. Participants will be bused to Hartford, Tennessee to the rafting headquarters. From there you will be taken up stream and your rafting guide will start your exciting adventure. You will get wet, but that is part of the fun. You will raft down river back to the rafting shack and return back to Pigeon Forge via bus. Participants must be 18 years of age.

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Outdoor Excursions Schedule Thursday, May 10 Sign-ups at 6 PM on Tuesday in Greenbriar Hall A

Excursion Levels

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Start/End Time	Excursion/Hike/Field Trip	Guide	Mileage	Difficulty	Description
8 AM – 4 PM	Middle Prong / Indian Flats Falls	Wildland Trekking Company	8.2		This hike follows an old railroad bed which was the last to be used in hauling out timber in 1939. The Little River Lumber Company hauled out one billion board feet of lumber (enough to build 10,000 homes) during the period of 1903-1930. You will see signs of recent disturbance: road cuts, second growth forests, cables and bridges; however, you will see how this area has recovered into the beauty it once showcased. Notable sites include where the company store stood, home sites, a school, post office and hotel in the Stringtown area.
9 AM – 3 PM	Baskins Creek Falls	Keith Garnes	3.2		This is a beautiful and seldom used trail weaving through an impressive forest of chestnut oaks, red maples, Northern red oaks, Eastern hemlocks, striped maples and large black gums. At this time of year you will experience mountain laurel in bloom with its beautiful candy striped flowers. A short unmaintained side trail will lead you to the falls, which was used for showers and washing by those who lived in Baskins Creek.
9 AM – 4 PM	Clingman's to Mt. Collins Shelter	Mark Snyder	5		This is a wonderful hike along the Appalachian Trail from the Clingmans Dome Parking Lot on to the shelter area of Mt. Collins. One will experience the beauty of true high mountain hiking as you hike towards the twelve bunk shelter area, which is a popular stop on the AT due to its accessibility for day or overnight hikers.
9 AM – 5:30 PM	Chimney Tops / Alum Cave	George Owen	8.6		You will have an opportunity to view much of the damage of the now famous wildfires that started in the Chimneys Top area. You will hike on down towards the recently rehabilitated Alum Cave trail, which is the most popular trail that leads to the famous Mt. LeConte Lodge. This is an opportunity to see much of the hard work that has been put into the upkeep and repair to parts of GSMNP.
10:30 AM-12:30 PM	American Eagle Foundation	Lana Bowes	N/A		Participants see several birds of prey, learn about the eagle breeding program, and hear how the facility works.
10:30 AM-1:30 PM	Avent Cabin	Jim Jenkins	3		This is a wonderful short hike to the summer cabin of artist Mayna Treanor Avent from the 1920s to the 40s. The trail follows the old railroad bed built in 1909 by Little River Lumber Company. During the first section you will pass where many of the old cabins of Elmont once stood, which was a popular vacation spot before GSMNP was established. Avent Cabin was built in 1845 and purchased by the Avent family in 1918. The National Park Service took final ownership of the cabin in 1932, but awarded a lease to the family until 1992.
11 AM – 5 PM	Porters Creek	Joel Zachry	3		You will experience the beauty of wildflowers, relaxation of the flowing river, the cemetery and most of all the cantilever barn and hiking cabin used by the Appalachian Hiking Club for many years. Bring a snack, sit and enjoy the natural sounds of the Smokies.
8 PM – 10:30 PM	Cades Cove Loop Road	Mike Meldrum	2.5		Your guide for this hike is a retired GSMNP ranger based in Cades Cove. He will provide history and insight into the hardy folks who have resided in the Cove. There will be short hikes from the bus to further explain the history and happenings, as well as stories passed down from various generations. This is the only nighttime hike scheduled and participants will experience something few have ever done.



Cades Cove Museum at the Thompson-Brown House

Located at 1004 East Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, Tennessee (Across from Blount Memorial Hospital & beside the Blount County Historical Museum)

Preservation Association

The museum is operated by the Cades Cove Preservation Association (CCPA)

The building is overseen by the Blount County Historic Trust (BCHT)

Free Admission

Open Wednesday through Saturday 10 AM to 3 PM Closed Sunday, Monday & Tuesday Other days & hours by appointment 865,982,0705

Hours & days of operation subject to change without notice cadescovepreservation@gmail.com

The collection of Cades Cove artifacts is a treasure to be preserved, protected and enhanced through the generosity of living individuals from Cades Cove, descendants, their families and volunteers.

If you have artifacts you would like to share, the Cades Cove Preservation Association invite you to place them on loan whether it be artifacts, photos, personal histories, and/or other items you believe would help enhance the museum's collection.

In return, we offer gratitude and your name in a place of honor. For more information, please contact Gloria Motter.

If you have Cades Cove memorabilia, items, or artifacts, there is a place of honor for it in the museum.

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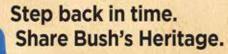
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Start/End Time	Excursion/Hike/Field Trip	Guide	Mileage	Difficulty	Description
7:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Hen Wallow Falls	Keith Garnes	4.4		This is a pleasant hike through a hemlock and rhododendron forest. A side trail will lead you down to the base of the falls. The falls are only two feet wide at the top, but fans out to 20 feet at the bottom some 90 feet below. If you look closely you will see salamanders swimming at the bottom.
7:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Mt. Cammerer	Wildland Trekking Company	11.1		This hike leads to the Mt. Cammerer Fire Tower located just .6 mile off of the Appalachian Trail. The hike to the tower is strenuous but well worth the effort to see the beauty of the mountains from all directions. The medieval looking tower was built in the late 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps to appear similar to the Yosemite model of fire towers utilized in the western part of the country. The CCC used native timber and stone for construction. After falling in disrepair in the 1970s, the tower was reconstructed in 1995 with assistance from the Appalachian Trail Conference and Friends of the Smokies.
7:30 AM – 4:45 PM	Sugarland Mountain / Huskey Gap	George Owen	11		This hike through a fragrant spruce fir forest showcases a multitude of wildflowers. Sugarland Mountain is known as one of the most popular areas for black bears due to the large amount of pin cherry trees and their bright red berries. At one point you will have the opportunity to look down on the Chimney Tops area where the November 2016 wildfires began. You will also see Mt. LeConte, Newfound Gap Road and Gatlinburg. Once you hit the Huskey Gap Trail you will find it broader and flat, a striking change from the narrow ridge tops you have recently encountered along with new growth trees due to the aforementioned wildfires.
9 AM – 3 PM	Historic Churches of Sevier County Bus Tour #1	Kathy Gwinn	N/A		Your experienced guide and storyteller will fascinate you with numerous stories she has researched. This tour will visit six historic churches in Sevier County, including churches at Rocky Flats, Jones Cove, Fairgarden and the oldest church in Sevier County. You will also visit the church used in the making of Dolly Parton's film "Heartsong". You will then visit the Bush Beans Visitor Center and Museum and dine at their restaurant.
9 AM-3 PM	People and Places of Cades Cove	Mark Snyder	N/A		Your guide is a walking history book of data of Cades Cove, its settlers, their triumphs and setbacks, as well as what life was like when Cades Cove was inhabited. While visiting home sites and churches, you will also learn of the first family who called this serene area home.
10 AM – 2 PM	Bush Beans Bus Tour	Steve Lutes	N/A		Tour the Bush Visitor Center & Museum in downtown Chestnut Hill, Tennessee. You will stop for lunch at the Bush's restaurant before returning back to Pigeon Forge.
12:30 PM – 5 PM	Townsend Railroad Museum / Appalachian Bear Rescue Educational Center	Jim Eastin	N/A		Step back in time to view and learn of the old railroad systems that were so valuable to the area for the logging companies that operated within the mountains. Then you will be transported onward to Appalachian Bear Rescue's Educational Center where you will learn all about rehabilitation of orphaned and injured bear cubs and view videos of many of the ones who have been taken care of and released back into their nature habitat.



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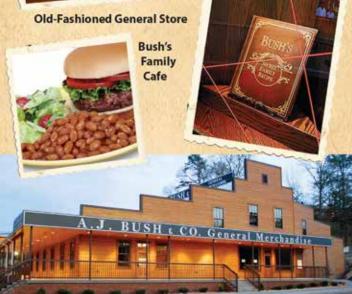
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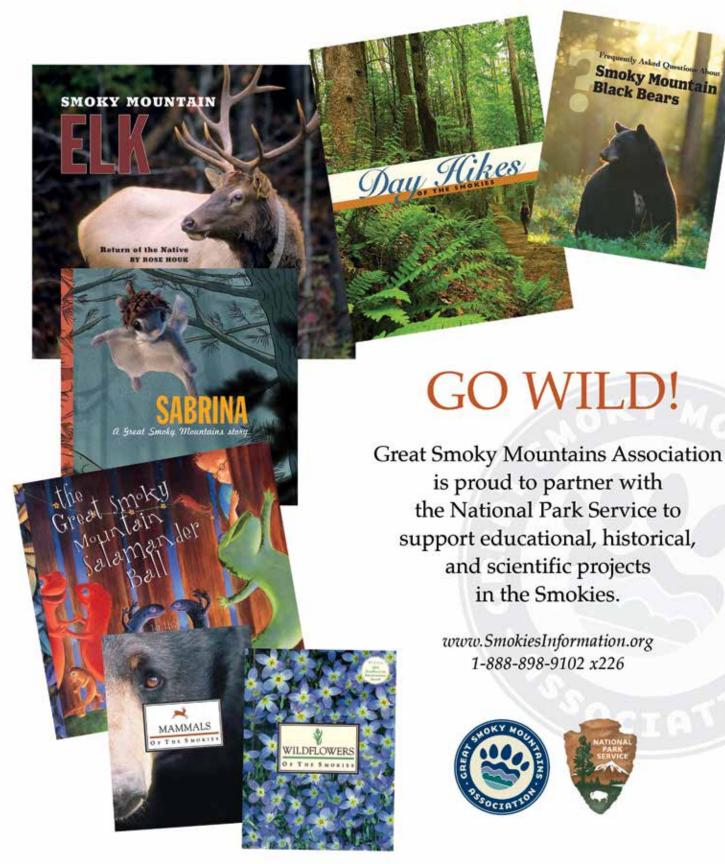
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8 AM – 2 PM	Finley Cane / Bote Mountain	George Owen	4		This hike is often used as an access to Spence Field via the Bote Mountain Trail. At the starting point you will notice rosebay rhododendrons and Frazer magnolias. Parts of this trail can be quite muddy until you get closer to the Bote Mountain Trail. Once there you will pass through a half mile tunnel of rhododendron. Additionally, you will experience various types of trees such as hickories, big oaks, Eastern hemlocks and tulips.
9 AM – 1 PM	Elkmont History / Jakes Creek	Carroll McMahan	4		This easy hike celebrates the history of Elkmont and its residents. You will learn about the history of the area including the Appalachian Club house, Levi Trentham cemetery, as well as Uncle Lem Ownby's home.
9 AM – 3 PM	Historic Churches of Sevier County Bus Tour #2	Kathy Gwinn	N/A		Your guide will continue her tour of yesterday with six more churches while providing insight regarding the history of each, its charter members, how each church was named.
10 AM – 4 PM	Sugarlands Cemetery	Joey Holt	5.5		Your knowledgeable guide will begin this hike at Sugarlands Visitor Center in GSMNP and will share history while following the trail along paths of old home sites, the CCC campsite and the old cemetery.







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Tuesday, May 8

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8 AM: LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge Main Entrance Opens

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(present-day East Tennessee) – Overmountain Victory Trail Association – Greenbriar Hall A

9 – 4 PM: Pre-registration for Tuesday, May 8 LIMITED Sessions – Pre-registration Table

9:30 - 10:30 AM: Wildflowers of the Smokies - Jack Carman - North 3A

9:30 – 11:30 AM: All About Spin Fishing Great Smoky Mountains National Park Area Stocked Trout Streams,

As Well As Local Smallmouth – Greg Ward – North 3B.

Join Greg as he discusses spin fishing techniques while relating his lifetime of fishing knowledge.

10 – 10:30 AM: Wilderness Wildlife Week 48 Hour Film Race Registration and Kickoff – Greenbriar Hall C

[5] 10 – 11 AM: All About Firewise in Pigeon Forge – Kevin Nunn and Matt Lovitt – North 1B

Join Pigeon Forge Firefighters Kevin and Matt with the Tennessee Division of Forestry as they discuss the historical perspective of wildfires in East Tennessee, wildfire prevention in Pigeon Forge and recommendations relating to keeping your

homes safe through Firewise practices.

10 – Noon: Scenic Rubber Stamp Make & Take – A Stamp in Every Hand – Booth #54 in LeConte Hall

10 – 6 PM: Wilderness Wildlife Week Digital Display Photography Contest & Special Displays opens

North 1A

10 – 6 PM: Exhibitors and Vendors open – LeConte Hall

m / 10 – 6 PM: Free Make & Take Cliff Dwellers Gallery Creation Station – Booth 7 in LeConte Hall

10:30 – 11:30 AM: Backcountry Cooking 101: Breakfast and Lunch Sampling – Chris Hoge – LeConte Center Circle Dr.

10:30 – 11:30 AM: My Wild Life: From Bears, Panthers and Pandas to People – Ken Johnson – Greenbriar Hall A

10:30 – Noon: Hiking & Backpacking: Getting Started with the Right Gear, Essentials and Minimal

Environmental Impact - Bill Deitzer, Mike Braun and Pam Rodgers - Greenbriar Hall B

🚳 🧀 😰 👍 10:45 – 11:45 AM: LIMITED to 20! Composting with Kids – Lizzie Gaver – Booth 31 in LeConte Hall

11 – Noon: Live Birds of Prey Show – American Eagle Foundation – Greenbriar Hall C

11:30 – 12:30 PM: Gardening on the Wild Side with Nature's Most Important Plant – Sherra Owen – North 3A

11:30 - 12:30 PM: Collecting and Telling Family Stories - Jim Eastin - North 1B

2 11:30 – 12:30 PM: The Ragmen of Appalachia – Joseph Williams – LeConte Hall Stage

Join Joseph as he shares, through dialogue, poetry and song, a brief synopsis of the important role the ragmen of Appalachia played in providing supplies and merchandise, as well as communications, to the early settlers of this region.







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3:30 – 5 PM: Little Things Learned the Hard Way: Refining Your Backpacking Gear and Skills

Renée Michot and Jim Rigsby - Greenbriar Hall A

3:45 – 5:15 PM: Beginner's Photography for Adults and Kids – Jim Eastin – North 3B

4 – 5 PM: Hiking for Love and Pain: The Appalachian Trail Experience – David Curran – North 1B

(4) 4 – 5:30 PM: Traditional Music of the Southern Appalachians – Boogertown Gap Old-Time String Band –

LeConte Hall Stage

🕎 🤂 4:30 – 5:30 PM: 🛮 The White Caps: The Great Unmasking – Don Williams – Greenbriar Hall B

In 1894, a nightmarish conflict known as the Battle Near Henderson's Springs claimed at least four lives. In its wake, a great unmasking occurred, during which Sevier County Deputy-Sheriff Tom Davis discovered names and identities of scores of vigilantes known as White Caps and Blue Bills. This knowledge resulted in amazing acts of heroism, including shootouts, riverboat chases, legislative action and undercover investigations as far as Texas, ending in hangings on the courthouse lawn.

5 – 6 PM: Backpacking, Hiking and Guiding in Wilderness Areas of the United States – Chris Hoge – North 3A

🔟 🤧 **5 – 6 PM:** Glory to God, Sister! That Will Get You Churched! – J. Duay O'Neil – Greenbriar Hall C

Join Duay as he shares stories taken from early Cocke County, Tennessee church minutes describing behaviors and actions

bringing about investigations and disciplinary actions by church leaders.

6 PM: Wednesday and Thursday Excursions Sign-ups – Tom Brosch – Greenbriar Hall A

6:45 PM: Welcome – Butch Helton and Special Events Team – Greenbriar Hall C

7 PM: Heaven and Nature Sing – Ken Jenkins, Judy Felts and Friends – Greenbriar Hall C

Headline Speakers

Tuesday, May 8

Keynote Address: Ken Jenkins, Judy Felts and Friends
Heaven and Nature Sing
7 PM – Greenbrier Hall C

Join Ken, Judy and Friends as they provide a heartfelt and spiritual experience celebrating the Smokies and their majestic beauty.



Ken Jenkins, professional photographer and creator of Wilderness Wildlife Week, is known throughout North America. He is an accomplished author of numerous books covering black bears, grizzlies and other wildlife. Because of Ken's vision in 1990, Wilderness Wildlife Week is a free event built around the principles of family, education and enjoyment of the outdoors. While Wilderness Wildlife

Week in an award-winning event, having won prestigious awards from the International Festivals and Events Association, the best facet of the event is that the event has remained true to its values and has continued to grow and incorporate new components to further educate, entertain and connect folks to our natural world.



Judy Felts, originally from Arkansas, graduated with a degree in music and later moved to the Nashville area to pursue her music career. She was a performer at Opryland as well as keyboard and vocalist for Grand Ole Opry star, Bill Anderson. Judy has been utilized as a keynote speaker, worship leader and soloist for various churches, conferences and mission events. In addition to Judy's solo ministry, she also performs with Lee Porter as a duo with

piano, guitar, string bass and percussion. They have performed together for the last eight years and are available for churches, conferences and events. Judy and her husband Mike have been attending Wilderness Wildlife Week since 2000 and have a love for hiking and the outdoors.





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8:30 - 4 PM: Ramsey Cascade Hike - Wildland Trekking Company - 8 Miles - Moderate/Strenuous

Incredible Wild Edibles – Donna Cyr – Greenbriar Hall C 9 – 10 AM:

9 - 1:30 PM: Photo Safari of the Smokies Bus Trip – Colby McLemore – Easy

9 - 3 PM: Trails, Tales & Taverns / Bush Beans Bus Trip – Kathy Gwinn – Easy

9 - 5 PM: Pre-registration for Wednesday, May 9 LIMITED Sessions - Pre-registration Table

9:30 – 10:30 AM: The Work of a Backcountry Ranger at Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Trip Planning,

Campsite Maintenance and Beyond – Nicholas Yarnell – North 1B

9:30 – 10:30 AM: Learning to Interpret Indian Marker Trees – Don Wells – Greenbriar Hall B

9:30 - 2 PM: Chimney Tops Hike – Danny Bernstein – 4 Miles – Moderate

10 - 11 AM: Great Smoky Mountains Activities: Something for Everyone – Bill Deitzer – North 3A

Disappearing Appalachia – Fred Brown and Harry Moore – Greenbriar Hall A 10 – 11 AM:

10 – Noon: Scenic Rubber Stamp Make & Take – A Stamp in Every Hand – Booth #54 in LeConte Hall

> 10 - 6 PM: Wilderness Wildlife Week Digital Display Photography Contest & Special Displays opens - North 1A

10 - 11:30 AM: **LIMITED to 30!** Dowsing: Do You Have the Gift? – Charlie & Sandy Monday – North 3B

Join Charlie & Sandy to learn how to detect underground water, water leaks, unmarked graves and their gender, along with

numerous other things of interest.

LIMITED to 10! Intro to Quilting – Maria Holloway – Booth #4 in LeConte Hall 10 - Noon:

> 10 - 6 PM: Exhibitors and Vendors open – LeConte Hall

10 – 6 PM: Free Make & Take Cliff Dwellers Gallery Creation Station – Booth 7 in LeConte Hall

10:30 – 11:30 AM: Mountain Weaving Cottage Industry: History and Demonstration – Frances Fox Shambaugh –

Greenbriar Hall C

10:30 – 2:30 PM: American Eagle Foundation/Sevier Solid Waste Bus Trip – Lizzie Gaver – Easy

Home Gardeners' Guide to Identify and Control of Non-Native Invasive Plants - Leon Bates - North 1B 11 - Noon:

Logging Railroads in the Smokies: Rick Turner - Greenbriar Hall B 11 - Noon:

Join Rick as he provides an in-depth look at how railroads forever changed the Great Smoky Mountains, specifically the

Elkmont area, in the way people lived and worked there prior to the establishment of the park in 1934.





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2 – 5 PM: LIMITED to 8, ages 18+! Learn to Make a Small Doll Chair - David Weaver - Booth 31 in LeConte Hall

2:15 - 3:45 PM: Old Country & Appalachian Music Concert – Pistol Creek Catch of the Day – LeConte Hall Stage

2:30 - 3:30 PM: Air Quality Update in Great Smoky Mountains National Park – Jim Renfro – North 3A

2:30 - 3:30 PM: Goose Gap Memories – Olivia Helton Crisp – Greenbriar Hall A

Join Mrs. Crisp as she shares memories of her grandfather who was slain by the White Caps and the life her family lived in the Goose Gap area of Sevier County. Today, she still lives within sight of her childhood home in Goose Gap.

™™ ? ? ? 3:15 – 4:15 PM: **LIMITED to 30!** School Days of Yore – Cades Cove Preservation Association – North 3B

3:30 - 4:30 PM: Mountain Gossip: Did Great-Great Grandpa Really Poison his Wife, Kill the High Sheriff and Take Up

with a Younger Woman? – Cherel Henderson – North 1B

3:30 – 4:30 PM: Teepees, Tonto and John Wayne – Jon Elder – Greenbriar Hall C

Join Jon, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and lifelong Sevier County resident, as he examines how television, movies and economics have shaped the current perception of Native Americans by the public. Expect some myths

to be debunked and some confirmed in this informative and entertaining session.

4 - 5 PM: Wildflowers of Tennessee – Jack Carman – North 3A

4 - 5 PM: Pack to Come Back: Things the Others Haven't Told You – Joel & Kathy Zachry – Greenbriar Hall B

4-5PM: Hiking the Trails of the Southeast – David Curran – Greenbriar Hall A

4 - 5:30 PM: LIMITED to 12, ages 8+! Watercolor Painting - Melanie Fetterolf - Booth 18 in LeConte Hall

4:15 - 5:30 PM: Sing and Rockabilly Music Concert – Pistol Creek Catch of the Day – LeConte Hall Stage

4:45 - 6:15 PM: **LIMITED to 20!** Introduction to Playing Mountain Dulcimer – Tim Simek – North 3B

YEP 5-6 PM: The Battle of King's Mountain: Pigeon Forge's Role – Overmountain Victory Trail Association – North 1B

Join the Overmountain Victory Trail Association as they share accounts of the journey from what is now East Tennessee to

fight in the battle of King's Mountain, which turned out to be the turning point of the American Revolution.

YEP 5-6 PM: The Walker Sisters of Little Greenbrier – Robin Goddard – Greenbriar Hall C Join Robin as she discusses time spent with the Walker Sisters when she was a young person.

6 PM: Friday and Saturday Excursions Sign-ups – Tom Brosch – Greenbriar Hall A

7 - 8:15 PM: Lost in Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Five Days Lost & FOUND! - Dwight McCarter

Greenbriar Hall C

Join Dwight as he shares the story of a search and rescue locating a young boy lost in the Smokies for five days in July 1994.

8:30 PM: Forensics of the Smoky Mountains - Dr. Bill Bass & Art Bohanan - Greenbriar Hall C

Join Dr. Bass and Art as they discuss intriguing forensic cases throughout the Smoky Mountains region. Program may feature slides not suitable for youth.



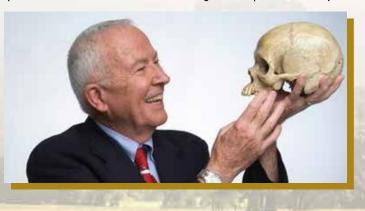
Wednesday, May 9

Headline Speakers: Dr. Bill Bass and Arthur Bohanan Forensics of the Smoky Mountains 8:30 PM – Greenbrier Hall C

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Dr. William M. (Bill) Bass III is a Diplomate American Board of Forensic Anthropology (D-ABFA), world renowned, and is Professor Emeritus from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. After years of dedicated service, the University of Tennessee has built a new forensic center in his honor: "William M. Bass Forensic Anthropology Building". Dr. Bass is a third generation in his family to have an education building name after him. The new facility is located below the current "Body Farm". Dr. Bass has the largest skeletal collection of modern skeletons in the U.S. and has started a cremains collection as well. Dr. Bass is a legend in forensic circles. In 1980, he created the world's first laboratory devoted to human decomposition: The University of Tennessee's "Body Farm". Dr. Bass has written or co-authored more than 200 scientific publications, many of them based either on the research facility's work or on actual cases he has helped solve and prosecute. During half a century in the classroom, Dr. Bass has taught thousands of students, including many of the foremost forensic anthropologists practicing in the United States today. Dr. Bass continues to be active in the forensic field by lecturing, testifying at trials from past cases and consulting on current ones from all over the U.S. Dr. Bass looks forward to his presentation and hopes people come prepared to ask guestions and learn how forensics have changed and improved over the years.



Art Bohanan is an internationally award winning patented inventor, researcher, lecturer and writer, a Certified Latent Print Examiner (one of 860 in the world), a certified FEMA Mass Fatality Course Instructor and a certified police instructor with 52 years in the study and practical application of forensics in thousands of violent crime scenes. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from East Tennessee State University with further



studies at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Art created the first ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) task force in Tennessee in 1999 and worked in an online undercover capacity until he retired in May 2001 as a Police Specialist III, former AFIS Manager and Senior Forensic Examiner with the Knoxville Police Department (26 years). Art twice received the Knoxville Police Officer of the year award and was awarded Walters State Community College's first "Distinguished Alumnus Award" in March 2000 for his contributions as a researcher, consultant and lecturer in the field of forensics. Bohanan was inducted into the International Hall of Fame in Atlanta (sponsored by the Inventors Clubs of America) with two distinguished awards plus a doctorate in science and technology for pioneering research involving children's fingerprints. He was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012 by the East Tennessee CPIT Advocacy Counsel and the National Children's Advocacy Center's (Huntsville) Outstanding Service for Law Enforcement in 2011. Art received the Citation of Excellence Award from the Department of Justice and the Amber Alert when he retired in 2012. He has completed research at the University of Tennessee's "Body Farm", with the F.B.I., and Oak Ridge National Lab. He was a senior forensic consultant and instructor for the Fox Valley/Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention/National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the national Amber Alert Program. Art was a co-author of "Child Fatality Investigations", "Investigative Strategies for Missing and Abducted Children", "Forensic Response to Missing and Abducted Children," that he taught nationwide. Bohanan is a founding father of the National Forensic Academy at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and a founding board member and past President of Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center.





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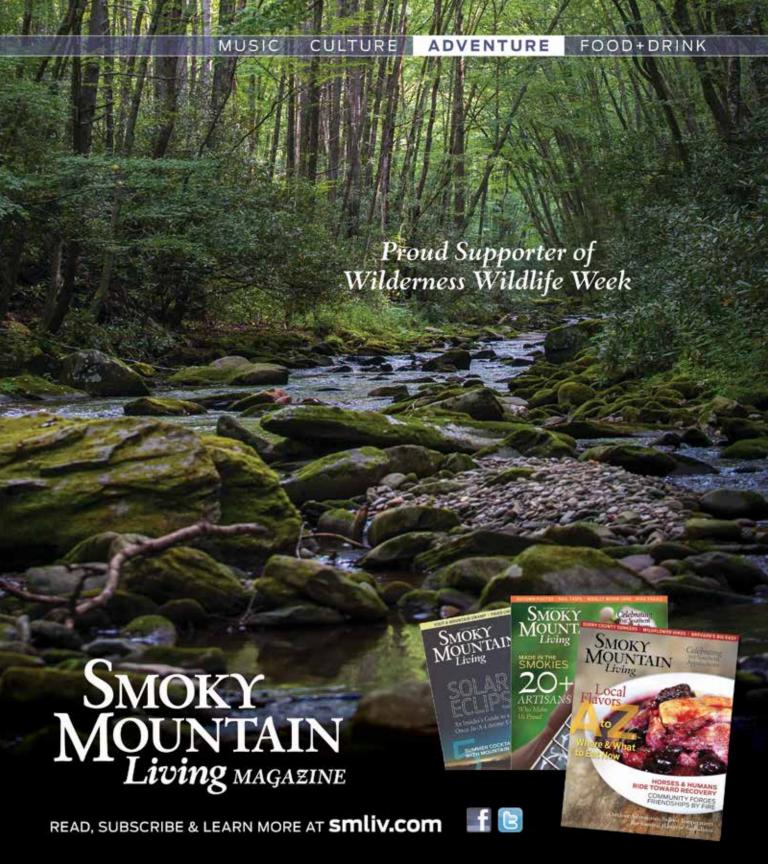
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6 9 – 4 PM: Clingman's to Mt. Collins Shelter Hike – Mark Snyder – 5 Miles – Moderate

9 – 5 PM: Pre-registration for Thursday, May 10 LIMITED Sessions – Pre-registration Table

9 – 5:30 PM: Chimney Tops/Alum Cave Hike – George Owen – 8.6 Miles – Strenuous

9:30 – 10:30 AM: Fish and Water Quality in Great Smoky Mountains National Park – Matt Kulp – North 3A

10 – 11 AM: Rock Formations of the Smokies – Harry Moore – North 1B

10 – 11 AM: From Sheep to Shawl – Nancy Thompson – Greenbriar Hall A

Join Nancy as she shares the history of shearing sheep, spinning and dyeing wool. A special spinning demonstration will take

place as well.

10 – 11 AM: The Overview of the 1836 Cherokee Property Evaluation – Debbie Moore – Greenbriar Hall C

🕑 🥶 📵 10 – 11:30 AM: LIMITED to 30! Dowsing: Do You Have the Gift? – Charlie & Sandy Monday – North 3B

Join Charlie & Sandy to learn how to detect underground water, water leaks, unmarked graves and their gender, along with

numerous other things of interest.

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Join Rhonda and Gail as they provide facts about the illusive bobcat and learn all about Bays Mountain bobcats.

10:30 – 12:30 PM: American Eagle Foundation Bus Trip – Lana Bowes – Easy

🚺 10:30 – 1:30 PM: Avent Cabin Hike – Jim Jenkins – 3 Miles – Easy/Moderate

11 – Noon: How and Why the Civilian Conservation Corps Built the Smokies, National and State Parks

Bill Deitzer – North 3A

11 – 5 PM: Porters Creek Hike – Joel Zachry – 3 Miles – Easy/Moderate

11:15 – 12:15 PM: The Serpent Handlers – Fred Brown – North 1B

Join Fred as he presents on his research into the faith of serpent handling believers.

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Join Mark as he discusses banding birds, hummingbirds and songbirds while providing important information about their age,

breeding status and migratory movements.

3:30 – 4:30 PM: Western Trails Compared to Those of the Southeast & the Smokies – David Curran – North 1B

3:30 - 4:30 PM: The History of the Wilson Glyn Christmas Tree Farm – Hal Wilson – Greenbriar Hall A

Join Hal and hear the story of how a family business grew from tiny seedlings on a Century Farm to a "choose and cut"

Christmas tree farm near Gatlinburg.

4 – 5 PM: Connecting to Nature – Ken Jenkins – Greenbriar Hall C

Join Ken for an exciting look at how to engage wildlife and have an opportunity to firsthand experience some of the ways you

can connect to nature and capture its beauty.

4:15 – 5:30 PM: Traditional Appalachian Music – Knoxville Area Dulcimer Club – LeConte Hall Stage

Join the Knoxville Area Dulcimer Club as they perform traditional dulcimer music. For more information about the club,

please visit knoxvilledulcimers.org.

4:30 – 5:30 PM: Frontier Life of the Overmountain People – Overmountain Victory Trail Association – North 3A

The Overmountain People (Europeans) settled in what is now East Tennessee in the mid-18th century. These

Overmountain Men and Women will share their experiences of settling in this region which includes the settlements along

the Holston, Watauga and Nolichucky Rivers.

4:30 – 5:30 PM: Look & Touch Wildlife – Chris Ogle – Greenbriar Hall B

Join Chris during this special interactive session as he will showcase preserved wildlife species and potentially some live

reptiles. The focus of the wildlife is non-game including small mammals, reptiles, birds and amphibians.

5 - 6 PM: Wildflowers of the Southern Highlands – Jack Carman – North 1B

5 – 6:30 PM: Poster Art and Great Smoky Mountains National Park - Daniel Pierce - Greenbriar Hall A

> Poster art has a long and colorful connection to America's national parks. In the early 20th century the railroads produced beautiful posters encouraging elites to "See America First", specifically the early national parks. In the 1930s anonymous artists with the WPA also produced posters advertising the wonders of the national parks, including Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This genre has been revived in recent years notably as a connection to the centennial of the National Park

Service. Dr. Pierce's program will focus on this history and on his recent work with Joel Anderson to produce An Illustrated Guide to Great Smoky Mountains National Park which features 40 original posters produced by Anderson Design Group.

5:30 - 6:30 PM: Backcountry Cooking 102: Dinner Sampling – Chris Hoge – LeConte Center Circle Drive

5:30 - 7 PM: The Best of Five Years' Worth of Expressions – Kathy Gwinn – Greenbriar Hall C

Join Kathy as she has complied, due to popular demand, the best of five years of expressions, idioms and sayings.

6-7PM: Old Favorite Hymns: Come Sing-along from the Old Red-Back Church Hymnal

Whaley and Wilson Family Singers – LeConte Center Concourse

7:30 PM: Tennesseans' Role in Establishment of Great Smoky Mountains National Park & Celebrating 25 Years of

> Friends of the Smokies - former Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Gary Wade - Greenbriar Hall C In 1993, Judge Wade served on the founding board of the Friends of the Smokies, which in its history has generated over

\$60 million in support for Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

8 - 10:30 PM: Cades Cove Loop Road Hike – Mike Meldrum – 2.5 Miles – Easy

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Headline Speaker: Gary Wade Tennesseans' Role in Establishment of Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Celebrating 25 Years of Friends of the Smokies 7:30 PM – Greenbriar Hall C



As a co-founder and chairman emeritus of the Friends of the Smokies, a retired Tennessee Supreme Court Justice, and Dean of Lincoln Memorial University's Duncan School of Law, Gary Wade's service to Tennessee spans nearly three decades.

Wade received his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee in 1970 and his J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1973. Beginning in 1973, Wade was in private practice at Ogle & Wade, P.C. from 1973 to 1987 and was a city attorney for the City of Pigeon Forge during that period.

While in private practice, he also served five consecutive terms as the mayor of Sevierville, his hometown, from 1977 to 1987.

After that, he became a judge for the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals for 19 years and was its presiding judge for eight of those years. Former Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen appointed Wade to the Tennessee Supreme Court in 2006. He also served as the court's chief justice for two years. Wade retired in 2015 to become vice president and dean of Lincoln Memorial University's Duncan School of Law.

An active member of the community, Gary Wade is co-founder and chairman emeritus of the Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which, since its founding in 1993, has raised more than \$60 million to fund historic preservation, wildlife management, environmental education and more in Great Smoky Mountains National Park.



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7:30 – 4:30 PM: Mt. Cammerer Hike – Wildland Trekking Company – 11.1 Miles – Strenuous Sugarland Mountain/Huskey Gap Hike – George Owen – 11 Miles – Moderate 7:30 – 4:45 PM:

9 - 10 AM: Cherokee Talk – Arlene & Brave Standing Eagle – Greenbriar Hall A

9 - 3 PM: Historic Churches of Sevier County Bus Tour #1 – Kathy Gwinn – Easy

9 - 3 PM: People and Places of Cades Cove Bus Trip – Mark Snyder – Easy

9-5PM: Pre-registration for Friday, May 11 LIMITED Sessions - Pre-registration Table

9:30 – 10:30 AM: Granny's Medicine Plants – Crystal Wilson – Greenbriar Hall B

9:30 – 10:30 AM: Civil War in the West: The Fall of Chattanooga – Jack Carman – North 3B

10 - 11 AM: How Sevier County Boasts A Higher Recycling Rate Than Most of the United States – Tom Leonard –

Greenbriar Hall C

10 – 11 AM: Favorite Gospel Music – Pat Corn, Don Huskey and Marcia Nelson – LeConte Hall Stage

Join Pat, Don and Marcia as they sing favorites from the old Mull's Singing Convention and local Saturday night singings.

10 - Noon: Fox Tails: Meet Jaime "Fox" – Rhonda Goins and Gail Stout – North 1B

Join Rhonda and Gail as they discuss red fox behaviors, eating habits and general facts about the species. Those present will

also get to meet Jamie, the red/silver fox of Bays Mountain Park.

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10:30 – 11:30 AM: The White Caps of Sevier County – Robert Wilson – Greenbriar Hall A

Join Robert as he discusses the White Caps and the way the renegade group terrorized Sevier County and its residents more

than 120 years ago in a bloody affair many people still do not want to discuss to this day.

Monarchs Here: Tennessee – Glenna Julian and Lawrence Evans – Greenbriar Hall B 11 - Noon:

Join Glenna and Lawrence who will discuss how they have planted milkweed and raised monarchs at both their residences, as

well as the local senior center while tagging them in hopes of a tag reaching Mexico.

It's All in the Grind: How Corn Meal is Made at the Old Mill - Chuck Childers - North 3B 11 - Noon:

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Old-Time Dutch Oven and Cast Iron Sampling – Ruth Davis and Stephen Webber **11 – Noon:** LeConte Center Circle Drive 11:30 – 12:30 PM: The Land of the Falling Water – Great Smoky Mountains Association film series – Greenbriar Hall C Discover a hidden treasure few ever see while visiting Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This film documents life in the tumbling streams and rivers found within the Park while highlighting the biological importance of the fisheries. Join Brenda as she performs on the autoharp and shows all ages how all can enjoy this wonderful instrument! Noon – 1 PM: Photographing the Solar Eclipse – Clay Thurston – North 3A Death and Burial Practices of Smoky Mountain Settlers – Jim Rigsby – Greenbriar Hall A Noon – 1 PM: Simple to Play! No, You Don't Have to Read Music to Play – Brenda Dawson – LeConte Hall Stage 12:15 – 1:15 PM: 12:30 – 1:30 PM: Bats of Tennessee – Chris Ogle – North 1B Join Chris as he provides a look at the life history of the bats found in Tennessee, as well as highlights of several research projects involving bats in the state. 12:30 – 1:30 PM: Monarchs There: El Rosario Sanctuary, Mexico – Bob & Lois Worthington – Greenbriar Hall B As the alternate perspective of Monarch's Here, join Bob and Lois as they discuss their visit to Angangueo, Mexico which is the Monarch Kingdom. Townsend Railroad Museum & Appalachian Bear Rescue Educational Center Bus Trip – 12:30 - 5 PM: Jim Eastin – Easy 1-2PM: Traveling Down the Writer's Road: Stories Along the Way – Lin Stepp – North 3B Join Lin as she shares entertaining and humorous happenings and events in her life since the publication of her Smoky Mountain novels. Topics include memories of getting published, speaking to groups, the writing process and common misconceptions. 1-2PM: Smokies Historical Figures – Bill Deitzer – Greenbriar Hall C 1-5 PM: Free Upcycled Make & Take Creation Station – Keep Sevier Beautiful – Booth 34 in LeConte Hall Visit booth 34 daily for a chance to relax and make a craft from recycled materials. A different free craft will be available each day for you to make and take home. 1:30 - 2:30 PM: Wildlife Photography: Technique & Art – Tom & Pat Cory – North 3A Secrets of the Stones: Cemeteries of the Smokies - Gail Palmer - Greenbriar Hall A 1:30 - 2:30 PM: 1:30 - 3:30 PM: Free Make & Take Kids Creations – Pigeon Forge Public Library – Booth 49 in LeConte Hall Appalachian Bear Rescue: What We Do – David Whitehead – North 1B 2 - 3 PM: 2 - 3 PM: All about Beekeeping: Part Two – Larry Ogle and Jim Strohm – Greenbriar Hall B Join Larry Ogle, Tennessee Bee Keepers Association, and Jim Strohm, Journeyman Beekeeper in the South Carolina Master Beekeeper program, as they discuss more about the art of beekeeping from Larry, a descendant of the first Gatlinburg Ogle family and Jim, a low country beekeeper class instructor. 2 - 3 PM: Old Country & Appalachian Music Concert – Pistol Creek Catch of the Day – LeConte Hall Stage

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2:30 – 3:30 PM: The Life and Legacy of Arthur Stupka – Don Linzey – Greenbriar Hall C

Arthur Stupka was appointed the first Park Naturalist in Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 1935. Join Don as he provides a look back at his early life, his National Park Service career, and especially his numerous significant contributions to the natural history knowledge of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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Cherel Henderson – Greenbriar Hall A

3:30 – 4:30 PM: Bear, Elk, Deer and Turkey: The Big Four Game – Joel & Kathy Zachry – North 1B

Join Joel and Kathy as they share fascinating facts about all four big game animals and updates on their status in the Smokies.

3:30 - 4:30 PM: Sylvan Factoids – Allen Coggins – Greenbriar Hall B

> Join Allen as he provides historical, inspirational and intriguing details about 21 common trees. Stories and information will cover everything from the species of apples indigenous to the United States to a tree providing one of the few food spices in the Appalachians to the story of where the Wall Street financial trading rules were laid down along with numerous other

phenomenal sylvan factoids.

3:30 - 4:30 PM: Sing & Rockabilly Music Concert Music Concert – Pistol Creek Catch of the Day - LeConte Hall Stage

3:30 - 5:30 PM: **LIMITED to 12, ages 8+!** Acrylic Painting Party – Melanie Fetterolf – Booth 18 in LeConte Hall

LIMITED to 30! Bodacious Cartooning for Kids – John Rose – North 3B 4 – 5 PM:

4 - 5 PM: Tales of Blount County Spilling the Beans – David Cummings – Greenbriar Hall C Join David as he shares tidbits of unknown Blount County history in this fascinating session.

4:30 – 5:30 PM: Incredible Wild Edibles – Donna Cyr – North 3A

4:30 - 5:30 PM: Reading, 'Ritin' & Righteousness: Education and Religion in Early Appalachia –

Mark Davidson – Greenbriar Hall A

5 - 6 PM: Eye-Dentification - Clay Thurston - North 1B

Join Clay and see if you can identify wildlife from only a photo of each animal's eye. This is a fun and educational session all

ages can eniov and learn from.

5 − 6 PM: All About Firewise in Pigeon Forge – Kevin Nunn and Matt Lovitt – Greenbriar Hall B

> Join Pigeon Forge Firefighters Kevin and Matt with the Tennessee Division of Forestry as they discuss the historical perspective of wildfires in East Tennessee, wildfire prevention in Pigeon Forge and recommendations relating to keeping

your homes safe through Firewise practices.

5 - 6 PM: Bluegrass and Country Concert - Clint & Friends (Clint Carnley, owner of the bygone Clint's

Bar-B-Que, with John Crowe and Joe & Jo Dunn) - LeConte Hall Stage

Join in and enjoy as Clint and friends will entertain and delight with bluegrass, bluegrass gospel and a little country music.

5:30 - 6:30 PM: The Groom's Tune - Carroll McMahan - Greenbriar Hall C

Join Carroll as he shares the tragic story of a young man captured during the Civil War. His captors force him to play a tune on

the fiddle he carried before they tragically shot him.

7:15 PM: From the Body Farm to Beyond: A Q&A Conversation – Dr. Bill Bass with Frank Murphy, emcee –

Greenbriar Hall C

Join Dr. Bass as he covers the world-renowned Body Farm and Frank Murphy as he facilitates a one-of-a-kind open forum

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Dr. Bass and co-author, Jon Jefferson, have written twelve books including Death's Acre, Carved in Bone, Flesh in Bone, Beyond the Body Farm, The Devil's Bone, Bones of Betrayal, The Bone Thief, The Bone Yard, The Inquisitor's Key, Jordan's Stormy Banks, Cut to the Bone and The Breaking Point.



Frank Murphy was selected as the 2014 Knoxville recipient of the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award. He is involved in the community as president of the Front Page Foundation, a volunteer for Catholic Charities of East Tennessee, and as past-president of the FBI Knoxville Citizens Academy Alumni Association. He serves as emcee of various events for Bone Zones, the group which facilitates public appearances for renowned forensic anthropologist Dr. Bill Bass.

Frank's blog, which was active from 2005 to 2015, was voted one of "East Tennessee's Best" by the readers of the Knoxville News Sentinel for four consecutive years and the "Best of Knoxville" by the readers of Metro Pulse. He can be found on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube as @FrankMurphyCom. Frank is the 2014 Social Media inductee in the Friends of Literacy East Tennessee Writers Hall of Fame.

Prior to moving to Tennessee, Frank worked at radio stations in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. He graduated from George Mason University, where he won the Senior of the Year award. Frank and his wife have two adult children, who live in the Washington, D.C. area.

Frank's hobbies include traveling, swimming and reading. He became a KCBS Certified Barbeque Judge in 2013. Frank has visited all 50 states and hopes to take his wife to the three states she has not yet visited.





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Come paint River Rocks with Keep Sevier Beautiful during Wilderness Wildlife Week and be on the look out for the River Rock Scavenger Hunt prior to the event on Keep Sevier Beautiful's Facebook Page.



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An average hiker can cover about 1½ miles per hour in the Smokies Air temperature drops about 2.5° for every 1,000' of elevation gain, so pack accordingly. To estimate how fast you are hiking, count your steps taken in one minute and divide by 30.

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Event Program Schedule

Saturday, May 12

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New Events
Limited Registration

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Young Experts Program

Heritage Events

🔰 Outdoor Excursions

	7 AM:	LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge Main Entrance opens
YEP	8-1PM:	Wilderness Wildlife Week Youth Trout Tournament – Jason Baiamonte – LeConte Center Circle Drive Covered Pavilion Open to ages 12 and younger. In the event of rain, event will go on; however, sign-ups will take place in Greenbriar Hall A.
*	8 – 2 PM:	Finley Cane/Bote Mountain Hike – 4 Miles – George Owen – Easy/Moderate
	9 – 10 AM:	Backpacking, Hiking & Guiding in Wilderness Areas of the United States – Chris Hoge – Greenbriar Hall C
*	9 – 1 PM:	Elkmont History / Jakes Creek Hike – Carroll McMahan – 4 Miles – Easy
	9 – 1 PM:	Nature Photography Workshop – Kendall Chiles, Daniel Dempster & Tom & Pat Cory – North 3B
	9 – 3 PM:	Pre-registration for Saturday, May 12 LIMITED Sessions - Pre-registration Table
*	9 – 3 PM:	Historic Churches of Sevier County Bus Tour #2 – Kathy Gwinn – Easy
H YEP	9:30 – 10:30 AM:	Civil War in the West: East Tennessee – Jack Carman – North 1B
YEP	9:30 – 10:30 AM:	Wordsmiths of the Smokies: The Lemons Hollow & Beyond – Bobbie Lemons Lovell – North 2AB Join Bobbie as she shares stories, tales and poetry of people from our mountains.
NEW	10 – 11 AM:	Landscape Guidelines: Photography Fieldwork in the Smokies – Jerry Whaley – North 3A
YEP [10 – Noon:	Scenic Rubber Stamp Make & Take - A Stamp in Every Hand - Booth #54 in LeConte Hall
NEW YEP	10 – 2 PM:	Old-Time Scavenger Hunt – Cades Cove Preservation Association – Booth 40 in LeConte Hall
九	10 – 4 PM:	Sugarlands Cemetery Hike – Joey Holt – 5.5 Miles – Easy/Moderate
	10 – 4 PM:	Wilderness Wildlife Week Digital Photography Contest & Special Displays opens - North 1A
	10 – 4 PM:	Exhibitors and Vendors open – LeConte Hall
YEP (3	10 – 4 PM:	Free Make & Take Cliff Dwellers Gallery Creation Station – Booth 7 in LeConte Hall
NEW YEP	10:30 – 11:30 AM	Six Swallowtails of Tennessee – Glenna Julian and Lois Worthington – Greenbriar Hall B
H YEP	10:30 – 11:30 AM	That's What Daddy & Them Always Said: Appalachian Language – Mark Davidson - Greenbriar Hall C Join Mark for a program providing a "mountain vocabulary test" while examining the origin of some of the terms of Appalachian speech. This dialect is not only the old Elizabethton English we sometimes have been led to believe as it is much more diverse than that.
H E	10:30 - 11:30 AM	: Appalachian Concert – The Knox County Jug Stompers – LeConte Hall Stage

The Appalachian Trail: A Life Changing Experience – Jeff Alt – North 1B

Join Jeff as he shares his personal account of trekking the entirety of the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. As part of the new 20th anniversary edition of his book, A Walk for Sunshine, Jeff provides entertaining and inspiring tales, stunning slides, music and lots of lessons along with a retrospective of what has changed and stayed the same on the Appalachian Trail.

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11 - Noon:

11 – Noon: Wordsmiths of the Smokies: The Making of the Midwives' Quilt: Herbal Remedies & Native

American Spirit Guides – Gail Palmer – North 2AB

11 – Noon: Waterfalls of Great Smoky Mountains National Park – Craig Johnston and Keith Garnes –

Greenbriar Hall A

📨 🃨 11:30 – 12:30 PM: Secrets of Photographing Insects and Arthropods in Their Natural Habitat – Kefyn Catley – North 3A

🗝 😰 🖪 11:30 – 12:30 PM: LIMITED to 30! Snakes Alive! – Rhonda Goins and Gail Stout – Booth 31 in LeConte Hall

Join Rhonda and Gail for a snake program unlike no other. In this session, kids can touch live snakes and each child can

additionally color and cut out a snake to take home.

Noon – 1 PM: Wild Hog Management: Are We Too Late? – David Whitehead – Greenbriar Hall B

🔑 p Noon – 1 PM: Cades Cove – Great Smoky Mountains Association film series – Greenbriar Hall C

The heart of the Great Smoky Mountains, Cades Cove is a popular spot many consider sacred. This documentary takes the

viewer on a cultural journey while showcasing the natural beauty of one of the most stunning places on Earth.

12:15 – 1:15 PM: Arches and Natural Bridges Along Tennessee's Trails – Keith Garnes – Greenbriar Hall A

12:30 – 1:30 PM: Wordsmiths of the Smokies: Into the Mist: True Tales of Disaster and Heroic Rescue in Great Smoky

Mountains National Park – David Brill – North 2AB

Between 1931 and 2013, 468 persons lost their lives in the national park. David Brill's new book, Into the Mist, chronicles some of the tragedies, as well as epic storm events and daring rescues. Brill will discuss and read from the book's chapters,

which depict men and women struggling to survive against brutal and often deadly adversity.

12:30 – 1:30 PM: What is That Thing Anyway? – Brenda Dawson – LeConte Hall Stage

Join Brenda as she showcases a "rebuilt" harp while performing old love songs, Civil War, Coal Mining music along with music

from harp legends such as the Craters, Stonemans, Lewis Family and more.

1 – 2 PM: Travel Back in Time Through Great Smoky Mountains National Park –

Jeff Alt and Bubba Jones & Family – North 1B

Join in on a time traveling adventure in the Smokies with Bubba Jones and family. On this family friendly adventure, you will meet park founders, ride the Little River Railroad, interact with early park settlers, wild animals and more. This series of interactive

skits are based on the award-wining book, The Adventures of Jones: Time Traveling Through the Great Smoky Mountains.

1 – 3 PM: Understanding the Essentials of Light: Doug Hubbard – North 3A

Join Doug as he takes you through an intermediate level program to emphasis the need for this process which will discuss the characteristics of light in these terms: Quantity of light; Color of light; Direction of light and Quality of light. This session is designed to help with our understanding of light to help set the mood or tell a story and will go into details of camera

settings to better see light and to use with intent.

LIMITED to 8, ages 18+! Learn to Make a Small Doll Chair – David Weaver – Booth 31 in LeConte Hall

1 – 4 PM: Free Upcycled Make & Take Creation Station – Keep Sevier Beautiful – Booth 34 in LeConte Hall

Visit booth 34 daily for a chance to relax and make a craft from recycled materials. A different free craft will be available each

day for you to make and take home.

1:30 – 2:30 PM: All About Firewise in Pigeon Forge – Kevin Nunn and Matt Lovitt – Greenbriar Hall B

Join Pigeon Forge Firefighter's Kevin and Matt with the Tennessee Division of Forestry as they discuss the historical perspective of wildfires in East Tennessee, wildfire prevention in Pigeon Forge and recommendations relating to keeping

your homes safe through Firewise practices.

1:30 – 2:30 PM: Remembrance: Back Country Cemeteries in Great Smoky Mountains National Park –

Renée Michot & Jim Rigsby – Greenbriar Hall C

📂 😰 [1:30 – 3:30 PM: LIMITED to 12, ages 8+! Acrylic Painting Party – Melanie Fetterolf – Booth 18 in LeConte Hall

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Miking Events

Photography Events

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1:30 - 3:30 PM: Free Make & Take Kids Creations – Pigeon Forge Public Library – Booth 49 in LeConte Hall

1:30 - 4 PM: Front Porch Pickin' - LeConte Center Circle Drive Pavilion

1:45 - 2:45 PM: The White Caps: Their Secrets Revealed – Don Williams – Greenbriar Hall A

> In the 1890s, a virulent war between the White Caps and Blue Bills of Sevier County became known nationwide for events both horrific and depraved, as well as for the amazing characters enacting them - killers, roques, "lewd women," moonshiners, celebrated lawyers, judges, suffragists, journalists, lawmen, congressmen and more. Even to discuss the hangings, affairs, whippings, court battles and other acts became taboo in the 20th century, but in their own day these events went viral with newspapers everywhere covering these astonishing stories.

7EP 2-3 PM: Wordsmiths of the Smokies: Granny Mae's Traveling Double Wedding Ring Quilt –

Carroll McMahan – North 2AB

Join Carroll as he shares the story of a quilt handmade by a young Appalachian lady that ravels full circle through life events

beginning from her pregnancy to her passing.

2 - 3:30 PM: Old Harp-Shaped Note Singing – David Sarten and the East Tennessee Old Harp Singers –

LeConte Center Concourse

2 - 4 PM: Scenic Rubber Stamp Make & Take – A Stamp in Every Hand – Booth #54 in LeConte Hall

Appalachian Concert – The Knox County Jug Stompers – LeConte Hall Stage 2:15 - 3:45 PM:

2:30 - 3:30 PM: What is It? Unique Historical Items from the Cades Cove Preservation Association Museum

Gloria Motter, Richard Anderson, Stephen Webber and David Cummings – North 1B

Please note there is a special Scavenger Hunt associated with this session beginning at 10 AM this morning for all children

who visit the Cades Cove Preservation Association (Booth 48) in LeConte Hall.

A Bodacious Snuffy Smith Chalk Talk - John Rose - North 3B 2:30 - 3:30 PM:

3 - 4 PM: Granny's Medicine Plants - Crystal Wilson - Greenbriar Hall B

3 - 4 PM: How to Tawlk & Rite Good: An Introduction to the Unique Language of East Tennessee –

Sam Venable – Greenbriar Hall C

Tall Tales from the Smokies - Smoky Mountain Storytellers Association - Greenbriar Hall A 3:15 - 4:15 PM:

4:45 PM: Wilderness Wildlife Week's First-Ever 48 Hour Film Race Showcase - Kyle Grainger, Host -

Greenbriar Hall C

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Headline Speaker: Sam Venable How to Tawlk and Rite Good: An Introduction to the Native Tongue of Southern Appalachia 3 PM – Greenbriar Hall C



Sam Venable is a humor columnist for the Knoxville News Sentinel. He assumed that position in 1985 after serving as the newspaper's outdoors editor for 15 years. In September 2014, he retired from daily duties at the News Sentinel but continues to write a twice-weekly column for the Features section. Venable is a native of Knoxville. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee with a degree in journalism and minor studies in forestry and wildlife management. Prior to joining the News Sentinel's staff, he worked as a police reporter and feature writer for the Knoxville Journal and the Chattanooga News Free Press.

Sam is a member of the East Tennessee Writers Hall of Fame (Class of 2009) and Tennessee Journalism Hall of Fame (Class of 2014). Winner of more than three dozen state, regional and national writing awards, Sam has been widely published outside the newspaper field. He sold his first magazine article as a senior in college and since has compiled more than 150 periodical credits to his record and has authored 13 books.

In recent years, Venable has become increasingly popular on the after-dinner speaking circuit. He delivers his bizarre look at life on a wide variety of topics—everything from how to speak "hillbillyese," to the insanity of ever-present warning labels, as well as coping with the nutty life in which we live, and the perils of growing older.



Saturday, May 12

Headline Event: Wilderness Wildlife Week's 48 Hour Film Showcase Kyle Grainger, Special Guest Host 4:45 PM – Greenbriar Hall C



Join our special guest host Kyle Grainger as we see the showcase short films of the first-ever 48 Hour Film Show Contest. All eligible films will be shown on Saturday, May 12 at 4:45 PM in Greenbriar Hall C at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge as the closing program of Wilderness Wildlife Week. This special showcase is free and open to the public to attend. All attending the showcase will be eligible for special door prizes.





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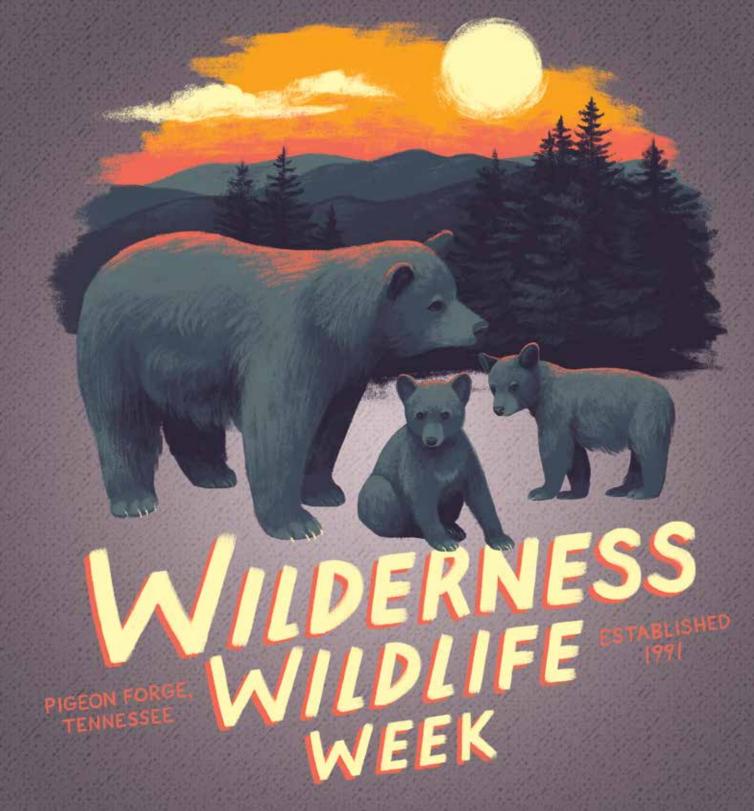




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PATRIOT FESTIVAL

Come celebrate Independence Day Froggin' in the Forge!

Event proudly presented by 107.7 WIVK and the City Of Pigeon Forge

EVENT SCHEDULE

Noon - Free Kids' Karnival and food vendors open.

1:30 PM - Free entertainment featuring:

Veterans Tribute

Pigeon Forge Community Chorus and more!

Special guests: Electric Avenue

8:30 PM - Event Headliner: Craig Morgan

9:45 PM - Fireworks Spectacular!

Event Parking and Shuttle from LeConte Center

Don't forget to bring chairs and blankets!

No umbrellas or pop up tents allowed onsite!

*Artists' schedule subject to change.

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8:30 PM - Event Headliner Craig Morgan





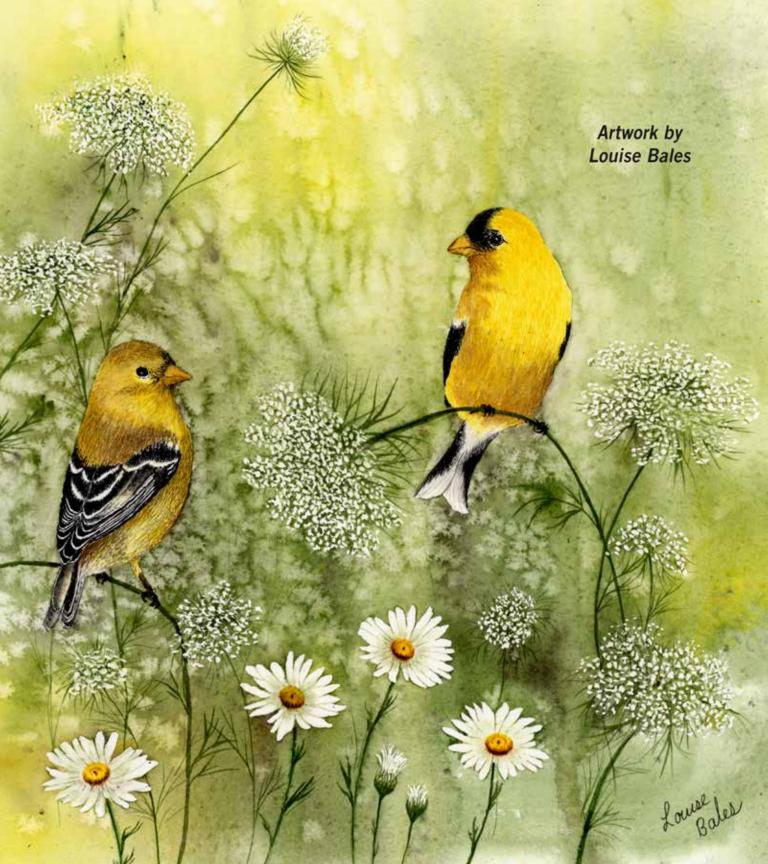
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Deadline to contact us to be involved in the 2019 event is Monday, October 1st 2018.





In Memoriam



Ray Burman

After Ray and his wife Louise relocated from Iowa to Tennessee in 2006. Since 2009 he was employed with Dollywood Corporation until his passing. As a retiree, Ray had numerous interests and

activities he enjoyed. Traveling, especially in the East Tennessee mountains, golf, attending music and sporting events, classic cars, and especially spending time with grandchildren were some of his favorite things. Ray's volunteer activities included serving as House Manager at Cumberland County Playhouse, Hospitality Host at Arnold Palmer's Invitational Golf tournament in Orlando, and Special Events host for the City of Pigeon Forge's Office of Special Events. Ray's favorite Pigeon Forge events were the Chuck Wagon Cookoff and Wilderness Wildlife Week.

Ray was always happy to help out wherever needed and always had a good outlook. All of us with the Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events will miss Ray's passion and personality as he was an avid member of the Wilderness Wildlife Week family.



DeDe Griffith

As a veteran volunteer logging two decades of service to the Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events, DeDe was also active in Gatlinburg where she worked at a number of the Village Shops. Some of her favorite

jobs included working at the Donut Friar and as a substitute teacher at Gatlinburg-Pitman High School.

During her time as a volunteer with Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events, DeDe enjoyed socializing with fellow volunteers and was happy to assist anywhere when needed on any event whether it was Wilderness Wildlife Week, Winterfest Kickoff or A Mountain Quiltfest.

DeDe was a larger than life character and is greatly missed as she was one-of-a-kind.

Remember Our Friends

In Memoriam



Raymond Palmer

Raymond has always had an amazing impact on the Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events and Wilderness Wildlife Week.

Raymond graduated from Central High School and received a B.S. degree from the University

of Tennessee, Knoxville and spent his career with the Tennessee Valley Authority in Knoxville. Since retirement, he enjoyed serving his church in various ways and has spent thousands of hours as a volunteer-in-park with Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

As a volunteer, he shared his interest in the natural and cultural history of the Smokies with thousands of visitors over a 16 year period. Raymond delighted in providing information, leading hikes, dealing with history, wildflowers, and other aspects associated with the diverse resources within the park. He also assisted in the park library which was the source of much of the information he willingly shared. Raymond is fondly remembered for his portrayal of the first park superintendent who served in the 1930's-1940's, which he did during Wilderness Wildlife Week opposite Sevier County Historian Carroll McMahan who portrayed Uncle Lem Ownby.

Additionally, he led the Memories Walk in the Festival of Christmas Past at Sugarlands Visitor Center for many years. Raymond's life served as a true testament to his faith, family and love of the Smokies. From all of us associated with Wilderness Wildlife Week, we will forever miss his easy going spirit and smile.



Richard Spence

Richard, a beloved volunteer with the Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events, passed away on Wednesday, September 20, 2017. He was born January 13, 1941 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Richard worked for Chicago Bridge and Iron for 28 years before his retirement. He loved woodworking, was an accomplished carpenter and mathematician, and a Tennessee Vols fan. Richard volunteered for numerous special events in Pigeon Forge with Wilderness Wildlife Week being one of his favorites. Above and beyond his volunteer contributions, Richard was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. All of us who knew Richard miss him and his love for this area.





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