



May 8–12, 2018

Event Program Schedule – Web Edition

***NOTE 1:** All schedules subject to change.

***NOTE 2:** For all outdoor excursions including hikes, bus trips and activities, please review the specific Outdoor Excursions Schedule for sign-ups and refer to the Outdoor Excursions Procedures and Rules.

Tuesday, May 8

8 AM: LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge Main Entrance opens

9 – 10 AM: NEW! HERITAGE! Frontier Life: Women’s Role in Western Frontier Living in North Carolina (present-day East Tennessee) – Overmountain Victory Trail Association – Greenbriar Hall A

9 – 4 PM: Pre-registration for Tuesday, May 8 LIMITED Sessions – Preregistration 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 – 11 AM: NEW! 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 – 11 AM: NEW! Wilderness Wildlife Week 48 Hour Film Race Registration and Kickoff – Greenbriar Hall C

10 – 6 PM: Wilderness Wildlife Week Digital Display Photography Contest and Special Displays opens – North 1A

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

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

10:30 – 11:30 AM: NEW! Backcountry Cooking 101: Breakfast and Lunch Sampling – Chris Hoge – LeConte Center Circle Drive

10:30 – 11:30 AM: NEW! 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! NEW! KIDS' TRACK! 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

11:30 – 12:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! 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.

Noon – 1 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! If Only this Stone Could Talk – Cherel Henderson – Greenbriar Hall A
Graves hold many secrets, but with research grudgingly yield a few. Join Cherel as she shares unusual stories of bygone days and people gleaned from epithets, tombstones, and newspapers from across the region.

12:30 – 1:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! An Island in the Sky – Great Smoky Mountains Association film series – Greenbriar Hall C
Come and enjoy a journey to the ridgetops of the highest mountain peaks in Great Smoky Mountains National Park and discover the unique biological diversity existing only in these distinct evolutionary islands.

12:30 – 1:30 PM: LIMITED to 30! KIDS' TRACK! 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.

1 – 2 PM: Letters Home: A POW's Diary – Craig Cruise – North 1B
Join Craig and his family as they share stories of his grandfather George Chappell's life in a prisoner of war camp in Nazi Germany during World War II.

1 – 2 PM: Leave No Trace: Outdoor Ethics – Mike Braun and Pam Rodgers – Greenbriar Hall B

1 – 2 PM: Learn to Play Musical Spoons and Washtub Base – Boogertown Gap Old-Time String Band – LeConte Hall Stage

1 – 5 PM: NEW! 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.

1:15 – 3:15 PM: All About Fly Fishing Great Smoky Mountains National Park Area Stocked Trout Streams, As Well As Local Smallmouth – Greg Ward – North 3B

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

2 – 3 PM: NEW! Native Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vines – Leon Bates – North 3A

2 – 3 PM: NEW! Discovering Tennessee State Parks – J.L. Stepp – Greenbriar Hall A

2 – 3 PM: Let's Talk Trash in Bear Country – Joey Holt – Greenbriar Hall C

Join Joey as he details what happens to black bears when they consume food from dumpsters and garbage cans.

2:15 – 5:15 PM: LIMITED to 10, ages 18+! Learn to Weave a Small Egg Basket – Becky Weaver – Booth 31 in LeConte Hall

2:30 – 3:30 PM: The Miracle on the North Platte Canteen – Rosemary Deitzer – North 1B

Join Rosemary as she shares the inspirational story of a small town of 12,000 people in the middle of Nebraska who welcomed and fed six million World War 2 soldiers, many of whom were East Tennesseans, 24 hours a day during a four-year period at a Union Pacific Depot.

2:30 – 3:30 PM: Mountain and Hammer Dulcimer Concert – Tim Simek – LeConte Hall Stage

3 – 4 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Ranger Recollections of GSMNP in the 1960s – Joe Kelley – Greenbriar Hall B

3:30 – 4:30 PM: NEW! Herbal Happiness – Casey Berg, Billie Morgan, Guane Julian and Glenna Julian – North 3A

Join these master gardeners as they provide an introduction to herbs grown at our local Senior Center Herb Garden while also providing hands-on demonstrations of unique ways to use them. During this session, 20 door prizes will be given as well.

3:30 – 4:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Lodges I Have Loved – Kathy Gwinn – Greenbriar Hall C

Join Kathy as she shares early hospitality trends and places in the Smokies and East Tennessee. This includes resort springs, tourist camps, family-owned cabins and lodging in what is now Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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 – 5:30 PM: HERITAGE! Traditional Music of the Southern Appalachians – Boogertown Gap Old-Time String Band – LeConte Hall Stage

4:30 – 5:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! 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: NEW! HERITAGE! Glory to God, Sister! That Will Get You Church-ed! – Jariel Duay O'Neil – Greenbriar Hall C

Join Jariel 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: NEW! Heaven and Nature Sing – Ken Jenkins, Judy Felts and Friends – Greenbriar Hall C

Wednesday, May 9

7 AM: LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge Main Entrance opens

7:30 – 4:45 PM: Appalachian Trail to Charlies Bunion Hike – George Owen – 10.2 Miles – Moderate/Strenuous

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

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

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 – Preregistration 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: NEW! HERITAGE! 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: NEW! HERITAGE! Great Smoky Mountains Activities: Something for Everyone – Bill Deitzer – North 3A

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

10 – 6 PM: Wilderness Wildlife Week Digital Display Photography Contest and 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.

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

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

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

10:30 – 11:30 AM: HERITAGE! 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

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

11 – Noon: HERITAGE! Logging Railroads in the Smokies: Rick Turner – Greenbriar Hall B
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.

11 – Noon: NEW! HERITAGE! 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.

11:30 – 12:30 PM: The Wolves of Bays Mountain – Rhonda Goins and Gail Stout – North 3A

11:30 – 12:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! The Trail of Tears – Debbie Moore – Greenbriar Hall A
Join Debbie as she shares a basic overview of the forced removal of the Cherokees in 1838.

12:15 – 1:15 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Seasons of the Smokies – Great Smoky Mountains Association film series – Greenbriar Hall C
Experience a full calendar year in Great Smoky Mountains National Park as this film documents life in the Smokies during all four seasons.

12:30 – 1:30 PM: People, Plants and Their Stories – Sherra Owen – North 1B

12:30 – 1:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Food and Recipes of the Smokies – Rose Houk – Greenbriar Hall B
Join Rose as she shares stories and methods for preparing meats, vegetables, cornbread, biscuits and many other mouthwatering Smokies specialties from the old days. Following her session, Rose will do a signing of her cookbook in LeConte Hall at Great Smoky Mountains Association's booth.

1 – 2 PM: NEW! Banding Birds and What We Can Learn – Mark Armstrong – North 3A
Join Mark as he discusses banding birds, hummingbirds and songbirds while providing important information about their age, breeding status and migratory movements.

1 – 2 PM: NEW! The Stories Behind the Stories – Lin Stepp – Greenbriar Hall A
Join Lin as she shares interesting details from her 11 published Smoky Mountain novels, including background, little known facts and inspirational pieces helping form the stories.

1 – 2:30 PM: 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.

1 – 5 PM: NEW! 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 – 3:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! KIDS' TRACK! Free Make & Take Kids Creations – Pigeon Forge Public Library – Booth 49 in LeConte Hall

1:30 – 6:30 PM: Hartford Whitewater Rafting Excursion – Smoky Mountain River Rat Rafting & Tubing – Easy

2 – 3 PM: Ranger Recollections of National Park Service Assignments – Joe Kelley – North 1B

2 – 3 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! I Found it in the Archives: Researching History & Family at Great Smoky Mountains National Park Collections Preservation Center– Mike Aday – Greenbriar Hall C

This program will explore the new National Park Service Collections Preservation Center in Townsend, focusing on the historic documents, photographs, and other items available to those wishing to research the history of the Great Smoky Mountains, including genealogists, authors, academics, and those seeking a deeper understanding of life in Southern Appalachia.

2 – 3:30 PM: NEW! Live to Hike Another Day: A Common Sense Approach to Safety on the Trail – Jim Rigsby and Renée Michot – Greenbriar Hall B

2 – 4 PM: LIMITED to 10! NEW! Intro to Quilting – Maria Holloway – Booth #4 in LeConte Hall

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

2:15 – 3:45 PM: NEW! Old Country and 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: HERITAGE! 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! NEW! HERITAGE! 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: NEW! HERITAGE! 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: NEW! Pack to Come Back: Things the Others Haven't Told You – Joel & Kathy Zachry – Greenbriar Hall B

4 – 5 PM: 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: NEW! 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

5 – 6 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! 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.

5 – 6 PM: HERITAGE! 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: NEW! HERITAGE! Lost in Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Five Days Lost and 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: NEW! Forensics of the Smoky Mountains – Dr. Bill Bass and 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.

Thursday, May 10

7 AM: LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge Main Entrance opens

8 – 4 PM: Middle Prong Hike – 8.2 Miles – Wildland Trekking Company – Moderate

9 – 3 PM: Baskins Creek Falls Hike – Keith Garnes – 3.2 Miles – Easy/Moderate

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 – Preregistration 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: HERITAGE! 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: NEW! HERITAGE! 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.

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

10 – 6 PM: Wilderness Wildlife Week Digital Display Photography Contest and Special Displays opens – North 1A

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

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

10:15 – 11:15 AM: NEW! Bobcat Tails – Rhonda Goins and Gail Stout – Greenbriar Hall B
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: NEW! HERITAGE! 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: HERITAGE! The Serpent Handlers – Fred Brown – North 1B
Join Fred as he presents on his research into the faith of serpent handling believers.

11:30 – 12:30 PM: NEW! All about Beekeeping: Part 1 – Larry Ogle and Jim Strohm – Greenbriar Hall A
Join Larry Ogle, Tennessee Bee Keepers Association, and Jim Strohm, Journeyman Beekeeper in the South Carolina Master Beekeeper program, as they discuss the art of beekeeping from Larry, a descendant of the first Gatlinburg Ogle family and Jim, a low country beekeeper class instructor.

11:30 – 12:30 PM: NEW! Mapping Indian Cultural Heritage Sites Using Dowsing – Don Wells – Greenbriar Hall C

11:45 – 12:45 PM: Endemic Salamanders of the Southern Appalachians – Chris Ogle – Greenbriar Hall B

Noon – 1:30 PM: LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER LIMITED to 100! NEW! HERITAGE! Friends of the Pigeon Forge Public Library present Small Town Living – former Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Gary Wade – North 2AB
Every small town has its heart-warming stories. Our county seat where everyone drove to town and filled the streets around the court house square evokes wonderful memories from the 1950s forward. Price is \$15 per person; attendance is limited to 100 guests. Each guest will receive a special keepsake as well.

12:30 – 1:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! 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.

12:30 – 1:30 PM: LIMITED to 20! NEW! KIDS' TRACK! Composting with Kids – Lizzie Gaver – Booth 31 in LeConte Hall

1 – 2 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Moonshine: Making It Taste Great – Keener Shanton – North 3A

1 – 2 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Sacred Mountain of the Smokies – Great Smoky Mountains Association film series – Greenbriar Hall C
Not only is Mt. LeConte one of the most popular destinations in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, but it is also the most biologically diverse mountain in the lower 48 states from base to pinnacle all while fostering many different forest ecosystems on the mountain.

1 – 2:30 PM: LIMITED to 30! Dowsing: Do You Have the Gift? – Charlie & Sandy Monday – North 3B
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1:30 – 2:30 PM: A Year in the Life of a Black Bear – David Whitehead – Greenbriar Hall B

1:30 – 3:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! KIDS' TRACK! Free Make & Take Kids Creations – Pigeon Forge Public Library – Booth 49 in LeConte Hall

2 – 3 PM: The Bone Hunters: Discovery of Miocene Fossils in Gray, Tennessee – Harry Moore – North 1B

2 – 3 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Appalachian Face Jug – Tommy Bullen – Greenbriar Hall A
Join Tommy as he discusses and demonstrates one of our area's first art forms.

2 – 4 PM: LIMITED to 10! NEW! Intro to Quilting – Maria Holloway – Booth #4 in LeConte Hall

2 – 5 PM: LIMITED to 8, ages 18+! NEW! Learn to Weave a Candy Basket – Becky Weaver – Booth 31 in LeConte Hall

2:30 – 3:30 PM: NEW! For Love of the Smokies – J.L. Stepp – Greenbriar Hall C
Join J.L. as he provides a visual and verbal tour around the 12 regions of Great Smoky Mountains National Park while discussing places of interest and easily accessible and enjoyable walks in the Smokies.

2:30 – 3:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Music and Storytelling of the Smokies – Hills-N-Hollows – LeConte Hall Stage

3 – 4 PM: NEW! Books, Stories and Tales of a Retired Ranger – Joe Kelley – North 3A

3 – 4 PM: NEW! Banding Birds and What We Can Learn – Mark Armstrong – Greenbriar Hall B
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 and the Smokies – David Curran – North 1B

3:30 – 4:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! 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: NEW! KIDS' TRACK! 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.

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4:30 – 5:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! 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: NEW! HERITAGE! 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: NEW! Backcountry Cooking 102: Dinner Sampling – Chris Hoge – LeConte Center Circle Drive

5:30 – 7 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! 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 – 7 PM: HERITAGE! Old Favorite Hymns: Come Sing-along from the Old Red-Back Church Hymnal – Whaley and Wilson Family Singers – LeConte Center Concourse

7:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Tennesseans' Role in Establishment of Great Smoky Mountains National Park and 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

Friday, May 11

7 AM: LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge Main Entrance opens

7:30 – 12:30 PM: Hen Wallow Falls Hike – Keith Garnes – 4.4 Miles – Moderate

7:30 – 4:30 PM: Mt. Cammerer Hike – Wildland Trekking Company – 11.1 Miles – Strenuous

7:30 – 4:45 PM: Sugarland Mountain/Huskey Gap Hike – George Owen – 11 Miles – Moderate

9 – 10 AM: HERITAGE! 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 – 5 PM: Pre-registration for Friday, May 11 LIMITED Sessions – Preregistration Table

9:30 – 10:30 AM: NEW! 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: NEW! How Sevier County Boasts A Higher Recycling Rate Than Most of the United States – Tom Leonard – Greenbriar Hall C

10 – 11 AM: NEW! HERITAGE! 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: NEW! 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.

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

10 – 2 PM: Bush Beans Bus Tour – Steve Lutes – Easy

10 – 6 PM: Wilderness Wildlife Week Digital Display Photography Contest and Special Displays opens – North 1A

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10 – 11 AM: LIMITED to 20, ages 8+! KIDS' TRACK! Be A Junior Bear Curator – ABR K-8 Education Team – North 3A

10:30 – 11:30 AM: HERITAGE! 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.

11 – Noon: NEW! Monarchs Here: Tennessee – Glenna Julian and Lawrence Evans – Greenbriar Hall B
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.

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

11 – Noon: HERITAGE! Old-Time Dutch Oven and Cast Iron Sampling – Ruth Davis and Stephen Webber – LeConte Center Circle Drive

11:30 – 12:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! 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.

Noon – 1 PM: NEW! Photographing the Solar Eclipse – Clay Thurston – North 3A

Noon – 1 PM: HERITAGE! Death and Burial Practices of Smoky Mountain Settlers – Jim Rigsby – Greenbriar Hall A

12:30 – 1:30 PM: NEW! 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: NEW! 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 Anganguero, Mexico which is the Monarch Kingdom.

12:30 – 5 PM: Townsend Railroad Museum and Appalachian Bear Rescue Educational Center Bus Trip – Jim Eastin

1 – 2 PM: NEW! 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 – 2 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Smokies Historical Figures – Bill Deitzer – Greenbriar Hall C

1 – 5 PM: NEW! 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: NEW! Wildlife Photography: Technique & Art – Tom & Pat Cory – North 3A

1:30 – 2:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Secrets of the Stones: Cemeteries of the Smokies – Gail Palmer – Greenbriar Hall A

1:30 – 3:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! KIDS' TRACK! Free Make & Take Kids Creations – Pigeon Forge Public Library – Booth 49 in LeConte Hall

2 – 3 PM: NEW! Appalachian Bear Rescue: What We Do – David Whitehead – North 1B

2 – 3 PM: NEW! 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: NEW! Old Country and Appalachian Music Concert – Pistol Creek Catch of the Day – LeConte Hall Stage

2 – 3 PM: LIMITED to 20! NEW! KIDS' TRACK! Composting with Kids – Lizzie Gaver – Booth 31 in LeConte Hall

2 – 4 PM: LIMITED to 10! NEW! Intro to Quilting – Maria Holloway – Booth #4 in LeConte Hall

2:30 – 3:30 PM: HERITAGE! 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.

3 – 4 PM: NEW! Ranger Family Working and Living in National Parks – Joe Kelley and Sons – North 3A

3 – 4 PM: Buried Alive: A Little Girl's Narrow Escape from Death and an Herb Doctor's Cure – ChereL Henderson – Greenbriar Hall A

3:30 – 4:30 PM: NEW! 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: NEW! 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 on 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: NEW! Sing and 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

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

4 – 5 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! 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: NEW! Incredible Wild Edibles – Donna Cyr – North 3A

4:30 – 5:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Reading, 'Ritin' and 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 enjoy and learn from.

5 – 6 PM: NEW! 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: NEW! 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 Q&A with Dr. Bass. Program may feature slides not suitable for youth.

Saturday, May 12

7 AM: LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge Main Entrance opens

8 – 1 PM: 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 and 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 and Tom & Pat Cory – North 3B

9 – 3 PM: Pre-registration for Saturday, May 12 LIMITED Sessions – Preregistration Table

9 – 3 PM: Historic Churches of Sevier County Bus Tour #2 – Kathy Gwinn – Easy

9:30 – 10:30 AM: NEW! HERITAGE! Civil War in the West: East Tennessee – Jack Carman – North 1B

9:30 – 10:30 AM: Wordsmiths of the Smokies: The Lemons Hollow and Beyond – Bobbie Lemons Lovell – North 2AB

Join Bobbie as she shares stories, tales and poetry of people from our mountains.

10 – 11 AM: NEW! Landscape Guidelines: Photography Fieldwork in the Smokies – Jerry Whaley – North 3A

10 – 2 PM: NEW! KIDS' TRACK! Old-Time Scavenger Hunt – Cades Cove Preservation Association – Booth 40 in LeConte Hall

10 – 4 PM: Sugarlands Cemetery Hike – Joey Holt – 5.5 Miles – Easy/Moderate

10 – 4 PM: Wilderness Wildlife Week Digital Photography Contest and Special Displays opens – North 1A

10 – 4 PM: Exhibitors and Vendors open – LeConte Hall

10 – 4 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Free Make & Take Cliff Dwellers Gallery Creation Station – Booth 7 in LeConte Hall

10:30 – 11:30 AM: NEW! Six Swallowtails of Tennessee – Glenna Julian and Lois Worthington – Greenbriar Hall B

10:30 – 11:30 AM: NEW! HERITAGE! That's What Daddy and 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.

10:30 – 11:30 AM: NEW! HERITAGE! Appalachian Concert – The Knox County Jug Stompers – LeConte Hall Stage

11 – Noon: 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.

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: NEW! Secrets of Photographing Insects and Arthropods in Their Natural Habitat – Kefyn Catley – North 3A

11:30 – 12:30 PM: LIMITED to 30! KIDS' TRACK! 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

Noon – 1 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! 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.

1 – 2 PM: KIDS' TRACK! 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-winning 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.

1 – 4 PM: LIMITED to 8, ages 18+! Learn to Make a Small Doll Chair – David Weaver – Booth 31 in LeConte Hall

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

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

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1:30 – 2:30 PM: HERITAGE! 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

1:30 – 3:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! KIDS' TRACK! Free Make & Take Kids Creations – Pigeon Forge Public Library – Booth 49 in LeConte Hall

1:30 – 4 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Front Porch Pickin' – LeConte Center Pavilion

1:45 – 2:45 PM: HERITAGE! 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, rogues, "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.

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 ravel's full circle through life events beginning from her pregnancy to her passing.

2 – 3:30 PM: HERITAGE! Old Harp-Shaped Note Singing – David Sarten and the East Tennessee Old Harp Singers – LeConte Center Concourse

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

2:30 – 3:30 PM: HERITAGE! 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.

2:30 – 3:30 PM: A Bodacious Sniffy Smith Chalk Talk – John Rose – North 3B

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

3 – 4 PM: HERITAGE! How to Tawl and Rite Good: An Introduction to the Unique Language of East Tennessee – Sam Venable – Greenbriar Hall C

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

4:45 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! WWW First–Ever 48 Hour Film Race Showcase – Greenbriar Hall C