

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTATION TITLE	PRESENTER	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	LOCATION	LIMIT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025							
9:00am-10:00am		Early Schoolhouses in the Smokies	Kathy Gwinn	Learning the 3 R's, childhood pranks, teacher requirements in the 1800's, curriculum of the day etc...		Salon AB	
9:00am-10:00am		Bobcats of North America	Rhonda Goins and Gail Stout	Come hear about the most common wildcat in North America. They number in the 700,000 to 1.5 million, but they are rarely seen.		Salon C	
9:00am-9:30am		Being the Official Educational Partner of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park	Jane Maurer	Learn how the Smokies Life supports the scientific, historical, and interpretive activities of the GSMNP by providing educational products and services to park visitors.		Falls Room	
9:00am - 10:30am	KIDS TRACK	Wood Burning for Beginners	Linda Feagans-Tree of Life Creations	Wood burn an ornament/magnet with Smoky Mountains on it. Must have an adult present with each child.	Online registration. 12 years and up.	Parlor A	Limit: 10
10:00am-6:00pm		EXHIBITS AND VENDORS OPEN	Staff			Salon D and Lobby Area	
10:00am-6:00pm		PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST EXHIBIT	Staff	A running digital display of the photography contest entries, and the winning photos!		Falls Foyer Balcony	
10:00am-11:00am		People, Plants and Their Stories	Sherra Owen	This program has generational stories of Southern Appalachian plants and the people associated with them.		Falls Room	
10:00am - 11:00am	CRAFT	Gemstone Earrings	LaDonna Twyman	Come and learn how to weave wire with gemstones to make a pair of earrings.	Online registration. 18 years and up only.	Parlor B	Limit: 12
10:30am-11:30am		The Obed and Wild Scenic River: Protected, thanks to engaged citizens	Hans Christen	This presentation will summarize the history of the Obed Wild and Scenic River and illustrate its natural beauty and importance. The Tennessee Citizens for Wildlife Planning (TCWP) and the TN Scenic Rivers Association have worked together to protect over 40 miles of such waters.		Salon A	
10:30am-11:30am		Keep Sevier Beautiful-Engaging Community for Environmental Change	Keep Sevier Beautiful	Keep Sevier Beautiful will discuss their efforts in environmental change and how the community can help.		Salon B	
10:30am-11:30am		Scales and Tales: Reptiles of Tennessee	John Phillips, Bays Mountain	You will learn about the native reptiles of Tennessee. There will be live snakes for the presentation.		Salon C	
11:30am-12:30pm		Birds of Seven Island State Birding Park	Clare Dattilo	Clare Dattilo, Interpretive Ranger will talk about this unique State Park and the birds that can be seen there throughout the year.		Falls Room	
12:00pm-12:30pm		Quilts of Valor Awards Ceremony	Smoky Mountain Patriotic Quilters	Quilts of Valor will award a quilt to a veteran who has been touched by war.		Salon C	
12:00pm-1:00pm		Duck River Valley Scenes	Jack Carman	Scenic area of the Duck River Valley are presented.		Salon A	

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4:00pm-5:00pm	PHOTO	Photographing Insects: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly!	Clay Thurston	You will learn how, when, and where to photograph insects and which ones can be harmful!		Falls Room	
5:15pm-6:15pm		Steps and Missteps in the Smokies	David Morris and Charles Maynard	Adventures while walking and writing in the Smokies over 35 years hiking together!		Salon C	
5:30pm-6:30pm	PHOTO	Creative Travel Photography	Chris S. Rohwer	Explore taking your travel photography from documentation to a creative, even artistic endeavor.		Falls Room	
5:45pm-6:45pm		What Bears Would Tell Us (If They Could Talk)	Joel Zachry	Bears are often unnecessarily feared and misunderstood. If they could talk, they would tell a different story than many individuals believe about them.		Salon AB	
7:00pm-8:00pm		"The Everchanging Majesty of These Mountains"	Sam Venable	Through his own brand of humor in lively stories, and photographs, Sam will vividly illustrate how nothing stays the same in the mountains.		Salon ABC	
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025							
9:00am-10:30am	KIDS TRACK	Wood Burning for Beginners	Linda Feagans, Tree of Life Creations	Learn how to wood burn an ornament/magnet with Smoky Mountains on it. Must have adult present with each child.	Online registration. Ages 12 years and up. Must have adult present.	Parlor A	Limit: 10
9:00am-11:00am	CRAFT	Painting Wildflowers	John Adkins	Learn to paint Pink Lady's Slippers or Trilliums in oil. Materials provided.	Online registration. Age 16 years and up. Adults welcome.	Parlor B	Limit: 8
9:00am-10:00am		Milky Way photography..what shot should I...can I ..take	Lisa Mayo	Going over the different types of Milky Way photos and how your location and situation may help determine what shot would be best for you to take!		Falls Room	
9:00am-10:00am		The Saga of the Lower Town Cherokee	Don Wells	In 1776, the militia attacked and burned the Cherokee Lower Towns, killing as many as two thirds of the Cherokee. Many of those who survived fled to GA and hid from the authorities for many years. This presentation is the story of their saga, where they went, and what happened to them.		Salon C	
9:00am-10:00am		"The French Broad River Valley-it's Tributaries and the People That Settled It"	Kathy Gwinn	This session explains the importance and contributions of this river and its watershed. How the river was used as a major transportation system, as well as the families who settled along it.		Salon AB	
10:00am-6:00pm		EXHIBITS and VENDORS	Staff			Salon D and Lobby area	
10:00am-6:00pm		PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST EXHIBIT	Staff	A running digital display of the photography contest entries, and the winning photos!		Falls Foyer Balcony	

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10:30am-11:30am		Harvesting History: The Journey from Paleo-Indians to Modern Agriculture	Chelsea Walters and Melody Rose	Throughout history, humans have shaped the way we interact with the land, transforming wild frontiers into farmland. From the earliest Americans who first sowed seeds to today's innovators making food more widely accessible, each generation has redefined our relationship with agriculture. Learn more about the American agriculture timeline during this presentation from David Crockett Birthplace State Park and the University of Tennessee Extension.		Salon B	
10:30am-11:30am		Logging in the Smokies	Rick Turner	This program provides an in depth look at how railroads changed the GSMs, and especially the Elkmont and Tremont areas in the way people lived and worked prior to the establishment of the Park in 1934.		Salon A	
10:30am-11:30am		Butterflies and Other Pollinators	Glenna Julian, Lois Worthington	We will tell what host plants and nectar sources we have used successfully to attract butterflies and other pollinators.		Salon C	
10:30am-11:30am	KIDS TRACK	Capture the Wild through Nature Journaling	Amber Brown, Barefoot University	Join us to inspire curiosity and wonder as we engage with nature through journaling. Participants will receive a journal, and 8 watercolor pencils as we guide you and your child through reflecting and journaling what you see in nature. Developing observation skills and recording scientific data helps us connect to, and learn about the world around us.	Online pregristration Limit: 50	Falls Room	
11:30am-12:30pm	CRAFT	Make a Gemstone Ring	LaDonna Twyman	Learn the art of wrapping wire and gemstones to make a ring.	Online registration. Ages 18 yrs and up.	Parlor A	Limit:12
12:00pm-1:30pm		Edible Wild Plants of Southern Appalachia	Mark Warren, Medicine Bow Wilderness School	Learn about the nutritious plants of our region, including native species and those introduced from other countries that are now naturalized as part of our environment. Techniques for preparing foods will also be discussed. This will be a conversational program with information and/or questions from the audience encouraged.		Salon C	
1:00pm-2:00pm		The Revival of Elkmont	Carroll McMahan	The history and Revival of the Elkmont area.		Salon AB	
1:00pm-2:00pm		Tim and Cherry on the Strings	Tim Simek and Cherry Lemonds	A concert of electric instrumentals featuring the hammer dulcimer. Musical selections vary from traditional Appalachian and Celtic to American Pop and Classic Rock.		Falls Room	
1:00pm-3:00pm	CRAFT	Carving a Wooden Snowman	Don Taylor	Must bring your own carving knives. Learn how to carve a wooden snowman in this hands on workshop. An adult must be present for each child.	Online registration. Ages 12 yrs and up.	Parlor A	Limit: 8

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1:30pm-3:30pm	CRAFT	Painting Nature in Oils	Aurora Harrison Bull	Following a demonstration, students will paint an 8x10 oil painting with materials provided	Online registration. Ages 12 years and up. Adults welcome.	Parlor B	Limit: 10
2:30pm-4:00pm		Wonder of Wolves	Rhonda Goins and Gail Stout	Our experiences living with and socializing wolves for 24 years. Rhonda is a retired Ranger/Animal Curator, and Gail is a volunteer for Bays Mountain Park.		Salon AB	
2:30pm-3:30pm		The Walker Sisters of Little Greenbrier	Robin Goddard	Learn about the self-sufficient women of Little Greenbrier in the GSMNP-women from another generation who lived in modern times and Robin's time spent with them.		Salon C	
2:30pm-3:30pm		Philanthropy Then and Now: Supporting Great Smoky Mountains National Park	Dana Soehn, Friends of the Smokies	Discover the roots of philanthropy in the creation of the park 100 years ago and the continuing support through Friends of the Smokies. As we approach the 100th Anniversary of the GSMNP in 2034, there are many milestone moments to commemorate along the way, including the role that advocates played in raising \$10 million for the purchase of lands in the 1920s. We'll also share what philanthropy looks like in 2025 in supporting the long-term care of the park.		Falls Room	
4:00pm-5:00pm		Wildflowers of the Smokies	Jack Carman	PowerPoint presentation of the wildflowers of the Smoky Mountains		Falls Room	
4:30pm-5:30pm		Notable Guests at the Oliver Lodge at Cades Cove	Stephen G. Weber	In the 1920s John W. Oliver built a tourist lodge on his property in Cades Cove. His grandson will talk about several notable guests at the lodge.		Salon AB	
4:30pm - 5:30pm		Grandma Gatewood's Walk	Anne Van Curen	Actress Anne Van Curen transforms into Emma "Grandma" Gatewood to describe what it was like to be the first woman to solo hike the AT in 1955. It is based off the book "Grandma Gatewood's Walk", written from accounts from her own trail journals.		Salon C	
5:30pm-10:00pm		Unavailable-rehearsal space for Felts band				Falls Room	
6:00pm-7:00pm		Through the Eyes of a Naturalist-What Some Notice that Others Overlook	Joel Zachry	"Repetition is the mother of all learning," and the experienced naturalist will often notice things in nature that others overlook.		Salon AB	
6:00pm-7:00pm		When Buffalo Roamed and Their Essential Value	Ken Jenkins	Using actual buffalo parts, personal photographs, and actual regalia from his Native American friends, Ken will pass along stories and illustrations of the many uses of the buffalo and how it was the most valuable mammal in North America. He will tie in the former presence of the buffalo in the Smokies as well. Entertaining, educational, and appealing to all ages.		Salon C	

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7:30pm-8:30pm		Get on Trails with Friends and Missy-Fitness, Fun and Raising Funds	Missy Kane	Olympian and Fitness Expert Missy Kane will share her love for hiking in the Great Smoky Mountains and how she developed a 25 year partnership with the Friends of the Smokies to benefit the national park.		Salon ABC	
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025							
7:45am-8:30am	YOGA	Breathe and Stretch with Chair Yoga	Ruth Barber	A time for breathing and stretching before heading out on your hike or sitting in programs.	Adults only please	Salon AB	
9:00am-10:00am		Ten Essentials Everyone Should Carry	Joey Holt	The ten essentials every hiker should carry and the importance of each.		Salon AB	
9:00am-10:00am		Tennessee's Sounds of the Night	Chris S. Ogle, TWRA	Join a TWRA biologist to learn about the variety of nocturnal animals and the sounds they make with emphasis on birds, frogs, toads and bats.		Salon C	
9:00am-11:00am	CRAFT	Painting Wildflowers	John Adkins	Learn to paint Pink Lady's Slippers or Trilliums in oil.	Online registration. Ages 16 years and up.	Parlor B	Limit:8
9:00am-10:30am	CRAFT	Beginning Wood Burning	Linda Feagan, Tree of Life Creations	Learn how to wood burn an ornament/magnet with Smoky Mountains on it. An adult must be present for each child.	Online registration. Ages 8yrs and up.	Parlor A	Limit: 10
9:00am-10:00am	KIDS TRACK	Let's Be Friends! (Bracelet Making)	Rhonda Goins and Gail Stout	Make a friendship bracelet with yarn! Bring back the 80's!! Make one for yourself and one to trade. Take home your bracelet maker.	Online registration.	Falls Room	Limit: 30
10:00am-6:00pm		EXHIBITS AND VENDORS	Staff			Salon D and Lobby area	
10:00am-6:00pm		PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST EXHIBIT	Staff	A running digital display of the photography contest entries, and the winning photos!		Salon D and Lobby area	
10:30am-11:30am		Louis E. Jones and the Cliff Dwellers	Brian McNight, Louise Bales and Pat K. Thomas	Join us for a special program featuring a brief history and introduction by Cliff Dweller's owners. Followed by the premier of the new documentary directed by Brian McNight. After the screening there will be a question and answer session.		Salon AB	
10:30am-11:30am		Meet Aunt Liddy	Anne Van Curen	Join Anne as she portrays Lydia Kear Whaley (1840-1926). Born in Sevier County, TN this Civil War widow served the Sugarlands' community as a healer, midwife, teacher, tailor, undertaker and talented basket weaver helping many people in the Smoky Mountain area.		Salon C	
10:30am-11:30am		Daily Grind at the Old Mill	Chuck Childers	The Miller will talk about the history of the Old Mill in Pigeon Forge. You will learn the ins and outs of the business and all that grinding!		Falls Room	
11:00am-12:00pm	CRAFT	Learn to make a Gemstone Pendant	LaDonna Twyman	Learn to wrap wire to make a pendant gemstone necklace.	Online registration. Ages 18 and up.	Parlor A	Limit: 12
12:00pm-1:00pm	KIDS TRACK	Valentine's Day Card Making	Dolora Batchelor	Come make a Valentine's Day card using paper, markers, glue, etc.... Please have an adult with each child.	Online registration. Ages 4 years to 10 years.	Parlor B	Limit: 12

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12:00pm-1:00pm	MUSIC	Appalachian Sounds- Part One	Knoxville Area Dulcimer Club	We are a small group of musicians from the Knoxville Area Dulcimer Club, a 35 year old organization with over 100 members. We enjoy playing a variety of mostly traditional songs on dulcimers and a variety of accompanying instruments. We play at East TN events, festivals, museums, community centers, churches, parks, and senior living facilities throughout the year.		Falls Room	
12:30pm-1:30pm		Communities of the Smokies and the Clans who Settled Them	Tommy Burns	This is a slide show presentation with photos about the different communities of the GSMNP and the families who originally settled there.		Salon AB	
12:30pm-2:00pm		Survival Tricks of the Trail	Mark Warren-Medicine Bow Wilderness School	Mark shares some easy-to-use native plant medicines and practical materials for trail hikers and all lovers of the great outdoors. He covers many easy-to-identify plant remedies for bee sting, fire ants, stinging nettle, poison ivy, nausea, mouth sores, minor infection, inflammation, food or water poisoning, constipation, diarrhea and natural insect repellents. Also, some great tips for successfully observing wildlife.		Salon C	
1:00pm-3:00pm	CRAFT	Carving a Wooden Snowman	Don Taylor	Must bring own carving knives. Learn to carve a wooden snowman. Adult must be present for each child.	Online registration. Ages 12 years and up.	Parlor A	Limit: 8
1:45pm-2:45pm		Living with Natives and Nature's Most Important Plant	Sherra Owen	A story of native plants tickling the senses.		Falls Room	
2:00pm-3:00pm	KIDS TRACK	"Thumbprint Designs"	Aurora Harrison Bull	Students will be making animated characters with their own thumbprints to tell a story. It is open for ALL ages. Geared toward children, but adults enjoy it too!	Online registration. Ages 5 yrs to 90 yrs.	Parlor B	Limit: 12
2:00pm-3:00pm		People Who Shaped the Smokies	Bill Dietzer and Dianne Klonne	Smokies history involving Horace Kephart, The Walker Sisters, Thomas Clingman and the Whaley Family.		Salon AB	
2:30pm-3:30pm	PANEL	Growing Up in Pigeon Forge in the 1970's	Butch Helton and Friends	Moderator Butch Helton along with Bill Bradley, Randy Starkey, Jackie Barnes and Harriet Berrier will discuss growing up in the 1970s in Pigeon Forge, TN.		Salon C	
3:15pm-4:15pm	MUSIC	Appalachian Sounds Part Two	Knoxville Area Dulcimer Club	A smaller group of musicians from the club will play a variety of mostly traditional songs on dulcimers and a variety of accompanying instruments.		Falls Room	
4:00pm-5:00pm		Discover Life in America: Smokies Most Wanted Project	Jamie Matzko	Do you visit the Smokies? Do you have a phone? Then you can contribute to science in the Smokies through the Smokies Most Wanted Project! In this program, you'll learn how to use a nature app called naturalist to document the animals and plants you encounter in the GSMNP, through a community service project. It's fun, easy, and great for kids and families! (Parent/guardian permission required for kids under 13)		Salon AB	

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4:00pm-5:30pm		Safe and Found: Documentary Film	Nancy East, Search and Rescue member Haywood County	Safe and Found: Showcases the gripping world of Search and Rescue in the Smokies and surrounding mountains of Western North Carolina. The film portrays experiences of rescuers and those in need of their help, while highlighting how to stay safe and found on a hike. There will be a question and answer session afterwards with Nancy.		Salon C	
5:00pm-6:00pm	MUSIC	"Because the Truth is Stranger than Fiction"	Hills-n-Hollows Mike and Kathy Gwinn	Music and stories of remarkable mountain people, some of their feats and some of their quirks will make you laugh and cry at the same time.		Falls Room	
5:30pm-6:30pm		"Far Appalachia"--Horace Kephart's Journey to the Great Smokies	Arthur "Butch" McDade	Horace Kephart came to the pre-national park Smokies from the Midwest in 1904 after a series of personal setbacks. In the Smokies, he found his forever home where he lived and worked among the mountain people for the next 25 years until his death in 1931. He wrote Our Southern Highlands, and The Book of Camping and Woodcraft, among other works. He worked for the establishment of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.		Salon AB	
7:00pm-8:30pm		Heaven and Nature Sing	Ken Jenkins, Judy Felts and Friends	This inspirational presentation of music and song, nature photographs and commentary will encourage, as well as entertain everyone who attends.		Salon ABC	
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025							
8:30am-9:30am		Brrr! It's Cold Outside!!!	Rhonda Goins and Gail Stout	Discussion of how animals stay warm. Types of fur will be compared. Pelts on display for touch.		Salon AB	
9:00am-10:00am		"Tales of the Trail- 25 years of Packing with Llamas"	Laura Higgins, MD	Laura will discuss her experience in hiking/packing with Llamas and training them too! There will be a live presentation with Llamas!! Starting in Salon C and possibly moving to the parking lot.		Salon C	
9:00am-11:00am	CRAFT	Painting Wildflowers	John Adkins	Learn to paint Pink Lady's Slippers or Trilliums in oil.	Online registration Ages 16 years and above.	Parlor B	Limit: 8
9:00am-10:00am		Look and Touch Wildlife Program	Chris Ogle, TWRA	This will be an interactive program with preserved wildlife specimens and a live reptile.		Falls Room	
9:00am-10:30am	KIDS TRACK	Woodburning for Beginners	Linda Feagans, Tree of Life Creations	Come learn to wood burn an ornament/magnet with Smoky Mountains on it. An adult must be present with each child.	Online registration. Ages 12 yrs and up.	Parlor A	Limit: 10
10:00am-6:00pm		EXHIBITS and VENDORS	Staff			Lobby area and Salon D	
10:00am-6:00pm		PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST EXHIBIT	Staff	A running digital display of the photography contest entries, and the winning photos!		Falls Foyer Balcony	
10:00am-11:30am		Trout Fishing in East Tennessee	Greg Ward and Dennis Ogle	Spin fishing and fly fishing in area streams, rivers and lakes for trout. Equipment, bait and areas to fish discussed.		Salon A	

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10:00am-11:00am		Wildflowers of Tennessee	Jack Carman	A PowerPoint presentation showing the wildflowers in the state of Tennessee.		Salon B	
10:30am-11:30am		What Makes the Smokies the Most Visited National Park and Ways to Improve It	Bill Dietzer, Jay and Sandra Aldrich	Bill, Jay and Sandra will illustrate why the Smokies are the most visited National Park and discover how to improve it.		Salon C	
10:30am-11:30am		Reminiscing and Recipes	Marcia Huskey Nelson	Join Pigeon Forge Public Library Director Marcia Huskey Nelson as she highlights some of her favorite Southern/Appalachian cookbooks in the library's collection, as well as her favorite recipes from childhood. Sample tastings will be available. This traditional food may contain any number of ingredients including dairy, gluten, wheat, or nuts. Attendees with food allergies should not plan to take part in this session.	Online registration.	Falls Room	Limit:23
11:30am-12:30pm	CRAFT	Making a Wire Wrapped Gemstone Ring	LaDonna Twyman	Learn to wrap wire around gemstone beads to make a ring.	Online registration. Ages 18 years and up.	Parlor A	Limit: 12
12:00pm-1:00pm	PHOTO	Photographic "Timing"	Clay Thurston	Learn the many ways that timing can impact your wildlife and nature photography.		Falls Room	
1:00pm-2:30pm		Stream Fishing: Small Mouth Bass	Greg Ward and Dennis Ogle	How to fish area streams for small mouth bass. Equipment, baits, and areas to catch East Tn Smaller!		Salon A	
1:00pm-2:00pm		Our Little Secret: A Smoky Mountain Family Saga and Coming of Age Story Inspired by True Crimes	Stanford Johnson	A murder took place in Townsend in the 1920's, when the Rich Mountain Road into Cades Cove was being improved. The victim was buried in a "marked" grave on the summit of the Hickory Flat Ridge at Lawson Crossroad, and Johnson carried this story in his spirit for 50+ years. Stanford's semi-autobiographical debut novel, "Our Little Secret".		Salon B	
1:00pm-3:00pm		"From Methodist to Mynatt", plus 30 minute movie on "Camp Activities"	Leslie (Les) Williams	Stories of the Holston Methodist Assembly grounds neighborhood-the people, the camps, and the Park. After the one hour presentation, there is a 30 minute vintage movie on camp activities.		Salon C	
1:30pm-2:30pm	KIDS TRACK	Nature Art for Children	Pat K. Thomas	Children will construct art projects with natural materials. Everything supplied.	Online registration. Ages 8 yrs to 13 yrs	Parlor A	Limit: 10
1:30pm-2:30pm	PHOTO	Photography in a Macro World	Kendall Chiles	Let's discover the aspects of close-up photography. Bring your questions about this special skill for Kendall with you.		Falls Room	
2:00pm-3:00pm	KIDS TRACK	"Thumbprint Designs"	Aurora Harrison Bull	Students will be making animated characters with their own thumbprints to tell a story. This class is for all ages(g geared toward children, but adults love it too)!!	Online registration. Ages 5yrs to 90 yrs.	Parlor B	Limit: 12
3:00PM-4:00pm		The Civilian Conservation Corps-FDR's Tree Army	Bill Dietzer and Dianne Klonne	You will learn how the CCC program improved U.S. Parks, Forests and agriculture with an emphasis on the Smokies structure and activities.		Salon A	

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3:00PM-4:00pm		Jewels from the Sky	Kris Light	Snowflakes are beautiful jewels from the sky. Learn about the different types of snowflakes and how they form in the clouds.		Salon B	
3:00pm-4:00pm	PHOTO	Imaging the Wonderful World of Wildlife	Tom and Pat Corey	This program will feature a combination of technique and artistic aspects focusing on some of our favorite wildlife subjects.		Falls Room	
4:30pm-5:30pm		"From River to Raptor: The Story of Bald Eagle Conservation and the Tennessee River	Robyn Miller, Eagle Foundation	Soar into the inspiring story of bald eagle conservation in Tennessee! In the mid-1900s, bald eagle populations plummeted due to the pesticide DDT. Their remarkable recovery not only highlights their role in our history but also their vital place in our native ecosystems. This presentation blends hope and history, revealing the powerful connection between bald eagles, the Tennessee River Watershed, and human health.		Salon AB	
4:00pm-5:00pm		Time Travel Through the Smokies Like A Pro: Fun Park Adventures for the Entire Family	Jeff Alt	Jeff Alt, author of the "Adventures of Bubba Jones: Time Traveling Through the Great Smoky Mountains", shares inside park tips for the entire family including: historical sites and some of the stories behind them, family friendly trails and views for every ability.		Salon C	
4:30pm-5:30pm	MUSIC	Old Time Jam Session	Brenda Lentz-Dawson and Friends	Bring your own instrument and learn the art of jamming with Brenda, Tom and Denise		Falls Room	
5:30pm-6:30pm		May Day, May Day, Plane Down!!	Joey Holt	Stories and history of plane crashes in the GSMNP and surrounding Appalachian Mountains.		Salon C	
6:00pm-7:00pm		Wiley Oakley in the Wild Woods	Lew Bolton	Wiley's true stories and tall tales from his adventures in the Smoky Mountain Wilderness.		Falls Room	
7:00pm-8:30pm		A History of Native People in Southern Appalachia	Mark Warren from Medicine Bow Wilderness School	This program includes a great deal of show-and-tell items brought by the presenter to share with the audience. Learn about early crafts, weapons, hunting techniques, attitudes, clothing, tools, foods and games.		Salon ABC	
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9:00am-10:30am	KIDS TRACK	Wood Burning for Beginners	Linda Feagans, Tree of Life Creations	Come and learn how to wood burn an ornament/magnet with Smoky Mountains on it. An adult must be present with each child.	Online registration. Ages 12 years and up.	Parlor A	Limit: 10
9:00am-10:00am		Sam Davis, Confederate Hero	Jack Carman	Life story of Sam Davis, Confederate hero from Smyrna, TN.		Salon AB	
9:00am-10:00am		Behavioral Enrichment and Its Role in Captive Wildlife Management	John Simcox, Eagle Foundation	Behavioral enrichment is the act of stimulating an animal physically, mentally, or socially by encouraging them to use or develop species-specific behaviors. This is the foundation to captive wildlife management to preserve the health, welfare, and quality of life of animals under human care.		Salon C	

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9:00am-10:00am	PHOTO	From the Mountains to the Sea- Photographing the Natural World	Tom and Pat Corey	Featuring some of our favorite locations, this program will illustrate both the art and technique of imaging the natural world.		Falls Room	
10:00am-6:00pm		EXHIBITS and VENDORS	Staff			Salon D and Lobby area	
10:00am-6:00pm		PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST EXHIBIT	Staff	A running digital display of the photography contest entries, and the winning photos!		Falls Foyer Balcony	
10:30am-11:30am		Arches and Natural Bridges Along Tennessee's Trails	Keith Garnes and Craig Johnston	Visit the arches and natural bridges through pictures and stories.		Salon A	
10:30am-11:30am		Margaret Stevenson: The First Smokies Trail Completer	Bill Dietzer and Dianne Klonne	Bill and Dianne will explain how Margaret became the first trail completer and was called God's Lady of the Mountains.		Salon B	
10:30am-11:30am	KIDS TRACK	Snakes Alive!	Rhonda Goins and Gail Stout	Learn about snakes and interact with them. Make and decorate a craft paper snake to take with you.	Online registration.	Salon C	Limit: 30
10:30am-11:30am	PHOTO	Photograph and Identify Dragonflies and Damselflies	Clay Thurston	You will learn how, when and where to photograph and identify dragonflies and damselflies.		Falls Room	
11:00am-12:00pm	MUSIC	Learn to Play the Autoharp	Brenda Lentz- Dawson	Brenda will sing and teach 3 chord songs with the autoharp. Bring your autoharp if you have one.	Online registration. All ages welcome. Must have adult present for each child.	Parlor B	Limit: 8
12:00pm-1:00 pm		Introduction to the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area of Kentucky/Tennessee	Keith Garnes and Craig Johnston	Introduction to the Big South Fork Region including Pickett State Park and Pogue Creek Canyon State Natural Area.		Salon AB	
12:00pm-1:00 pm		From the Mouth of Boyd's Creek: A History of Seymour, TN and the Boyd's Creek Valley	Steve Petty, Colleen Shannon, Anna Garber	Each author will present a few highlights from one of the periods in the history of these two Sevier County communities: a) the indigenous people who roamed and settled here as far back as 10,000 BC; b) the significance of the French Broad River during the first 150 years of European Settlement; c) slavery and the civil war.		Salon C	
12:00pm-1:00 pm	PHOTO	A Collection of Photography Composition	Douglas Hubbard	A collection of photography composition: rules, tips, suggestions, guidelines to help create a more visually appealing image.		Falls Room	
12:00pm-1:00 pm	KIDS TRACK	Glitter Animals	Jim and Karen Summerville	Let's talk about "glitter"(germs, etc.) animals can carry and get a chance to do some rehab cleaning of a glitter stuffed animal. Warning: GLITTER	Online registration. Ages 8yrs and up.	Parlor A	Limit: 8
2:00pm-2:30pm		Quilts of Valor Award Ceremony	Smoky Mountain Patriotic Quilters	Quilts of Valor will award a quilt to a veteran who has been touched by war.		Salon AB	
2:00pm-3:30pm	CRAFT	Eco-Art Imprint Book Binding	Pat K. Thomas, Cliff Dwellers Gallery	Participants will construct a handmade book from Eco-Art Imprints supplied by Pat. Cutting, gluing, sewing skills will be used.	Online registration. Ages 18 yrs and up.	Parlor	Limit: 8
2:00pm - 3:00pm		Into the Woods-Food? Fun? Necessity? Or MISCHIEF???	Sherra Owen	True adventure stories in the woodland.		Falls Room	

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2:00pm-3:00pm		Birds of the Smokies and Sevier County	Keith Watson	A PowerPoint presentation will be offered to highlight the birds of the Great Smoky Mountains and Sevier County.		Salon C	
3:00pm - 4:00pm		The Birds and Bees of Wildflowers	Kris Light	Flowers have fascinating techniques for attracting their pollinators. Learn how color, shape, odor, and even "drugs" lure insects, birds, bats, and other pollinators to flowers.		Salon AB	
3:30pm - 4:30pm	MUSIC	Ragman and the Deep Wood's Ensemble	Appalachian Ragman and Friends	Take an imaginary journey with the Ragman down the Old Settler's Trail to a cabin porch where we will share music with a variety of instruments.		Falls Room	
3:30pm-4:30pm		The People of Cades Cove from the Beginning	Bernard Myers	Back before there were roads in Cades Cove, the earliest settlers followed the Indian trails through the mountains. Learn about them and their journey to make a home in Cades Cove way before it became the National Park.		Salon C	
5:30pm-6:30pm		At the Dead Hours of Midnight: A Bloody Reign of Terror in the Great Smoky Mountains	Stanford Johnson	There have been a few books written about the White Caps of Sevier County, and their reign of terror in 1890's. But none more thoroughly researched and documented than "At the Dead of Midnight". Richard Way and Johnson included information that had not been published in any of the previous works, which they will detail in their presentation.		Salon AB	
5:00pm-6:30pm		Living With a Pack of Wolves	Rhonda Goins and Gail Stout	Raising wolf cubs is a full-time job. Socialization of 15 wolves for Bays Mountain Park. The program shows details, hard work and fun!		Salon C	
5:30pm-6:30pm		Five Ways (Maybe More) to Stay Alive in the Smokies	Joel Zachry	Explorers and hikers often worry about the wrong things, like encountering nefarious individuals, bears, snakes, etc., but there are greater dangers in the weather and being unprepared for the unexpected.		Falls Room	
7:00pm-8:00pm		H.I.K.E. to Success-Lessons from the Trail	Jeff Alt	Accompanied with slides and music, Jeff will weave entertaining stories and lessons from his 2000 mile Appalachian Trail expedition and other family adventures. You will experience bears, bugs, blisters and hilarious food cravings. You will experience turning dreams into goals and achieving them.		Salon ABC	