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MAY 9 - 13, 2017

27th ANNIVERSARY

Wilderness Wildlife Week Named Top International Event of 2016



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Event Program Guide

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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.



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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 9-13), please call (865) 429-6743.



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



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Center at Pigeon Forge. Properly utilizing such a state-of-the-art facility, Wilderness Wildlife Week was able to offer more diverse nature-related programming while still focusing on the topics important to the Smokies. Thanks in part to the move to the LeConte Center, Wilderness Wildlife Week grew to offer more programming than ever before with more than 400 sessions offered in 2014.

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 27th 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. 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 2017 Wilderness Wildlife Week, our team has incorporated even more into opening up new programs and outdoor opportunities for the enjoyment of all.

Official Event Locations and Hours of Operation

LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge

2986 Teaster Lane, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863

May 9 – 11
7 AM – 9 PM

May 12
7 AM – 4:30 PM*
Special Hours for offsite and at Patriot Park

May 13
7 AM – 8 PM

Farmers' Market Hours

Located at circle drive entrance of LeConte Center

May 9 -13
8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Appalachian Homecoming at Patriot Park

186 Old Mill Avenue, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863

May 12
5 PM – 9 PM

Host Hotel and Pigeon Forge Lodging

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Upcoming Events



27th Annual Patriot Festival
July 4, 2017

3rd Annual Veterans Homecoming Parade
August 19, 2017

28th Annual Winterfest Kickoff
November 7, 2017

11th Annual Chuck Wagon Cookoff
March 3-4, 2018

24th Annual A Mountain Quiltfest
March 20 – 24, 2018

33rd Annual Dolly's Homecoming Parade
May 4, 2018

28th Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week
May 8 – 12, 2018

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.



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Noon - Free Kids' Carnival and food vendors open

1:30 PM - Free Entertainment

Veterans Tribute

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Journey tribute band, Departure

8:00 PM - Event Headliner: Craig Morgan

9:30 PM - Fireworks Spectacular!

Event Parking and Shuttle from LeConte Center

Don't forget to bring chairs & blankets!

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8 PM - Event Headliner
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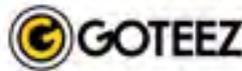
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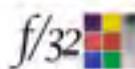
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Wilderness Wildlife Week Named Top International Event of 2016

In the 27-year history of Wilderness Wildlife Week, dozens of awards and countless recognition and praise have 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 11 Pinnacle Awards, including the highly coveted Grand Pinnacle, which is presented to the best international event of the year. Without doubt or comparison, the 2016 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 27, 2016, in Tucson, Arizona, Wilderness Wildlife Week received a record-setting 11 Pinnacle Awards, including gold for best community outreach program, best green program, best event invitation and best miscellaneous clothing in the category for events with budgets less than \$250,000.

The outdoor-focused event, which moved from January to May in 2016, won silver awards for best educational program and best new merchandise, as well as bronze awards for best hat, best t-shirt design, best overall merchandising program, and best event/program within an event to benefit a cause for the Cades Cove Picnic Dinner Fundraiser as part of Wilderness Wildlife Week's inaugural Appalachian Homecoming. Wilderness Wildlife Week competed in many categories against event's with budgets of up to \$1.5 million.

Everyone involved in Wilderness Wildlife Week should take pride in these awards, as to win against events with budgets that are more than 20 times that of Wilderness Wildlife Week is a testament to the quality of everyone involved with the event, whether it be the volunteer presenters, volunteer excursion leaders and sweeps, as well as event volunteers and staff.

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 honors 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 make this one-of-a-kind event a reality for everyone to enjoy.

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

Best Children's Programming
2014 (Gold), 2015 (Silver)

Best Community Outreach Program
2011 (Silver), 2012 (Silver), 2013 (Bronze), 2014 (Silver) and 2015 (Gold)

Best Environmental/Green Program
2003 (Gold), 2005 (Gold), 2006 (Gold), 2008 (Gold), 2011 (Gold), 2013 (Silver), 2014 (Gold) and 2015 (Silver)

Best Educational Program
2001 (Gold), 2002 (Gold), 2004 (Gold), 2011 (Gold), 2012 (Gold), 2013 (Silver) and 2015 (Gold)

Best New Attendee Service
2015 (Silver) – Bess & Co. Mobility Assistance Rentals

Best Event/Program to Benefit a Cause
2015 (Bronze) – Appalachian Bear Rescue Old-Time Appalachian Dessert Fundraiser Social

New for 2017

Welcome to **Wilderness Wildlife Week**, the City of Pigeon Forge's premier springtime outdoor lifestyle event!

Building off of a successful 2016, for this year's 27th anniversary, Wilderness Wildlife Week has a multitude of new components and activities for young and old alike.

One major accolade we want to mention regards Wilderness Wildlife Week being awarded the Grand Pinnacle by the International Festivals & Events Association. Events from around the world competed for this exceptional honor and in the end Wilderness Wildlife Week was selected by the prestigious organization as Best International Event for 2016-2017. This is a phenomenal honor for everyone associated with Wilderness Wildlife Week as there truly is no event like it in the world!

Wilderness Wildlife Week has several new additions for 2017. A special addition for this year's event is the Explorer's Passport Program. Visit the Information Desk and receive a special sheet featuring our major sponsors and select participating exhibitors. Once you visit each booth on the list and have a special marking from all of them listed on the sheet, turn your passport in to the Information Desk and be eligible to win a major daily giveaway basket. You can do this special program daily and at the end of the event all the remaining passports will be eligible to win the grand prize basket. For complete details, be sure to stop by the Information Desk!

Another new component takes place outdoors at the Farmers' Market Area will feature a daily demonstration outside the circle drive of LeConte Center. Demonstrations include blacksmithing, backcountry trail cooking and old-time Dutch oven cooking. Cooking demonstrations also feature some samples, so be sure to check out each day's demonstration classes while samples last.

This year, our 2nd Appalachian Homecoming will take place at Patriot Park on Friday, May 12. Beginning at 5 PM, attendees can enjoy storytelling and music of the Smokies and recall a simpler lifestyle our ancestors knew. Featured entertainment at the event includes storytelling with Faye Wooden and Elizabeth Rose, as well as music from WestWend and the Knox County Jug Stompers. For a complete schedule of Appalachian Homecoming activities and entertainment, please refer to page 16.

This year's Appalachian Homecoming fundraiser will benefit Keep Sevier Beautiful. The picnic fundraiser meal is prepared and provided by The Old Mill Restaurant and includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage. Tickets are available only through Keep Sevier Beautiful, located at booth #16 in LeConte Hall. Tickets are \$15 when purchased at LeConte Center, \$20 day of the event at the park if tickets remain.

Some major additions for 2017 include special displays, classes and activities in LeConte Hall. One such example is the newly incorporated Educational Stations around exhibitors and vendors who are providing programming daily in LeConte Hall. Also, for the first time ever, Days Gone By Old-Time Games, which features a wide variety of free games and toys for both the young and young at heart to enjoy, as well as S.A.F.E. Archery Hoverball will be onsite for all ages to enjoy. Another new addition for this year is our special exhibit, In the Shadow of the Smokies, which is a special historical museum and exhibit featuring historical exhibits, panoramic views of the Smokies, arts and crafts made in the Smokies, as well as items, photos, paintings and other goods highlighting the men and women who grew up in the Smokies and the lasting legacy they left.

Our Keynote Session is truly a highlight of Wilderness Wildlife Week as we are pleased to have Ken Jenkins, Judy Felts and friends provide a beautiful and spiritual connection to the Smokies through photography and music celebrating the majestic spirit of the Smokies.

In total we have more than 100 new programs and activities, which provide attendees of all ages something to enjoy during their time at Wilderness Wildlife Week.

As always, if you have any questions about Wilderness Wildlife Week, you can stay up to date by visiting MyPigeonForge.com or by calling the **Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events** at (865) 429-7350 prior to the event.



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Headline Speakers

Tuesday, May 9

**Keynote Address: Ken Jenkins, Judy Felts and Friends
Beauty From the Ashes
7:45 PM – Greenbriar Hall C**

Join Ken, Judy, and friends as they share a spiritual experience celebrating the scenic beauty and majesty of the Great Smoky Mountains.



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 28 years ago, Wilderness Wildlife Week is an event built around the principles of family, education and enjoyment of the outdoors. While Wilderness Wildlife Week is an award-winning event, having received 11 prestigious awards from the International Festivals and Events Association, including the Grand Pinnacle award in honor of it being the best international event for 2016-2017, the best facet of the event is how the event has remained true to its values and has grown to incorporate new components to further educate, entertain and connect folks to our natural world by embracing the rich heritage and the phenomenal natural world of the Smokies.

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 started an organization in Nashville in 1995 called "Christian Women Connect" and also serves on the board for ACT (Artist in Christian Testimony) and on the Community Resource Board for the TN Prison for Women. She has also served as a volunteer at the Tennessee Prison for Women since 1999. 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 many 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 deep love for hiking and the outdoors.



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Ken Jenkins
PHOTOGRAPHY



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.

Headline Speakers

Wednesday, May 10

Headline Speakers: Dr. Bill Bass and Arthur Bohanan Graveyard Forensics: How the Past Has Paved the Road for the Future 7:45 PM – Greenbriar Hall C

Join Dr. Bass and Art Bohanan as they discuss forensic developments and what the future of the field holds. Topics include new methods of determining the gender and race of graves dating back more than 300 years.

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. 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.



Arthur M. 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 55 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 1998 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).



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Headline Speaker

Thursday, May 11

Headline Speaker: Dwight McCarter
Tales from Lost
7:15 PM – Greenbriar Hall C

Join Dwight as he shares tales of search and rescue in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, as well as tracking and finding lost children and adults for more than 30 years.

Dwight McCarter is a retired backcountry park ranger for Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He was, and still is, one of the best search and rescue man trackers in the nation. Dwight has tracked and found numerous lost children and adults in and out of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Additionally, he has tracked and found numerous criminals including murder suspects,

arson suspects, and assault suspects, in and out of the park. In 2007, David Post, Dave Ledbetter and Dwight found the missing forge hammer that was lost in 1817 at Cades Cove. To this day, Dwight remains intimately familiar with all aspects of Great Smoky Mountains National Park and its backcountry areas.



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GSM Outfitters LLC

Outdoor Clothing and Gear

GSM Outfitters was started out of a passion and commitment to the outdoor experience in and around the Smoky Mountain 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 the National Park.

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 that preservation needs to happen for reasons we do not even understand yet.

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 in so many ways.

GSM Outfitters is looking forward to celebrating the 27th anniversary of Wilderness Wildlife Week in 2017. 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.

Headline Event



Friday, May 12

Headline Event: Appalachian Homecoming

5 PM – Patriot Park

Free Admission and Entertainment for the Whole Family to Enjoy!

Bring your blankets and chairs and join us for an entertaining evening of Appalachian storytelling, music and family-friendly activities!

(Please remember picnic umbrellas, coolers, and pop up tents are not allowed).

Everyone is invited to this special event! Attendees can drive over, ride the free trolley, or walk the Pigeon Forge Greenway 1.5 miles to Patriot Park and hear stories of old Pigeon Forge with Hills-N-Hollows as we celebrate spring during Wilderness Wildlife Week's Appalachian Homecoming at Patriot Park. Activities include old-time and bluegrass music, storytelling from Faye Wooden and Elizabeth Rose, as well as children's games, an antique tractor show, and a picnic on the grounds to benefit Keep Sevier Beautiful (only 200 tickets are available and can be purchased from Keep Sevier Beautiful at booth #16 during Wilderness Wildlife Week). Admission and entertainment are free!

4:35 PM: Historic Walk from LeConte Center to Patriot Park via the Pigeon Forge Greenway with Hills-N-Hollows

5 PM: Antique Tractor Show, Keep Sevier Beautiful Arts & Crafts, Old Time Children's Games, Vendors/Exhibitors Open

5 – 6:30 PM: Picnic Dinner Fundraiser for Keep Sevier Beautiful

All picnic meals prepared by the Old Mill Restaurant. A limited number of 200 tickets will be available at KSB's booth during Wilderness Wildlife Week at the LeConte Center, so be sure to purchase in advance!

5:15 PM: Storytelling with Faye Wooden and Elizabeth Rose – Food Tent

6 PM: Historic Walk Along Old Mill Square with Hills-N-Hollows – General Store

6:30 PM: Concert featuring WestWend – Main Stage

7:45 PM: Concert featuring Knox County Jug Stompers – Main Stage



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Keep Sevier Beautiful will also be selling tickets for a **Scrumptious Picnic Dinner • Friday, May 12th** prepared and provided by The Old Mill Restaurant. Pre-sale tickets purchased before Friday, May 12th are \$15 or \$20 at the door. *For more information, please contact us at info@keepsevierbeautiful.org*

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Headline Speaker

Saturday, May 13

Headline Speaker: Ken Jenkins
Locating and Enjoying Birds of the Smokies
7 PM – Greenbriar Hall C

Join Ken as he shares stories and images of birds he has photographed in the Smokies.



Ken Jenkins grew up in Newport, Tennessee, a small town at the foothills to the Great Smoky Mountains. He has always been very proud to be from that area. Some of the finest people he has ever met live there. Ken spent his early years around folks that care about each other, work very hard, and encourage each other... people that love their country, trust in God, and want for very little.

Ken was never without work from the time he was 12 years of age. His outdoor interests were keen as far back as he can remember. His mother and father and brother camped and hiked in the mountains all of his young life. The Jenkins family loaded the station wagon every summer and crossed the country on a shoestring budget.

Ken was in Scouts until he was eighteen and received his Eagle Scout rank. As he looks back on those years, he can clearly see that his early locations, associations, and

vocations all led to this great pursuit of photographing wildlife and everything else that nature presents.

Ken had a camera as early as 12 years of age and began to get real serious about his photography in his early twenties. After all of these years, he still gets just as excited when he is watching a bear or a beaver as he did when he was young. The joy of watching and experiencing and learning has always been superior to the recording of that subject.

It has been a wonderful pursuit traveling around this wonderful world and recording the beauty of God's hand. Ken's favorite areas are in the Far North because of the untouched beauty and abundance of wildlife. He spends time in twelve different national parks each year along with many days along America's rivers all for a special 16 year relationship with a corporate client.

Ken has climbed all over his beloved Smokies where he lives on the edge of the park. He has many projects that involve the scenes and subjects in the Great Smoky Mountains. Many, many days are spent with wildlife of various species. Ken's great passion is in the world of birds. They fascinate him and teach him. Ken loves to watch birds more than anything else he observes.



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Photo Contest

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Awards per Division

First Place: \$100 + Ribbon
Second Place: \$50 + Ribbon
Third Place: \$25 + Ribbon

One (1) **Judges' Choice Ribbon** and **\$150** will be awarded to one first place winner by the judges based on the best exhibition of quality, as well as the spirit of wilderness and wildlife as defined in the Wilderness Wildlife Week Mission Statement. All first place winners in all divisions are eligible. The photograph awarded this honor will be included in the 2018 Wilderness Wildlife Week Program Guide along with the winner's name and title of the photo. Electronic copy of image must be presented to the City once the contest and judging are complete. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of this honor.

From all divisions, one (1) **Viewers' Choice Ribbon** will be awarded based on popular vote. Please note this is not a cash prize.

Entry Dates / Physical Drop-off Locations / Judging

Early Entry: May 4-5, 2017
 9 AM – 1 PM at the Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events
 Stoptight #5 – Pigeon Forge, TN

Early Entry: May 8, 2017
 11 AM – 3 PM at LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge
 2986 Teaster Lane, Pigeon Forge, TN

Final Entry: May 9, 2017
 9 AM – 1 PM at LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge
 2986 Teaster Lane, Pigeon Forge, TN

Ribbons will be placed on the winning photographs on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 (Viewers' Choice will be posted Friday, May 12 at 9 a.m.).

Divisions and Criteria

#	Division	Who Can Enter?	Subject
1	Best Youth & Young Adults Image	Open to children and young adults ages 17 and younger . May enter up to three different images.	Any subject related to nature, wilderness or wildlife (no pet, posed portraits or studio photographs).
2	Best Amateur Image	All ages who DO NOT earn primary income (must be less than 20%) from photography or those who are challenged by technical aspects of photography.	Any subject related to nature wilderness, or wildlife (no pet, posed portraits or studio photographs).
3	Best Professional Image	All ages who earn 20% or more of income from photography or those who ARE NOT challenged by technical aspects of photography.	Any subject related to nature, wilderness or wildlife (no pet, posed portraits or studio photographs).
4	Best Landscape or Seascape Image	Everyone	Any broad view image of land or water.
5	Best Wildlife Scene	Everyone	Any wildlife subject (no pet, posed portraits or studio photographs).
6	Nature's Wonders in	Everyone	Any subject or scene related to nature, wilderness or wildlife (no pet, posed portraits or studio photographs) in black and white.
7	Manmade Landmarks of Great Smoky Mountains National Park	Everyone	Entry must be of a manmade Great Smoky Mountains National Park landmark (ex. Walker Sisters' Cabin, 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 of manmade landmarks are welcome.

Questions / Information / Entry Forms

If you have any questions or need to make special arrangements, i.e. an appointment outside of the early entry take-in times, please contact Drew Miller at the Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events at (865) 429-7350, or by email at dmiller@cityofpigeonforge.com.



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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 2017 Wilderness Wildlife Week:

SIGN-UP PROCEDURES

1. All participants must register according to the schedule. After the initial sign-up period, outdoor excursions will remain open until filled.
2. Interested participants must be in Greenbriar Hall A by the time listed in the daily schedule. Doors will close at the assigned time.
3. 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.
5. 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

1. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.).
6. Please respect all participants and leave cell phones behind or "off" while hiking or on excursions.
7. 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
- Water



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Outdoor Excursions Schedule

May 9 - 13, 2017

Excursion Levels

■ Easy	■ Easy/Moderate	■ Moderate
■ Moderate/Strenuous	■ Strenuous	

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	Start/End Time	Excursion/Hike/Field Trip	Guide	Milage
Tuesday, May 9 (Sign-ups at 9 AM on Tuesday in Greenbriar Hall A)	11 AM - 3 PM	Bush Beans Bus Tour	Steve Lutes	N/A
	11:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Andrews Bald	Keith Ganes	3.5
	Noon - 5 PM	Little River / Cucumber Gap	George Owen	6
	1:30 PM - 5 PM	Hartford Whitewater Rafting Excursion	SM River Rat Rafting & Tubing	N/A
Wednesday, May 10 (Sign-ups at 6 PM on Tuesday in Greenbriar Hall A)	7:30 AM - 9:30 AM	LeConte Center Riverwalk Birding Safari	Keith Watson	1
	7:30 AM - 5 PM	AT to Charlies Bunion	George Owen	10.5
	7:30 AM - 5 PM	Alum Cave to LeConte	Wildland Trekking	11
	8 AM - 3:30 PM	Behind the Scenes Cades Cove Tour	Mike Meldrum	.5
	9:30 AM - 2 PM	Townsend Tubing Excursion	SM River Rat Rafting & Tubing	N/A
	9:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Forney Steam Engine	Mark Snyder	3.8
	9:30 AM - 3:30 PM	Sugarlands Cemetery	Joey Holt	5.5
	10 AM - 4 PM	American Eagle Foundation/Bush Beans Bus Trip	Norm Kallemeyn	N/A
Thursday, May 11 (Sign-ups at 6 PM on Tuesday in Greenbriar Hall A)	7:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Seven Islands State Park Birding Safari	Keith Watson	3
	7:30 AM - 4 PM	Grotto Falls/Brushy Mountain	Wildland Trekking Company	6.8
	7:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Mystery Hike	Mystery	?
	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Photo Safari of the Smokies	Colby McLemore	N/A
	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Andrews Bald	George Owen	6.5
	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Hiking the AT to the Boulevard	Mark Snyder	7
	11 AM - 4 PM	American Eagle Foundation/Bush Beans/Dolly Bus Trip	Kathy Gwinn	N/A
	2 PM - 5 PM	History of Pigeon Forge Bus Tour	Ron Rader	N/A
	7:15 PM - 11 PM	Cades Cove Loop	Mike Meldrum	2.5
	Friday, May 12 (Sign-ups at 6 PM on Wednesday in Greenbriar Hall A)	7:30 AM - 3 PM	Porters Creek to Campsite #31	Wildland Trekking Company
7:30 AM - 5 PM		AT/Goshen Prong	George Owen	13.8
9 AM - 3 PM		Steeple & Stitches Bus Tour #1/Bush Beans	Kathy Gwinn	N/A
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM		People and Places of Cades Cove	Mark Snyder	N/A
10 AM - 2:30 PM		Pittman Center and Cosby Bus Tour	Mike Maples	N/A
11 AM - 4:30 PM		Porters Creek	Joel Zachry	3
Saturday, May 13 (Sign-ups at 6 PM on Wednesday in Greenbriar Hall A)	7:30 AM - 9:30 AM	LeConte Center Riverwalk Birding Safari	Keith Watson	1
	7:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Walker Sisters	George Owen	6
	7:30 AM - 5 PM	Middle Prong	Wildland Trekking Company	8.3
	9 AM - 3 PM	Steeple & Stitches Bus Tour #2	Kathy Gwinn	N/A
	10 AM - 2 PM	Townsend Tubing Excursion	SM River Rat Rafting & Tubing	N/A
	10 AM - 3:30 PM	History of Sevierville and Off the Beaten Path Bus Tour	Carroll McMahan	N/A

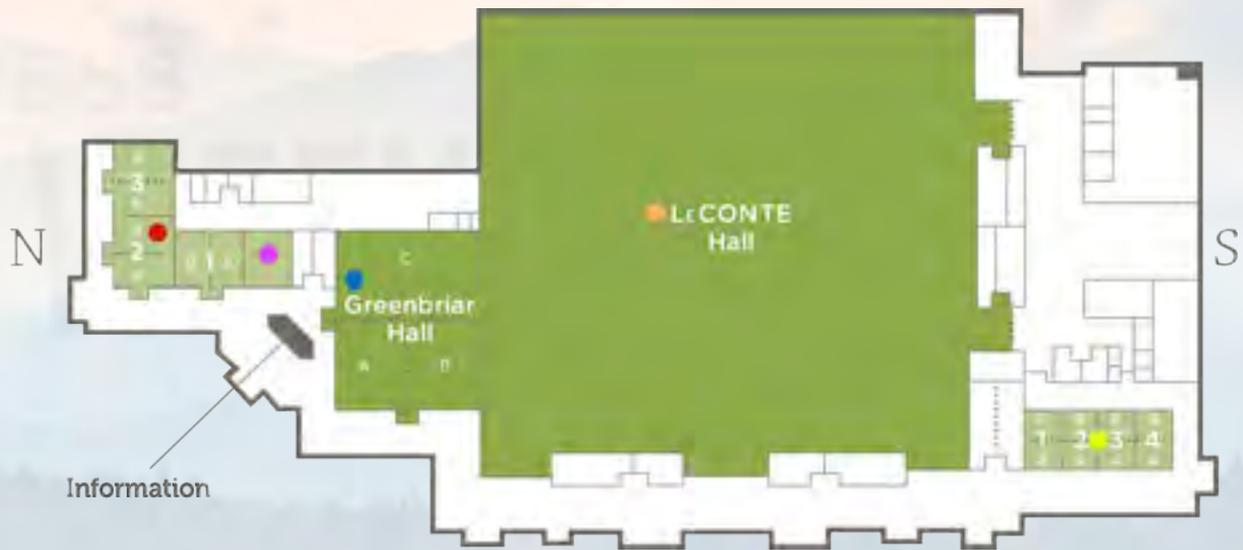
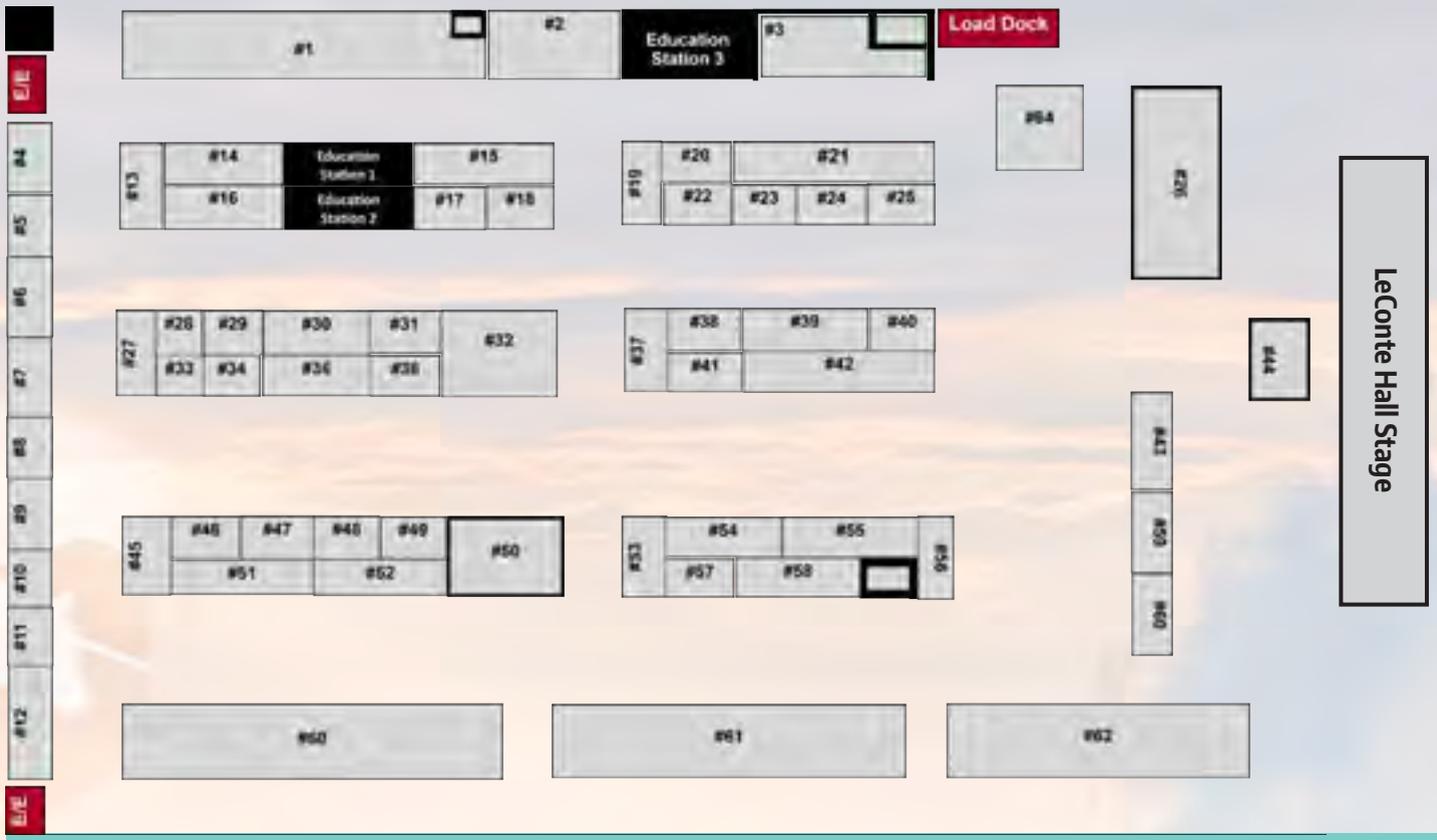
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14. Melanie Fetterolf, Artist
15. Proffitts' Woodworking
16. Keep Sevier Beautiful
17. Tim Simek, Hammer and Mountain Dulcimer Musician
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19. Fox Hollow Creations
20. Smoky Mountain Living
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23. Pigeon Forge Public Library
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26. Days Gone By Old Time Games
27. Smoky Mountain River Rat
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29. Lake Guntersville State Park Eagle Awareness Program
30. Boogertown Gap
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45. Scrapbook Superstore
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47. UT GSMNP Field School
48. Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning
49. TWRA
50. The Robert A. Tino Gallery
51. Bays Mountain Park
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53. Natural Look Woodcarving
54. LeConte Photographic Society
55. Smoky Mountain School of Photography
56. f/32 Photo and Peachtree Camera Repair
57. Photography Society of America
58. Clay Thurston Photography
59. John Rose, Snuffy Smith Cartoonist
60. Doug Elliott, Storyteller
61. Cades Cove Preservation Association & Museum
62. Photography Contest & Exhibit
63. In the Shadow of the Smokies Exhibit
64. S.A.F.E. Archery Hoverball



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7 AM:

LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge Main Entrance Open

8 – 3 PM:

Pre-registration for Tuesday, May 9 LIMITED! Sessions – Preregistration Table

8:30 – 2:30 PM:

Farmers' Market Open – LeConte Center Circle Drive Entrance

9 AM:

Tuesday Outdoor Excursion Sign-ups – Greenbriar Hall A

  9 – 10 AM:

Guiding in the National Parks and Wilderness Areas of the United States: Chris Hoge – North 1

  9 – 11 AM:

Design Your Own Bird Greeting Cards: Louise Bales – North 3B | **Limit 10**

9 – 1 PM:

Photography Contest Take-in: LeConte Hall

9 – 6 PM:

Exhibitors, Vendors, Museums, Education Stations Open – LeConte Hall

 9:30 – 10:30 AM:

Work of a Backcountry Ranger at Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Trip Planning, Campsite Maintenance and Beyond!: Nicholas Yarnell – North 2

  10 – 11 AM:

How Quilt Blocks Are Made: Maria Holloway – Education Station 3 | **Limit 10**
Join Maria as she provides a tutorial on how to make a quilt block. Participants will get a free kit to take home and create for themselves.

 10 – 11:30 AM:

The Art of Dowsing: Do You Have the Gift?: Charles Monday – North 3A | **Limit 30**

10:30 – 11:30 AM:

Wildflowers of Tennessee: Jack Carman – Greenbriar Hall A

   10:30 – 11:30 AM:

Learn to Whittle a Wooden Mountain Flower: Jacki Proffitt – Education Station 1 | **Limit 8, ages 14+**
Must bring own sharpened pocket knife.

 10:30 – Noon:

Hiking & Backpacking: Getting Started With the Right Gear, Essentials and Minimal Impact: Bill Deitzer, Mike Braun and Pam Rodgers – North 1

  10:45 – 11:45 PM:

Beginning Mountain Dulcimer: Tim Simek – South 2 | **Limit 20** | *Participants encouraged to bring own dulcimer*

  11 – Noon:

Smoky Mountain Midwives and Remedies: Dr. Gail Palmer – Greenbriar Hall B

11 – Noon:

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

 11:30 – 12:30 PM:

Let's Talk About the Cherokee: Arlene Eagle and Brave Standing Eagle – North 2

  Noon – 1 PM:

Backcountry Cooking 101 with Demonstration: Chris Hoge – Farmers' Market Area

 Noon – 1 PM:

Backyard Habitat Approved: Glenna Julian and Guane Julian – Greenbriar Hall A

  12:30 – 1:30 PM:

A Season in the Smokies: Kathy Gwinn – Greenbriar Hall B

 12:30 – 2 PM:

The Art of Dowsing: Do You Have the Gift?: Charles Monday – North 3A | **Limit 30**

 1 – 2 PM:

Leave No Trace: The Principles of Outdoor Ethics: Mike Braun and Pam Rodgers – North 1

 1 – 2 PM:

Letters to Home: A POW's Diary: Craig Cruise – North 3B
Join Craig and his daughter Hannah as they share stories of his grandfather George Chappell's life in a prisoner of war camp in Nazi Germany during World War II.



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- NEW** **1 – 2 PM:** Archery Opportunities: Sport for a Lifetime: Joella Bates – Greenbriar Hall C
- NEW** **H** **1:30 – 2:30 PM:** Dowsing Opening New Understanding of Indian Cultural Sites: Donald Wells – North 2
- 1:30 – 2:30 PM:** Wild World of Live Animals: Zoo Knoxville – Greenbriar Hall A
Join the Zoo Knoxville staff as they take an imaginary trip around the world to see the variety of amazing animals on our planet.
- LIMITED** **1:30 – 3 PM:** Watercolor Painting: Melanie Fetterolf – Education Station 1 | **Limit 8**
- H** **2 – 3 PM:** A Miller's Journal: Old Mill Square – Greenbriar Hall B
- NEW** **LIMITED** **2 – 3 PM:** How Quilt Blocks Are Made: Maria Holloway – Education Station 3 | **Limit 10**
Join Maria as she provides a tutorial on how to make a quilt block. Participants will get a free kit to take home and create for themselves.
- FAMILY** **LIMITED** **2 – 3 PM:** Make a Fairy House Night Light: Keep Sevier Beautiful – Education Station 2 | **Limit 16**
Join Keep Sevier Beautiful as you will learn how to take a recycled plastic bottle and make it into a tea light "Fairy House Night Light". Come and create a unique light that will bring a smile to anyone.
- 2 – 6 PM:** **Photography Exhibit opens – LeConte Hall**
- NEW** **H** **2:30 – 4 PM:** Little Things Learned the Hard Way: Refining Your Backpacking Gear and Skills: Renée Michot and Jim Rigsby – North 1
- NEW** **3 – 4 PM:** The Matheson Cove: In the Shadow of the Devil's Post Office: Dr. Eva Nell Mull Wike – North 2
Join Dr. Wike as she shares how her great grandmother survived the Trail of Tears by hiding out in a cave in North Georgia! When she was a child, Dr. Wike recalls her mother telling her this riveting story time after time and she never tired of listening to the sad recollections regarding the experiences of her Cherokee Grandmother!
- FAMILY** **3 – 4 PM:** Mystery Adventures: Create Your Own Smoky Mountain Mysteries: Thelma Leigh Hartigan – North 3A
Join Thelma and learn to craft a mystery story using clues, props, and costumes provided and verbally present their mystery story using old time story telling techniques.
- 3 – 4 PM:** Wildflowers of the Smokies: Jack Carman – Greenbriar Hall A
- NEW** **H** **3 – 4 PM:** The Eyes of Midnight: White Caps and Their Reign of Terror in Sevier County: Robert Wilson – Greenbriar Hall C
*More than 120 years after the White Caps terrorized Sevier County in East Tennessee, longtime residents still won't talk about the lawless band of vigilantes. Join veteran journalist Robert Wilson as he shines a spotlight on the group with this detailed history. Relying on *The White Caps: A History of the Organization in Sevier County*, as well as his own research, Robert presents the most complete account to date of why the White Caps were so feared even 120 years after their reign of terror began.*
- H** **3 – 4:15 PM:** Traditional Folk Songs and Tunes of Cades Cove: Boogertown Gap Old-Time String Band – LeConte Hall Stage
- 3 – 4:30 PM:** Entering Photographic Competitions: The Benefits; Pitfalls; and Image Selection: Doug Hubbard – South 3

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Hiking Events

3:30 – 4:30 PM: The Wolves of Bays Mountain: Rhonda Goins and Gail Stout – Greenbriar Hall B



4 – 5 PM: Limberjacks, Acrobats, Useful Toys, and “Granddad’s Ole Thang”: Crocia Roberson – South 1 | **Limit 30**

4:30 – 5:30 PM: Ranger Recollections: Joe Kelley – North 2



4:30 – 5:30 PM: Appalachian Heritage: Those Who Have Gone On Before: Bill Landry – Greenbriar Hall C
Join Bill as he shares stories of people of the Smokies such as Glenn Cardwell, Wilma Maples, Herbert Clabo, Inez Adams and many other great influential Smoky Mountain folks and families.



4:30 – 5:45 PM: Best of the Smokies: Bill Deitzer – North 1



4:45 – 5:15 PM: Old Time Gospel: Wilson Family Singers – LeConte Hall Stage
Howard and Vera Wilson’s home was filled with the sounds of stringed instruments and singing from the time the oldest of nine learned to play the guitar all the way to when the youngest learned to pick a banjo. The Wilson Brothers will sing songs of worship.



4:45 – 5:45 PM: Packing for Your Day Hike: Larry Frederick – Greenbriar Hall A
Join Larry as he covers the basic items needed to enjoy a day hike, whether unplanned or not.



5 – 6 PM: Pigeon Forge Memories: Panel Discussion featuring Don Huskey, Bill Barnes, Bill Allen, and Clara Quarrels Killian with Veta King, moderator – Greenbriar Hall B
Reminisce with these residents who remember the days when everybody knew everyone else and had time for long visits.



5 – 6 PM: Outdoor Classic Music Jam: Clint Carnley, Joe & Jo Dunn and John Crowe – Farmer’s Market Area
Join Clint and friends as they greet guests with bluegrass, gospel and country music.



5 – 6:30 PM: Old Harp Shaped Singing School: David Sarten – North 3A



5:20 – 5:50 PM: Pig Home in a Pen: Old Mountain Songs of Humor: Alex Wilson and Braden Watson – LeConte Hall Stage
Pigeon Forge High School Students and cousins Alex Wilson and Braden Watson will entertain with humorous songs their ancestors sang in earlier times.

6 PM: **Wednesday and Thursday Outdoor Excursion Sign-ups – Greenbriar Hall A**



6 – 7 PM: Smoky Mountain Musings and Reflections: Sam Venable – Greenbriar Hall C

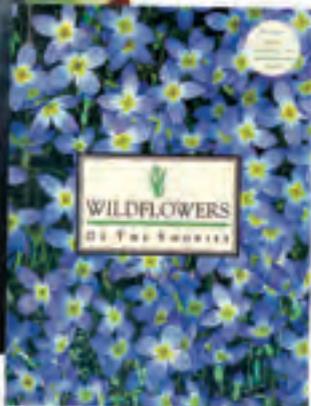
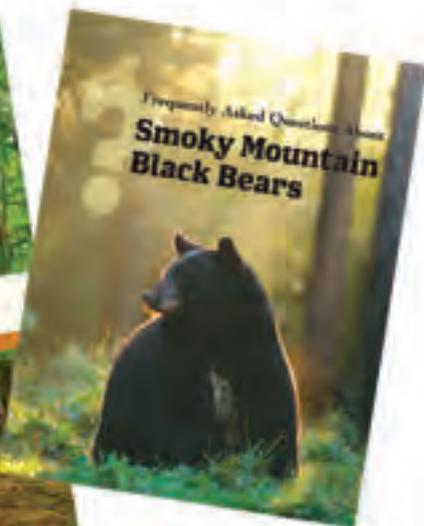
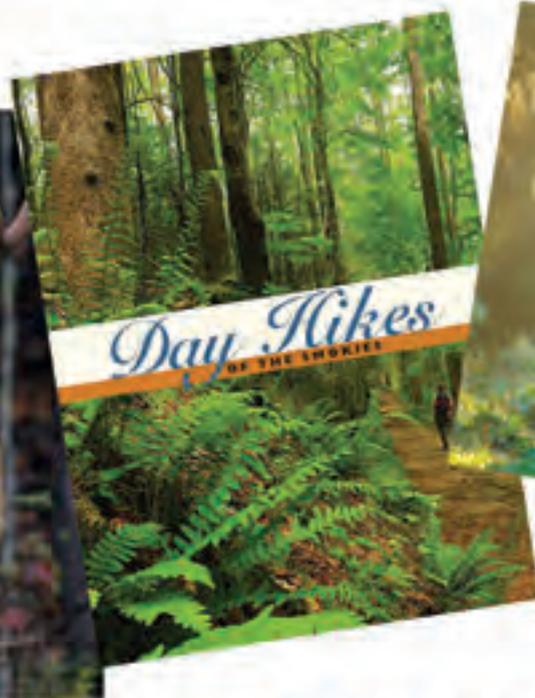
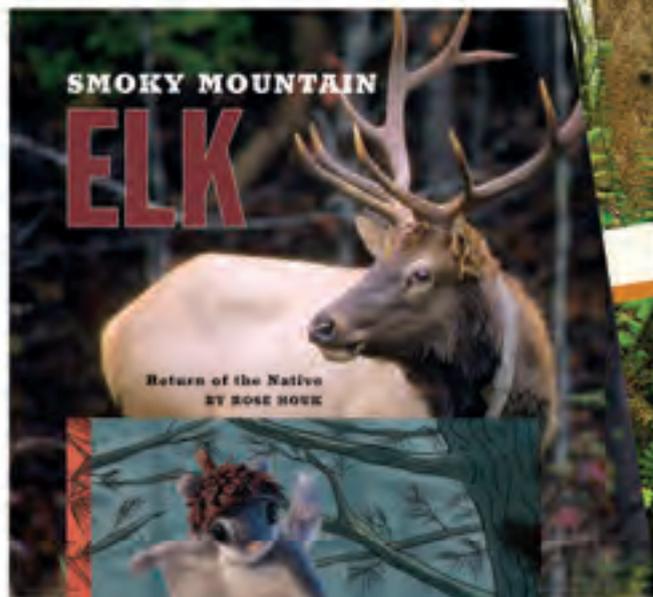
7:15 PM: Wilderness Wildlife Week Welcome Celebration and Opening Comments: Butch Helton – Greenbriar Hall C



7:45 PM: **KEYNOTE!** Beauty from the Ashes: Ken Jenkins, Judy Felts & Friends – Greenbriar Hall C



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Smokies Through the Lens Photography Events



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Hiking Events

7 AM:

LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge Main Entrance Open

8 – 3 PM:

Pre-registration for Wednesday, May 10 LIMITED! Sessions – Preregistration Table

8:30 – 2:30 PM:

Farmers' Market Open – LeConte Center Circle Drive Entrance



9 – 10 AM:

Where Did It Go?: Managing the Debris from the Sevier County and Smoky Mountain Wildfire: Laura Howard – Greenbriar Hall B



9 – 11 AM:

Design Your Own Bird Greeting Cards: Louise Bales – North 3A | **Limit 10**



9 – Noon:

Lighting Essentials: Understanding, Seeing, and Using with Intent: Doug Hubbard – South 3 | **Limit 15, ages 16+**
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9 – 6 PM:

Exhibitors, Vendors, Museums, Photography Contest, Education Stations Open – LeConte Hall



9:30 – 10:30 AM:

Logging Railroads in the Smokies: Rick Turner – Greenbriar Hall C
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.



9:30 – 10:30 AM:

Swallowtail Surprises: Glenna Julian and Lois Worthington – North 1



9:30 – 11 AM:

Carving a Hummingbird Ornament, Part 1: Don Taylor – North 3B | **Limit 12, ages 14+**
Must bring own sharpened wood carving tools.



10 – 11 AM:

Creation of Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Wilma Durpo – North 2

10 – 11 AM:

Rock Formations of the Smokies: Harry Moore – Greenbriar Hall A



10 – 11 AM:

How Quilt Blocks Are Made: Maria Holloway – Education Station 3 | **Limit 10**
Join Maria as she provides a tutorial on how to make a quilt block. Participants will get a free kit to take home and create for themselves.



10:30 – 11:30 AM:

Smoky Mountain Weaving: Frances Fox Shambaugh – Greenbriar Hall B
Join Frances as she shares the history of women of the Smokies who weaved in their homes for income during times when money was scarce.



10:30 – 11:30 AM:

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



10:30 – 11:30 AM:

Learn to Whittle a Wooden Mountain Flower: Jacki Proffitt – Education Station 1 | **Limit 8, ages 18+**
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11 – Noon:

Great Hunters and Hounds of the Smokies: Kathy Gwinn – North 1



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- NEW H 11 – Noon:** More History of Local Moonshining: Johnny “Bootlegger” Baker, Bruce Whaley and Kevin Farmer – Greenbriar Hall C
- NEW 11 – Noon:** Blacksmithing Demonstration: Robby Bowman – Farmers’ Market Area
- NEW H 11:30 – 12:30 PM:** Mothers of Mountains: Exploring Appalachian Environmentalist Women: Audrey Jackson – North 2
- 11:30 – 12:30 PM:** Wildflowers of the Southern Highlands: Jack Carman – Greenbriar Hall A
- Noon – 1 PM:** History of Bays Mountain Park: Rhonda Goins and Gail Stout – Greenbriar Hall B
- H 12:30 – 1:30 PM:** Cemeteries of the Smokies: Their Secrets Revealed: Dr. Gail Palmer – Greenbriar Hall C
- 1 – 2 PM:** Status of Invasive Exotic Plants in the Southern Appalachians: Leon Bates – North 1
- 1 – 2 PM:** Pickett State Park: An International Dark Sky Location: Monique Johnson – North 2
- 1 – 2 PM:** Discovery of the Gray Fossil Site: Harry Moore – Greenbriar Hall A
- 1:30 – 2:30 PM:** Collecting and Telling Family Stories: Jim Eastin – North 3A
- H 1:30 – 2:30 PM:** History of Pigeon River Pottery: Old Mill Square – Greenbriar Hall B
- LIMITED 1:30 – 3 PM:** Watercolor Painting: Melanie Fetterolf – Education Station 1 | **Limit 8**
- NEW LIMITED 1:30 – 4:30 PM:** Learn to Weave a Pencil Holder: Becky Weaver – North 3B | **Limit 10, ages 18+**
- H LIMITED 1:45 – 2:45 PM:** Beginning Hammer Dulcimer: Tim Simek – South 2 | **Limit 20**
Participants encouraged to bring own dulcimer.
- H 2 – 3 PM:** Storytelling: The Death and Burial Practices of Smoky Mountain Settlers: Jim Rigsby – Greenbriar Hall C
- H LIMITED 2 – 3 PM:** Recycled Sunflower Wall Art: Keep Sevier Beautiful – Education Station 2 | **Limit 16**
Join Keep Sevier Beautiful and learn how to use toilet paper rolls to make colorful sunflower wall art. You can create your own work of art in the design of your choice with this unique recycled craft.
- NEW LIMITED 2 – 3 PM:** How Quilt Blocks Are Made: Maria Holloway – Education Station 3 | **Limit 10**
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- 2:30 – 3:30 PM:** Gardening on the Wild Side: Sherra Owen – North 1
- NEW H 2:30 – 3:30 PM:** A Tribute to Herbert Clabo and Roaring Fork: Mike Maples – North 2
- 2:30 – 3:30 PM:** Air Quality Update in Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Jim Renfro – Greenbriar Hall A

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3 – 4 PM:

The Lemons Hollow: Bobbie Lamons Lovell – Greenbriar Hall B
Join Bobbie as she recites and reads poetry of her upbringing in the Lemons Hollow with her grandparents.



3:15 – 4:30 PM:

Old-Time Appalachian Music Concert: Boogertown Gap Old-Time String Band – LeConte Hall Stage



3:30 – 4:30 PM:

Fiddler of the Mountains: Attuned to the Life and Times of Johnny Mull: Dr. Eva Nell Mull Wike – Greenbriar Hall C
Join Dr. Wike as she shares the story of her Uncle Johnny's mountain music before the establishment of bluegrass!



4 – 5 PM:

Trail of Tears Was Not Just for the Cherokee: Donald Wells – North 2



4 – 5:30 PM:

Beginner Photography: Jim Eastin – North 1



4:30 – 5:30 PM:

Wildlife Found in Alabama and the Southeastern United States: Alabama State Parks and Alabama Wildlife Center – North 3A
This will be an up-close and personal learning program containing live birds of prey and other wildlife species found in Alabama and throughout the Southeastern United States.



4:30 – 5:30 PM:

Hiking for Fun and Pain: Appalachian Trail Experience: David Curran – Greenbriar Hall A



4:30 – 5:30 PM:

Ranger Memories of Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Joe Kelley – Greenbriar Hall B



5 – 6 PM:

Old Time Gospel Concert: Ray Ball Family Band – LeConte Hall Stage



5 – 6 PM:

A Proverbs 31-Kind-of-Smoky Mountain Lady: Kathy Gwinn – Greenbriar Hall C



5 – 6 PM:

Limberjacks, Acrobats, Useful Toys, and “Granddad’s Ole Thang”: Crocia Roberson – South 1 | **Limit 30**



5:15 – 6:15 PM:

America’s Best Idea: Celebrating 100+ Years of the National Park Service: Bill & Rosemary Deitzer – North 3B

6 PM:

Friday and Saturday Outdoor Excursion Sign-ups – Greenbriar Hall A



6:30 – 7:30 PM:

Upland Chronicles of the Smokies: Carroll McMahan – Greenbriar Hall B
Join Sevier County Historian Carroll McMahan as he recounts and discusses some of his favorite Smoky Mountain historical articles he has written for The Mountain Press.



7:45 PM:

Graveyard Forensics: Dr. Bill Bass and Art Bohanan – Greenbriar Hall C
Join Dr. Bass and Art Bohanan as they take forensic science into cemeteries, both old and new, and showcase amazing forensic discoveries. Bass and Bohanan will demonstrate ways to locate and gender the long dead. Their research database covered 500 marked graves including buried cremains (human ashes), as well as graves dating back 2,000 years. Their forensic studies are now only at the tip of this awesome research, which continues.



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Sincerely,

Maria Holloway

Welcome to WILDERNESS WILDLIFE WEEK.

While visiting our area, please be sure to visit our historic log home in Cosby – a little ways out, but worth the trip!

We specialize in American-made quilts, wall hangings and more while also offering everything a quilter needs including fabrics, books, kits, notions and unique patterns.

Be sure to pre-register at the Pre-registration Table for one of the special classes we will be offering during Wilderness Wildlife Week daily at 10 AM and 2 PM: How Quilt Blocks Are Made at Education Station 3 in LeConte Hall.

I will provide a tutorial on how to make a quilt block and all participants will receive a free kit to take home and create their very own quilt block.

We look forward to seeing you at booth #2 during Wilderness Wildlife Week!

Please be sure to check out all the other wonderful exhibits, classes and events going on during Wilderness Wildlife Week!



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Civil War in the West: The Fall of Vicksburg: Jack Carman – North 1



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The Art of Dowsing: Do You Have the Gift?: Charles Monday – North 3A | Limit 30

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People, Plants and Their Stories: Sherra Owen – North 2



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Carving a Hummingbird Ornament, Part 2: Don Taylor – North 3B | **Limit 12, ages 14+**
Must bring own sharpened wood carving tools.



9:30 – 11:30 AM:

Spin Fishing the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Area Stocked Trout Streams, As Well As Local Smallmouth: Greg Ward – South 2
Join local guide Greg Ward as he presents this action packed fishing course on spin fishing in the Smokies and local streams.



10 – 11 AM:

From Sheep to Shawl: History and Spinning Demonstration: Nancy Thompson – Greenbriar Hall A
Join Nancy as she teaches the early settlers' methods of shearing sheep, dyeing and spinning wool.



10 – 11 AM:

Readin', 'Ritin' and 'Rithmetic: Three R's in the Smokies: Robin Goddard – Greenbriar Hall B
Join Robin and learn of the value of education in the Great Smoky Mountains, how it developed, and stories of the backwoods schools.



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How Quilt Blocks Are Made: Maria Holloway – Education Station 3 | Limit 10
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Margaret Stevenson: The Walkingest Woman in the Smokies: Bill Deitzer – North 1



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Learn to Whittle a Wooden Mountain Flower: Jacki Proffitt – Education Station 1 | Limit 8, ages 18+
Must bring own sharpened pocket knife.



11 – Noon:

Herb Sense/Scents: Glenna Julian and Donna Stinnett – North 2



11 – Noon:

Blacksmithing Demonstration: Robby Bowman – Farmers' Market Area



11 – Noon:

Learn Facts About Bobcats: Rhonda Goins and Gail Stout – Greenbriar Hall C



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- NEW 11:30 – 12:30 PM:** Why You Should Write and Record Your Family's History: Dr. Eva Nell Mull Wike – Greenbriar Hall A
Join Dr. Wike as she shares stories of why everyone should chronicle their family history. Participants are encouraged to write and share (if they would like to do so).
- H 11:30 – 12:30 PM:** Remembrance: Backcountry Cemeteries in the Smokies: Renée Michot and Jim Rigsby – Greenbriar Hall B
- NEW H 12:30 – 1:30 PM:** Goose Gap Memories: Olivia Helton Crisp with Veta King, interviewer – North 2
Join Olivia as she shares stories of her grandfather who was slain by the White Caps and the life her family lived in Goose Gap. Today, she lives almost within sight of her childhood home on Goose Gap.
- NEW H 12:30 – 1:30 PM:** Experiences of an Appalachian Trail Hiker: What to Expect and How to Prepare: Brad Knight – Greenbriar Hall C
- NEW 1 – 2 PM:** Common Trees of the Tennessee Valley: Leon Bates – North 1
- NEW 1 – 2 PM:** Gardens, Weeds and John Barleycorn: Celebrating the Culture in Agriculture: Doug Elliott – Greenbriar Hall A
- LIMITED 1 – 4 PM:** Learn to Weave a Small Egg Basket: Becky Weaver – North 3B | **Limit 10, ages 18+**
- NEW H 1:30 – 2:30 PM:** Flyin' Bullets and the Resplendent Badge: Ersa Rhea Noland Smith – North 3A
Join Ersa as she presents the riveting account of her father, Sheriff Ray C. Noland as chronicled in her book.
- 1:30 – 2:30 PM:** Look & Touch Live Wildlife: Chris Ogle – Greenbriar Hall B
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- H 2 – 3 PM:** Moonshine: What It Is and How It Is Made: Old Forge Distillery – North 2
- NEW H 2 – 3 PM:** Mrs. Lydia Whaley Portrayal: Ruth Carr Miller – Greenbriar Hall C
Join Ruth as she portrays "Aunt Liddy." Born in 1840, Aunt Lydia was a noted basket weaver and midwife who could quote the Bible from 'kiver to kiver.' This mother of three lost her husband in the Civil War. Hear of her life in these mountains.
- NEW 2 – 3 PM:** Make a Seed Bomb: Keep Sevier Beautiful – Farmers' Market Area
Join Keep Sevier Beautiful and help create recycled paper with seeds that will eventually be planted in Gatlinburg to help aid in regrowth of flowers after the wild fires.
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- H 2:30 – 3:30 PM:** Music of Our American Roots: Lost Mill String Band – LeConte Hall Stage

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3 – 4 PM: Biodiversity of Frozen Head State Park: Michael Hodge – Greenbriar Hall A
- 3 – 4 PM:** American Black Bear: Things You May Not Know: Joel Zachry – Greenbriar Hall B
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3:30 – 4:30 PM: Smoky Mountain Spelling Bee: Robin Goddard – Greenbriar Hall C
- 4 – 5 PM:** A Year in the Life of a Bear: David Whitehead – North 1
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4 – 5 PM: Following the Bell Route of the Trail of Tears: Dr. Gail Palmer – North 2
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4 – 5 PM: History of the Banjo in Appalachia: Boogertown Gap Old-Time String Band – LeConte Hall Stage
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4:30 – 5:30 PM: The Beauty and Function of Native Plants: Jessica Taylor – Greenbriar Hall A
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4:30 – 5:30 PM: Of Ginseng, Golden Apples and the Rainbow Fish: Ancient Tales and A Modern Mythic Adventure: Doug Elliott – Greenbriar Hall B
- LIMITED
5 – 6 PM: Limberjacks, Acrobats, Useful Toys, and “Granddad’s Ole Thang”: Crocia Roberson – South 1 | **Limit 30**
- NEW
5 – 6 PM: Outdoor Classic Music Jam: Clint Carnley, Joe & Jo Dunn and John Crowe – Farmers’ Market Area
Join Clint and friends as they greet guests with bluegrass, gospel and country music.
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5:30 – 6:30 PM: Hiking for Fun and Pain: Hiking the Western Trails as Compared to Trails in the Southeast and the Smokies: David Curran – North 1
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5:30 – 6:30 PM: The Art and Science of Photographing Insects and Their Kin: Kefyn Catley – North 2
- NEW
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6 – 7 PM: State of the Park: Celebrating 2017 in Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Dana Soehn – Greenbriar Hall C
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6 – 7 PM: Old-Time Hymns and Songs of Faith Gospel Concert: Greenbrier Whaley Family Singers – LeConte Hall Stage
Join the Whaley Family as their singing will take you back to a time of “Homecomings” in the Greenbrier section of the Great Smoky Mountains.
- H
7:15 PM: Tales from Lost: Dwight McCarter – Greenbriar Hall C
Join Dwight as he shares tales of search and rescue in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, as well as tracking and finding lost children and adults for more than 30 years.



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NEW **9 – 10 AM:** Fisheries and Water Quality Updates from Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Matt Kulp – North 2

LIMITED **9 – 10 AM:** Wire Wrapping a Gemstone Pendant: LaDonna Twyman – North 3A | **Limit 12, ages 18+**

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9:30 – 11 AM: Point and Shoot Flower Photography: Robert Hutson – North 1

H **10 – 11 AM:** The Spirit of the Black Bear: Wilma Durpo – Greenbriar Hall B
Recognize the centuries old paradigms of the Black Bear by exploring their presence and power in symbols, myths and research.

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H **10:30 – 11:30 AM:** People Who Shaped Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Bill Deitzer – North 2

NEW **10:30 – 11:30 AM:** Milkweed and Monarchs: Glenna Julian and Lois Worthington – Greenbriar Hall A

NEW **10:30 – 11:30 AM:** Forever Green Tennessee: An Initiative to Save Our Land and Water: Kathleen Williams – Greenbriar Hall C

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Participants must bring a #2 flat brush.
-  **11 – Noon:** Limberjacks, Acrobats, Useful Toys, and “Granddad’s Ole Thang”: Crocia Roberson – South 1 | **Limit 30**
-   **11 – Noon:** Old Timer’s Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration and Sampling: Cades Cove Preservation Association – Farmers’ Market Area
-  **11:30 – 12:30 PM:** Eye-Identification: Clay Thurston – North 1
Join Clay as he presents this fun and educational way to identify wildlife. He will show an eye on screen and the audience may attempt to figure out what animal it belongs to.
- 11:30 – 12:30 PM:** Discovering TWRA’s Management Areas as Wildlife Observation Areas: Chris Ogle – Greenbriar Hall B
- Noon – 1 PM:** John Muir and Gifford Pinchot: Shaping Our Value of Conservation and Their Influence on the Civilian Conservation Corps: Michael Hodge and Monique Johnson – North 2
-   **1 – 2 PM:** A Bodacious Snuffy Smith Chalk Talk: John Rose, Snuffy Smith cartoonist – North 3B
Join John as he discusses his career as the syndicated cartoonist for the Snuffy Smith comic strip, he will show samples of his work and will draw some of the strips most popular characters on a large easel for the audience.
-   **1 – 2:30 PM:** Smoky Mountain Origins of the White Caps: Don Williams – Greenbriar Hall C
Join Don as he encapsulates the story of the war between the White Cap, a rogue vigilante group with a very different agenda in the 1890s, which eventually faced off with the Blue Bills, a second vigilante group that formed to oppose the White Caps.
-   **1:30 – 2:30 PM:** Imaging the Beauty of Flight: Tom & Pat Cory – North 1
Join Tom & Pat as they showcase both the art and technique of imaging everything from bumble bees to bald eagles. This session is designed to help increase your enjoyment of both observing and imaging the wonderful creatures moving through the air with grace and beauty.
-   **1:30 – 2:30 PM:** The Little Tennessee: Treasure Over Time: Mark Davidson – North 2
Join Mark as he delves into the history of the Little Tennessee Valley from Cherokee times until the 1970s, including the debate over the darters and dams.
-  **1:30 – 2:30 PM:** Life & Legacy of Arthur Stupka: Dr. Don Linzey – Greenbriar Hall B
Join Dr. Linzey as he discusses the life and work of the first Park Naturalist in Great Smoky Mountains National Park and how his foresight and vision resulted in much of today’s knowledge of the Smokies natural history. Dr. Linzey will also share personal stories and anecdotes about this Smokies legend.
-   **1:30 – 3 PM:** Acrylic Painting Party: Melanie Fetterolf – Education Station 1 | **Limit 8**
-   **2 – 3 PM:** Make a One-of-a-Kind Tea Light Candle Holder: Keep Sevier Beautiful – Education Station 2 | **Limit 16**
Join Keep Sevier Beautiful and be amazed as an old CD can be recycled into a one-of-a-kind tea light candle holder.

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Ranger Family Recollections: Joe Kelley and Sons – Greenbriar Hall B

3 – 4 PM:

Possumology: Doug Elliott – Greenbriar Hall C

Join Doug as he shares possum lore, stories, and natural history, as well as possum tales, songs, and literature. Included will be stories of possums as pets, possums as food, possums in politics.

Camera 3 – 4:30 PM:

How to Look At and Critique Imagery: Colby McLemore – North 1

NEW H 4:35 PM:

Historic Riverwalk Nature Walk: Hills-N-Hollows

Join Hills-N-Hollows (Mike & Kathy Gwinn) as they take you on a historic one mile nature walk from LeConte Center along the Pigeon Forge Greenway to Patriot Park to kick off the 2nd Annual Appalachian Homecoming.

5 PM:

Appalachian Homecoming at Patriot Park

Ride the free shuttles and trolleys to Patriot Park, or feel free to walk the Pigeon Forge Greenway 1.5 miles to Patriot Park and hear stories of old with Hills-N-Hollows as we celebrate spring with our 2nd Annual Appalachian Homecoming event. Activities include music from WestWend and Knox County Jug Stompers, storytelling featuring Faye Wooden and Elizabeth Rose, as well as children's games, an antique tractor show, and a picnic on the grounds to benefit Keep Sevier Beautiful (only 200 tickets are available and can be purchased from Keep Sevier Beautiful at booth#16 during Wilderness Wildlife Week). Admission and entertainment are free!



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LIMITED 9 – Noon: Learn to Weave a Small Footstool: David Weaver – North 3B | **Limit 10 (one footstool per family), ages 18+**

9 – 1 PM: Nature Photography Workshop: Kendall Chiles, Daniel Dempster and Tom & Pat Cory – North 1

9 – 5 PM: Photography Contest open – LeConte Hall

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9:30 – 10:30 AM: Seasons in the Smokies: Watching the Smokies Change: Jerry Whaley – Greenbriar Hall A

NEW 9:30 – 10:30 AM: Campfire Talks Q&A: Joe Kelley – Greenbriar Hall C

NEW H 10 – 11 AM: Mills of Cades Cove: Bernard Myers – Greenbriar Hall B

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Must bring own sharpened pocket knife.

NEW 10:30 – 11:30 AM: Blacksmithing Demonstration: Robby Bowman – Farmers' Market Area

NEW Kids' Track Events Hiking Events 11 – Noon: Travel Back in Time to Great Smoky Mountains National Park with Bubba Jones and Family: Jeff Alt – North 2
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, meet Cherokee Indians, early park settlers, wild animals and more. This series of interactive skits are based on The Adventures of Bubba Jones: Time Traveling Though the Great Smoky Mountains.

Kids' Track Events LIMITED 11 – Noon: Be a Junior Bear Curator for Appalachian Bear Rescue: ABR K-8 Education Team – North 3A | **Limit 20, ages 8+**

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



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- 11 – Noon:** Bear Encounters of the Worst Kind: What to Do?: Kim Delozier – Greenbriar Hall C
Join Kim as he shares how to handle bear encounters in the Smokies by understanding bear behaviors. Kim will explain what you should do when bears are having a “bad bear day.”
- H 11 – Noon:** Ballads of the Smoky Mountains: Boogertown Gap Old-Time String Band and Brenda Dawson – LeConte Hall Stage
- 11:30 – 12:30 PM:** The People of Cades Cove: Missy Tipton Green and Paulette Ledbetter – Greenbriar Hall B
- NEW 12:30 – 1:30 PM:** Elk Tracking Project: Glenna Julian, Casey Berg and Bruce Wilson – North 2
- 12:30 – 1:30 PM:** Arches and Natural Bridges Along Tennessee’s Trails: Keith Garnes – Greenbriar Hall A
- NEW H 12:30 – 1:30 PM:** Appalachian Stories and Mountain Ballads: Elizabeth Rose – Greenbriar Hall C
- H 12:30 – 1:30 PM:** History of the Mountain and Hammer Dulcimer and Concert: Tim Simek – LeConte Hall Stage
- LIMITED 12:45 – 1:45 PM:** Limberjacks, Acrobats, Useful Toys, and “Granddad’s Ole Thang”: Crocia Roberson – South 1 | **Limit 30**
- NEW 1 – 2 PM:** Meet Our Neighbors: The American Black Bear: ABR K-8 Education Team – North 3A
- H 1 – 2 PM:** A Bodacious Kids Cartooning Workshop: John Rose, Snuffy Smith cartoonist – North 3B | **Limit 30**
- NEW H 1 – 2 PM:** Civil War in Cades Cove: Larry Sparks – Greenbriar Hall B
- NEW LIMITED 1:30 – 3 PM:** Acrylic Painting Party: Melanie Fetterolf – Education Station 1 | **Limit 8**
- 1:30 – 3:30 PM:** Commanding Composition: Colby McLemore – North 1
- H 2 – 3 PM:** Lessons from the Appalachian Trail: Jeff Alt – North 2
Join Jeff as he takes you along the Appalachian Trail and recaps great lessons learned and humorous anecdotes as covered in his award-winning book A Walk for Sunshine.
- NEW 2 – 3 PM:** Endemic Salamanders of the Southern Appalachians: Chris Ogle – Greenbriar Hall A
- 2 – 3 PM:** Everybody’s Fishin’: A Cross-Cultural Fishing Extravaganza: Doug Elliott – Greenbriar Hall C
- NEW LIMITED 2 – 3 PM:** How Quilt Blocks Are Made: Maria Holloway – Education Station 3 | **Limit 10**
Join Maria as she provides a tutorial on how to make a quilt block. Participants will get a free kit to take home and create for themselves.
- H 2 – 3:30 PM:** Old Time Harp Singing: David Sarten – LeConte Hall Stage
Listen to hymns brought from the old country and tunes by early American composers as a group of regional Old Harp singers sing shaped notes (do-re-mi...) in four part harmony seated in the traditional square.
- NEW H 2:30 – 3:30 PM:** What is It?: Unusual Items from the Cades Cove Preservation Association Museum: David Cummings and Gloria Motter – Greenbriar Hall B
- LIMITED 2:30 – 5:30 PM:** Painting the Smokies: Dick Ensing – North 3B | **Limit 15, ages 18+**
Participants must bring a #2 flat brush.

Look for our icons to find your event



New Events



Limited Registration



Heritage



Smokies Through the Lens Photography Events



Kids' Track Events



Hiking Events



3 – 4 PM:

Mystery Adventures: Create Your Own Smoky Mountain Mysteries: Thelma Leigh Hartigan – North 3A
Join Thelma and learn to craft a mystery story using clues, props, and costumes provided and verbally present their mystery story using old time story telling techniques.



3:30 – 4:30 PM:

Let's Talk Trash in Bear Country: Joey Holt – North 2



3:30 – 4:30 PM:

Great Smoky Mountains Park Commission: Past, Present and Future: John LeCroy – Greenbriar Hall A



4 – 5 PM:

Loggin' 'Em Mountains: Two Million Broad Feet: Joel Zachry – Greenbriar Hall B
Join Joel as he shares historical information about the immense logging operations that basically stripped the Smokies of its entire major tree species from the period of 1901-1939, even though GSMNP was established in June 1934.



4 – 5 PM:

Forensics of Wilderness, Wildlife and Manmade Disasters of the Smokies and Beyond: Dr. Bill Bass and Art Bohanan – Greenbriar Hall C
Join Dr. Bass and Art Bohanan as they "walk" into various crime scenes and show the minute details that help to identify the guilty and clear the innocent. Topics covered include disaster response to the World Trade Center, Columbia Space Shuttle, Hurricane Katrina, as well as local and regional cases where weather, wildlife and nature have left their own impact.



4 – 6 PM:

Advanced SLR Flower Photography: Robert Hutson – North 1



4:30 – 5:30 PM:

Snakes Alive!: Rhonda Goins and Gail Stout – North 3A

5 – 6 PM:

From Rugs to Hugs: My Adventures with Bears: David Whitehead – North 2



5 – 6 PM:

From Sugarlands to Clingman's Dome: Allen Coggins – Greenbriar Hall A
Join Allen as he takes you on a virtual tour of the Smokies along U.S. 441 from Sugarlands Visitor Center to Clingmans Dome based on his years as a tour guide.

5:30 – 6:30 PM:

Wildwoods Wisdom: Exploring Our Spiritual Connection to Nature: Doug Elliott – Greenbriar Hall C



5:30 – 6:30 PM:

The Unique History and People of Sevier County: Carroll McMahan – Greenbriar Hall B

6 – 7 PM:

Photography Contest Pickup: Event Volunteers – LeConte Hall Concourse



7 PM:

Locating and Enjoying Birds of the Smokies: Ken Jenkins – Greenbriar Hall C



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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.

In Memoriam



Glenn Russell Poe, age 79, of Pigeon Forge, passed away Monday, December 12, 2016. Glenn served in the US Navy from 1955-1959. He then started his career with Carnegie Institute as an electronics technician that would last over 30 years. During his career with Carnegie he traveled the world building and installing equipment that measured seismic activity. Glenn loved

motorcycles and belonged to the Blue Ridge Riders and Hogs motorcycle clubs. In his younger days he raced motorcycles and riding was always a passion in his life. After retiring he moved to Pigeon Forge with the love of his life, Alene. Glenn was an avid volunteer for the city of Pigeon Forge, earning volunteer of the year. Glenn was a member of Pigeon Forge United Methodist Church and a great supporter of LIVE-IT Ministries.

Glenn was preceded in death by his wife Alene Poe, oldest brother Richard (wife Joan), brother Don (wife Rosemary), his parents Eldon Poe and Margery his mother.

In Wilderness Wildlife Week's infancy, Glenn was a major part of the success of WWW. Glenn singlehandedly handled the sound and video needs of Wilderness Wildlife Week for many years. And to this day his contributions are still remembered by staff and fellow volunteers alike.

*Remember
Our Friends*



Bobbie Jean Cooper passed away January 27, 2017, at the LaConte Medical Center in Sevierville, TN.

She was born November 1, 1927 in Pennington Gap, VA, where she lived until retirement. Bobbie attended Virginia Intermont College and graduated from Carson-Newman College. She received her Masters degree in Mathematics from the University of VA and taught at Oak Hill Academy and at Appalachia High School in Wise County, VA. Bobbie loved to teach and tutored for many years after retiring.

Bobbie Jean was a volunteer for all Pigeon Forge events for many years. She was always willing to go any direction needed. She was a major asset to Pigeon Forge.

She built a home in Big Stone Gap, VA and stayed several years before her love of travel, and people, brought about her move to Pigeon Forge, TN. There, Bobbie worked at several of the shows, such as Country Tonight, as a hostess and greeter, where her gregarious nature, big smile and hearty laugh were always on display. Bobbie never met a stranger. Her love of learning caused her to pursue and obtain a Realtor's license at 75!



Lt. George "Dick" Richard Stradley, age 91 of Sevierville, formerly of Bronson, Kansas, passed away Saturday, January 28, 2017 at his home. He loved to garden and enjoyed wood working. He was a Hall of Fame member of Bronson (Kansas) High School Alumni. Lt. Stradley was a retired WWII veteran with 24 years of service in the US Navy and served on the USS Forrestal. He was a charter member of

Evergreen Presbyterian Church serving as Elder and Clerk of Session. He was also a member of Sevierville Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Gladys Stradley; sister, Dena Pannemann; brother-in-law, Larry Pannemann; first wife, Betty Jane; son-in-law, Delmar Dennis; second wife, Nahia Ann; and grandson, Samuel Stradley.



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In Memoriam



Roy "Glenn" Cardwell, age 85 of Pittman Center, passed away Thursday, November 17, 2016. He was born in the Greenbrier section of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park on December 24, 1930. He was preceded in death by his parents Bill and Pearlle Cardwell; brothers Columbus, Vincent, Emert and Jimmie Ray; and sisters Flora, Hazel and Lou.

He is survived by his childhood sweetheart and wife of 63 years Faye; daughter Sandra Yorke and husband Philip of New York; grandson Stephen Mallory and wife Kelly and great-grandson Jamison of Maine; grandson David Novelli of Louisiana; brother Lon; brother-in-law Leon Huskey and wife Nancy of Indiana; and many nieces and nephews.

Glenn was a longtime friend to Wilderness Wildlife Week, giving presentations about Pittman Center and Greenbrier cove. His commitment to preserving, recording and promoting both the historic and natural beauty of the Smoky Mountains and this area will always be a part of his longstanding legacy.

Glenn served four years in the United States Navy. Afterwards, he completed his education and graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in business. After graduation he taught at Pittman Center High School for three years. He then went to work for the Great Smoky Mountain National Park where he was employed for 34 years as a Park Naturalist. He retired as Supervisor of the Sugarlands Visitor Center.

After retiring from the National Park, he became the Mayor of Pittman Center where he served for almost 18 years. He was dedicated to preserving the culture and natural beauty of his community. He wrote two books documenting the history and mountain heritage of Greenbrier and Pittman Center: *The Greenbrier Cove Story* and *A Dream Fulfilled: A Story about Pittman Center*. The proceeds from both of these books go toward funding the proposed pavilion at Pittman Center City Hall.

He was a member of Hills Creek Baptist Church for 72 years and a deacon for many of those years. In addition, he was a Gideon for 41 years. Other organizations he was involved in include Christian Ministries in the National Parks, Chairman of Camp Smoky for 25 years, Leadership Sevier, Wilderness Wildlife and the Sevier County Historical Society. He was named as one of "The 100 Most Influential People" in the history of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. The museum located in the Pittman Center Elementary School is named "The Glenn Cardwell Heritage Museum" in his honor. He continued to lead many hikes and gave numerous talks on the park and the history of the area throughout his retirement.

Glenn loved life to its fullest. His love for his Lord and His Word, his family, friends, community, and God's creation was extraordinary. He was loved and will be missed by many.

From all of us at Wilderness Wildlife Week we will miss the contributions Glenn made year after year, but even more so his smiling face and infectious passion will be missed by all.



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