



May 9–13, 2017
Programming Schedule

ALL SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The FARMERS' MARKET, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS/PRESENTATIONS and OUTDOOR EXCURSION SIGN-UPS will take place at:

LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge
2986 Teaster Lane
Pigeon Forge, TN 37863

Wilderness Wildlife Week's 2nd Appalachian Homecoming featuring storytelling, music, antique tractor show, non-profit picnic fundraiser and more will begin at 5 PM on Friday, May 12th at:

Patriot Park
186 Old Mill Avenue
Pigeon Forge, TN 37863

LeConte Center Hours

Information Desk: Open Tuesday to Thursday, from 7 AM – 9 PM

Information Desk: Open Friday, from 7 AM – 4:30 PM

Information Desk: Open Saturday, from 7 AM – 8 PM

Farmers' Market Hours: Open Tuesday thru Saturday from 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Pre-registration Desk: Open Tuesday thru Saturday from 8 AM – 3 PM

Pre-registration for LIMITED! Sessions will take the morning of each day for that day's sessions

Vendor/Exhibit Hall: Open daily from 9 AM – 6 PM in LeConte Exhibit Hall

****Note: Vendor Hall will close at 4 PM on Friday, May 12.***

Photography Exhibit opens Tuesday, May 9 from 2 PM to 6 PM. Hours for Wednesday, May 10 until Saturday, May 13 from 9 AM until 6 PM.

Photography Exhibit Special Hours: Friday, May 12 from 9 AM until 4 PM.

Education Stations located in LeConte Hall.

Tuesday, May 9

9 AM: Tuesday Outdoor Excursion Sign-ups – Greenbrier Hall A

9 – 10 AM: NEW! Guiding in the National Parks and Wilderness Areas of the United States: Chris Hoge – North 1

9 – 11 AM: NEW! LIMITED! Design Your Own Bird Greeting Cards: Louise Bales – North 3B

Limit 10

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9:30 – 10:30 AM: NEW! Work of a Backcountry Ranger at Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Trip Planning, Campsite Maintenance and Beyond!: Nicholas Yarnell – North 2

10 – 11 AM: NEW! LIMITED! How Quilt Blocks Are Made: Maria Holloway – Education Station 3

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.

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10 – 11:30 AM: LIMITED! The Art of Dowsing: Do You Have the Gift?: Charles Monday – North 3A

Limit 30

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10:30 – 11:30 AM: Wildflowers of Tennessee: Jack Carman – Greenbrier Hall A

10:30 – 11:30 AM: NEW! KIDS' TRACK! LIMITED! Learn to Whittle a Wooden Mountain Flower: Jacki Proffitt – Education Station 1

Limit 8, ages 14+

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10:30 – Noon: Hiking & Backpacking: Getting Started With the Right Gear, Essentials and Minimal Impact: Bill Deitzer, Mike Braun and Pam Rodgers – North 1

1 – 2 PM: NEW! Letters to Home: Hannah Cruise – North 3B

11 – Noon: NEW! HERITAGE! Smoky Mountain Midwives and Remedies: Dr. Gail Palmer – Greenbrier Hall B

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

11 – Noon: KIDS' TRACK! LIMITED! Old Time Pioneer Toys: Roy Henson – Education Station 2

Limit 16

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11:30 – 12:30 PM: HERITAGE! Let's Talk About the Cherokee: Arlene Eagle and Brave Standing Eagle – North 2

Noon – 1 PM: NEW! Backcountry Cooking 101 with Demonstration: Chris Hoge – Farmers' Market Area

Noon – 1 PM: NEW! Backyard Habitat Approved: Glenna Julian and Guane Julian – Greenbrier Hall A

12:30 – 2 PM: LIMITED! The Art of Dowsing: Do You Have the Gift?: Charles Monday – North 3A
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12:30 – 1:30 PM: NEW! A Season in the Smokies: Kathy Gwinn – Greenbrier Hall B

1 – 2 PM: Leave No Trace: The Principles of Outdoor Ethics: Mike Braun and Pam Rodgers – North 1

1:30 – 2:30 PM: NEW! Dowsing Opening New Understanding of Indian Cultural Sites: Donald Wells – North 2

1:30 – 2:30 PM: Wild World of Animals: Zoo Knoxville – Greenbrier 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. LIVE ANIMALS!

1:30 – 3 PM: LIMITED! Watercolor Painting: Melanie Fetterolf – Education Station 1

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2 – 3 PM: HERITAGE! A Miller's Journal: Old Mill Square – Greenbrier Hall B

2 – 3 PM: NEW! LIMITED! How Quilt Blocks Are Made: Maria Holloway – Education Station 3

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2:30 – 4 PM: NEW! Little Things Learned the Hard Way: Refining Your Backpacking Gear and Skills: Renée Michot and Jim Rigsby – North 1

3 – 4 PM: NEW! 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!

3 – 4 PM: KIDS' TRACK! Mystery Adventures: Create Your Own Smoky Mountain Mysteries: Thelma Leigh Hartigan – North 3A

Join participants will join Thelma and will 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 – Greenbrier Hall A

3 – 4:15 PM: HERITAGE! Traditional Folk Songs and Tunes of Cades Cove: Boogertown Gap Old-Time String Band – LeConte Hall Stage

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

4 – 5 PM: LIMITED! Limberjacks, Acrobats, Useful Toys, and “Granddad’s Ole Thang”: Crocia Roberson – South 1

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

4:30 – 5:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Appalachian Heritage: Those Who Have Gone On Before: Bill Landry – Greenbrier 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: HERITAGE! Best of the Smokies: Bill Deitzer – North 1

4:45 – 5:45 PM: Packing for Your Day Hike: Larry Frederick – Greenbrier Hall A

Join Larry as he covers the basic items needed to enjoy a day hike, whether unplanned or not.

4:45 – 5:15 PM: HERITAGE! 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.

5 – 6 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Pigeon Forge Memories: Panel Discussion featuring Don Huskey, Bill Barnes, Bill Allen, and Clara Quarrels Killian with Veta King, moderator – Greenbrier Hall B

Reminisce with these residents who remember the days when everybody knew everyone else and had time for long visits.

5 – 6 PM: NEW! Outdoor Classic Music Jam: Clint and Friends (Clint Carnley, Joe & Jo Dunn and John Crowe) – Farmer’s Market

Join Clint and friends as they greet guests with bluegrass, gospel and country music.

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

5:20 – 5:50 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! 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 – Greenbrier Hall A

6 – 7 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Smoky Mountain Musings and Reflections: Sam Venable – Greenbrier Hall C

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

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

Wednesday, May 10

9 – 11 AM: NEW! LIMITED! Design Your Own Bird Greeting Cards: Louise Bales – North 3A
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9:30 – 10:30 AM: HERITAGE! Logging Railroads in the Smokies: Rick Turner – Greenbrier 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 – 11 AM: NEW! LIMITED! Carving a Hummingbird Ornament, Part 1: Don Taylor – North 3B
Limit 12, ages 14+

Must bring own sharpened wood carving tools.

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9:30 – 10:30 AM: NEW! Swallowtail Surprises: Glenna Julian and Lois Worthington – North 1

10 – 11 AM: HERITAGE! Creation of Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Wilma Durpo – North 2

10 – 11 AM: Rock Formations of the Smokies: Harry Moore – Greenbrier Hall A

10 – 11 AM: NEW! LIMITED! How Quilt Blocks Are Made: Maria Holloway – Education Station 3

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.

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10:30 – 11:30 AM: HERITAGE! Smoky Mountain Weaving: Frances Fox Shambaugh – Greenbrier 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: HERITAGE! Learn to Play Spoons and Washtub Base: Boogertown Gap Old-Time String Band – LeConte Hall Stage

10:30 – 11:30 AM: LIMITED! Learn to Whittle a Wooden Mountain Flower: Jacki Proffitt – Education Station 1

Limit 8, ages 18+

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11 – Noon: NEW! HERITAGE! Great Hunters and Hounds of the Smokies: Kathy Gwinn – North 1

11 – Noon: NEW! HERITAGE! More History of Local Moonshining: Johnny “Bootlegger” Baker, Bruce Whaley and Kevin Farmer – Greenbrier Hall C

11 – Noon: KIDS’ TRACK! LIMITED! Old Time Pioneer Toys: Roy Henson – Education Station 2

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11 – Noon: NEW! Blacksmithing Demonstration: Robby Bowman – Farmers’ Market Area

11:30 – 12:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Mothers of Mountains: Exploring Appalachian Environmentalist Women: Audrey Jackson – North 2

11:30 – 12:30 PM: Wildflowers of the Southern Highlands: Jack Carman – Greenbrier Hall A

Noon – 1 PM: History of Bays Mountain Park: Rhonda Goins and Gail Stout – Greenbrier Hall B

12:30 – 1:30 PM: HERITAGE! Cemeteries of the Smokies: Their Secrets Revealed: Dr. Gail Palmer – Greenbrier 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 – Greenbrier Hall A

1:30 – 2:30 PM: Collecting and Telling Family Stories: Jim Eastin – North 3A

1:30 – 2:30 PM: HERITAGE! History of Pigeon River Pottery: Old Mill Square – Greenbrier Hall B

1:30 – 3 PM: LIMITED! Watercolor Painting: Melanie Fetterolf – Education Station 1
Limit 8

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1:30 – 4:30 PM: NEW! LIMITED! Learn to Weave a Pencil Holder: Becky Weaver – North 3B
Limit 10, ages 18+

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2 – 3 PM: HERITAGE! STORYTELLING! Death and Burial Practices of Smoky Mountain Settlers: Jim Rigsby – Greenbrier Hall C

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2:30 – 3:30 PM: Gardening on the Wild Side: Sherra Owen – North 1

2:30 – 3:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! 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 – Greenbrier Hall A

3 – 4 PM: KIDS' TRACK! Mystery Adventures: Create Your Own Smoky Mountain Mysteries: Thelma Leigh Hartigan – North 3A

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3 – 4 PM: The Lemons Hollow: Bobbie Lamons Lovell – Greenbrier Hall B
Join Bobbie as she recites and reads poetry of her upbringing in the Lemons Hollow with her grandparents.

3:30 – 4:30 PM: NEW! Fiddler of the Mountains: Attuned to the Life and Times of Johnny Mull: Dr. Eva Nell Mull Wike – Greenbrier 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: NEW! Trail of Tears Was Not Just for the Cherokee: Donald Wells – North 2

4 – 5:30 PM: Beginner Photography: Jim Eastin – North 1

4:15 – 5:30 PM: HERITAGE! Old-Time Appalachian Music Concert: Boogertown Gap Old-Time String Band – LeConte Hall Stage

4:30 – 5:30 PM: NEW! 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: NEW! Hiking for Fun and Pain: Appalachian Trail Experience: David Curran – Greenbrier Hall A

4:30 – 5:30 PM: HERITAGE! Ranger Memories of Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Joe Kelley – Greenbrier Hall B

5 – 6 PM: LIMITED! Limberjacks, Acrobats, Useful Toys, and “Granddad’s Ole Thang”: Crocia Roberson – South 1
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5 – 6 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! A Proverbs 31-Kind-of-Smoky Mountain Lady: Kathy Gwinn – Greenbrier Hall C

6 PM: Friday and Saturday Outdoor Excursion Sign-ups – Greenbrier Hall A

6:30 – 7:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Upland Chronicles of the Smokies: Carroll McMahan – Greenbrier 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: NEW! The Future of Forensics: How the Past Has Paved the Road for the Future: Dr. Bill Bass and Art Bohanan – Greenbrier Hall C
Join Dr. Bass and Art Bohanan as they discuss forensic developments and what the future of the field holds.

Thursday, May 11

9 – 10 AM: Civil War in the West: The Fall of Vicksburg: Jack Carman – North 1

9:30 – 10:30 AM: People, Plants and Their Stories: Sherra Owen – North 2

9 – 10:30 AM: LIMITED! The Art of Dowsing: Do You Have the Gift?: Charles Monday – North 3A
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9:30 – 11:30 AM: NEW! 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: HERITAGE! From Sheep to Shawl: History and Spinning Demonstration: Nancy Thompson – Greenbrier Hall A

Join Nancy as she teaches the early settlers' methods of shearing sheep, dyeing and spinning wool.

10 – 11 AM: NEW! HERITAGE! Readin', 'Ritin' and 'Rithmatic: Three R's in the Smokies: Robin Goddard – Greenbrier 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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10:30 – 11:30 AM: HERITAGE! Margaret Stevenson: The Walkingest Woman in the Smokies; Bill Deitzer – North 1

10:30 – 11:30 AM: LIMITED! Learn to Whittle a Wooden Mountain Flower: Jacki Proffitt – Education Station 1

Limit 8, ages 18+

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11 – Noon: NEW! Herb Sense/Scents: Glenna Julian and Donna Stinnett – North 2

11 – Noon: NEW! Blacksmithing Demonstration: Robby Bowman – Farmers' Market Area

11 – Noon: NEW! Learn Facts About Bobcats: Rhonda Goins and Gail Stout – Greenbrier Hall C

11 – Noon: KIDS' TRACK! LIMITED! Old Time Pioneer Toys: Roy Henson – Education Station 2

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11 – 12:30 PM: LIMITED! The Art of Dowsing: Do You Have the Gift?: Charles Monday – North 3A

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11 – 12:30 PM: NEW! LIMITED! Upcycled Paper Earrings and Gift Box: Pat K. Thomas – North 3B

Limit 12, ages 18+

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11:30 – 12:30 PM: NEW! Why You Should Write and Record Your Family's History: Dr. Eva Nell Mull Wike – Greenbrier 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).

11:30 – 12:30 PM: HERITAGE! Remembrance: Backcountry Cemeteries in the Smokies: Renée Michot and Jim Rigsby – Greenbrier Hall B

12:30 – 1:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! 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.

1 – 2 PM: NEW! Common Trees of the Tennessee Valley: Leon Bates – North 1

1 – 2 PM: NEW! Gardens, Weeds and John Barleycorn: Celebrating the Culture in Agriculture: Doug Elliott – Greenbrier Hall A

1 – 4 PM: LIMITED! Learn to Weave a Small Egg Basket: Becky Weaver – North 3B

Limit 10, ages 18+

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1:30 – 2:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! 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 – Greenbrier Hall B

1:30 – 3 PM: LIMITED! Watercolor Painting: Melanie Fetterolf – Education Station 1

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Join local guide Greg Ward as he presents this action packed fishing course on fly fishing in the Smokies and local streams.

2 – 3 PM: HERITAGE! Moonshine: What It Is and How It Is Made: Old Forge Distillery – North 2

2 – 3 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Mrs. Lydia Whaley Portrayal: Ruth Carr Miller – Greenbrier 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.

2 – 3 PM: NEW! LIMITED! How Quilt Blocks Are Made: Maria Holloway – Education Station 3
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2:30 – 3:30 PM: HERITAGE! The Epic of Elkmont: Wilma Durpo – North 1

2:30 – 3:30 PM: HERITAGE! Music of Our American Roots: Lost Mill String Band – LeConte Hall Stage

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3 – 4 PM: NEW! Biodiversity of Frozen Head State Park: Michael Hodge – Greenbrier Hall A

3 – 4 PM: American Black Bear: Things You May Not Know: Joel Zachry – Greenbrier Hall B

3:30 – 4:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Smoky Mountain Spelling Bee: Robin Goddard – Greenbrier Hall C

4 – 5 PM: A Year in the Life of a Bear: David Whitehead – North 1

4 – 5 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Following the Bell Route of the Trail of Tears: Dr. Gail Palmer – North 2

4 – 5 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! History of the Banjo in Appalachia: Boogertown Gap Old-Time String Band – LeConte Hall Stage

4:30 – 5:30 PM: NEW! The Beauty and Function of Native Plants: Jessica Taylor – Greenbrier Hall A

4:30 – 5:30 PM: NEW! Of Ginseng, Golden Apples and the Rainbow Fish: Ancient Tales and A Modern Mythic Adventure: Doug Elliott – Greenbrier Hall B

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5:30 – 6:30 PM: NEW! The Art and Science of Photographing Insects and Their Kin: Kefyn Catley – North 2

6 – 7 PM: HERITAGE! : Old Time Hymns and Songs of Faith Gospel Concert: Greenbrier Whaley Family Singers – Greenbrier Hall C

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.

7:15 – 8:15 PM: Tales from Lost: Dwight McCarter – Greenbrier 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 over 30 years.

Friday, May 12

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

9 – 10 AM: LIMITED! Wire Wrapping a Gemstone Pendant: LaDonna Twyman – North 3A
Limit 12, ages 18+
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9 – 10 AM: Civil War in the West: the Road to Nashville: Jack Carman – Greenbrier Hall A

9 – 10 AM: It's Puppy Time: Bays Mountain Puppies: Rhonda Goins and Gail Stout – Greenbrier Hall C

9 – 10:30 AM: NEW! KIDS' TRACK! LIMITED! Upcycled Paper Earrings and Gift Box: Pat K. Thomas – North 3A
Limit 12, ages 12+
Participants must preregister at Registration Table for all LIMITED! sessions.

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

10 – 11 AM: HERITAGE! The Spirit of the Black Bear: Wilma Durpo – Greenbrier 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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10:30 – 11:30 AM: HERITAGE! People Who Shaped Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Bill Deitzer – North 2

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

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

10:30 – 11:30 AM: HERITAGE! Learn to Play Spoons and Washtub Bass: Boogertown Gap Old-Time String Band – LeConte Hall Stage

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Limit 8, ages 14+
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10:30 – 1:30 PM: LIMITED! Painting the Smokies: Dick Ensing – North 3A
Limit 15, ages 18+
Participants must bring a #2 flat brush.

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11 – Noon: NEW! HERITAGE! Old Timer’s Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration and Sampling: Cades Cove Preservation Association – Farmers’ Market Area

11:30 – 12:30 PM: Eye-Dentification: Clay Thurston – North 1

Join Clay as he presents this fun and educational way to identify wildlife. Ge 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 – Greenbrier 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: NEW! HERITAGE! Smoky Mountain Origins of the White Caps: Don Williams – Greenbrier 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: NEW! 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: NEW! HERITAGE! 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: NEW! Life & Legacy of Arthur Stupka: Dr. Don Linzey – Greenbrier 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 has 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: NEW! LIMITED! Acrylic Painting Party: Melanie Fetterolf – Education Station 1

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3 – 4 PM: Wild Hog Management: Are We Too Late?: David Whitehead – North 2

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3 – 4 PM: Ranger Family Recollections: Joe Kelley and Sons – Greenbrier Hall B

3 – 4 PM: Possumology: Doug Elliott – Greenbrier 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.

3 – 4 PM: KIDS' TRACK! LIMITED! Recyclemania: Keep Sevier Beautiful – Education Station 2
Participants must preregister at Registration Table for all LIMITED! sessions.

3 – 4:30 PM: How to Look At and Critique Imagery: Colby McLemore – North 1

4:35 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! 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 the Boyds Creek Church of God Choir, as well as 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 KSB's booth during Wilderness Wildlife Week). Admission and entertainment are free!

Saturday, May 13

9 – 10 AM: NEW! LIMITED! Learn to Make Gemstone Earrings: LaDonna Twyman – North 3A
Limit 12, ages 18+
Participants must preregister at Registration Table for all LIMITED! sessions.

9 – Noon: LIMITED! Learn to Weave a Small Footstool: David Weaver – North 3B
Limit 10 (one footstool per family), ages 18+
Participants must preregister at Registration Table for all LIMITED! sessions.

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

9 – 5 PM: Special Hours for Photo Contest in LeConte Hall North.

9:30 – 10:30 AM: NEW! HERITAGE! Uncivil Conflict in the Coves: The Civil War in the Southern Appalachians: Mark Davidson – North 2

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

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

10 – 11 AM: NEW! HERITAGE! Mills of Cades Cove: Bernard Myers – Greenbrier Hall B

10 – 11 AM: NEW! LIMITED! How Quilt Blocks Are Made: Maria Holloway – Education Station 3
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.
Limit 10
Participants must preregister at Registration Table for all LIMITED! sessions.

10:30 – 11:30 AM: LIMITED! Learn to Whittle a Wooden Mountain Flower: Jacki Proffitt – Education Station 1
Limit 8, ages 18+
Participants must preregister at Registration Table for all LIMITED! sessions.

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

11 – Noon: NEW! KIDS' TRACK! 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.

11 – Noon: KIDS' TRACK! LIMITED! Be a Junior Bear Curator for Appalachian Bear Rescue: ABR K-8 Education Team – North 3A
Limit 20, ages 8+
Participants must preregister at Registration Table for all LIMITED! sessions.

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

11 – Noon: Bear Encounters of the Worst Kind: What to Do?: Kim Delozier – Greenbrier 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.”

11 – Noon: HERITAGE! Ballads of the Smoky Mountains: Boogertown Gap Old-Time String Band and Brenda Dawson – LeConte Hall Stage

11 – Noon: KIDS’ TRACK! LIMITED! Old Time Pioneer Toys: Roy Henson – Education Station 2
Limit 16
Participants must preregister at Registration Table for all LIMITED! sessions.

11:30 – 12:30 PM: HERITAGE! The People of Cades Cove: Missy Tipton Green and Paulette Ledbetter – Greenbrier Hall B

12:30 – 1:30 PM: NEW! 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 – Greenbrier Hall A

12:30 – 1:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Appalachian Stories and Mountain Ballads: Elizabeth Rose – Greenbrier Hall C

12:45 – 1:45 PM: LIMITED! Limberjacks, Acrobats, Useful Toys, and “Granddad’s Ole Thang”: Crocia Roberson – South 1
Limit 30. Preregister at registration table.
Participants must preregister at Registration Table for all LIMITED! sessions.

1 – 2 PM: NEW! Meet Our Neighbors: The American Black Bear: ABR K-8 Education Team – North 3A

1 – 2 PM: KIDS’ TRACK! A Bodacious Kids Cartooning Workshop: John Rose, Snuffy Smith cartoonist – North 3B
Participants must bring own pencils and notepad to draw on. Preregister at information table.
Limit 30

1 – 2 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Civil War in Cades Cove: Larry Sparks – Greenbrier Hall B

1:30 – 3 PM: NEW! LIMITED! Acrylic Painting Party: Melanie Fetterolf – Education Station 1
Limit 8
Participants must preregister at Registration Table for all LIMITED! sessions.

1:30 – 3:30 PM: Commanding Composition: Colby McLemore – North 1

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](#).

2 – 3 PM: NEW! Endemic Salamanders of the Southern Appalachians: Chris Ogle – Greenbrier Hall A

2 – 3 PM: Everybody’s Fishin’: A Cross-Cultural Fishing Extravaganza: Doug Elliott – Greenbrier Hall C

2 – 3 PM: NEW! LIMITED! How Quilt Blocks Are Made: Maria Holloway – Education Station 3
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.

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2 – 3:30 PM: HERITAGE! 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.

2:30 – 3:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! What is It?: Unusual Items from the Cades Cove Preservation Association Museum: David Cummings and Gloria Motter – Greenbrier Hall B

2:30 – 5:30 PM: LIMITED! Painting the Smokies: Dick Ensing – North 3B

Limit 15, ages 18+

Participants must bring a #2 flat brush.

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3 – 4 PM: KIDS’ TRACK! Mystery Adventures: Create Your Own Smoky Mountain Mysteries: Thelma Leigh Hartigan – North 3A

Join participants will join Thelma and will 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: NEW! Let’s Talk Trash in Bear Country: Joey Holt – North 2

3:30 – 4:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Great Smoky Mountains Park Commission: Past, Present and Future: John LeCroy – Greenbrier Hall A

4 – 5 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! Loggin’ ‘Em Mountains: Two Million Broad Feet: Joel Zachry – Greenbrier 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 – 6 PM: Advanced SLR Flower Photography: Robert Hutson – North 1

4:30 – 5:30 PM: KIDS’ TRACK! 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: NEW! HERITAGE! From Sugarlands to Clingman’s Dome: Allen Coggins – Greenbrier 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 – Greenbrier Hall C

5:30 – 6:30 PM: NEW! HERITAGE! The Unique History and People of Sevier County: Carroll McMahan – Greenbrier Hall B

6 – 7 PM: Photography Contest Pickup: Sherry Lutes and Event Volunteers – LeConte Hall Concourse

7 PM: NEW! Locating and Enjoying Birds of the Smokies: Ken Jenkins – Greenbrier Hall C