



The 2017 Reenactment Schedule

Final

Following is a day-by-day schedule of the reenactment including a short description of each day's walk, logistics and planned activities. Last minute changes to the schedule will likely occur so please be patient when that happens.

The OVTA is being called on to participate in many more community celebrations and school programming venues than in the past. As a result, much of the traditional road walking activities have been adjusted to meet those demands.

Trail walking information follows the detail schedule. This information is a work in progress and needs a lot of updating. Information for the updates is being collected.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

John Sevier Chapter

5:00am Caravan will leave the Walmart Parking lot at Clinton/Norris Exit 122 on I-75
10:00am Isaac Shelby Memorial Isaac Shelby Cemetery State Historic Site, Stanford, KY
6:00pm John Sevier Memorial Old Courthouse, Knoxville, TN

“ISAAC SHELBY MEMORIAL”, STANFORD, KY

5:00am Caravan will leave the Walmart Parking lot at Clinton/Norris Exit 122 on I-75
10:00am Isaac Shelby Memorial Isaac Shelby Cemetery State Historic Site, Stanford, KY
Lunch provided

Address: Isaac Shelby Cemetery State Historic Site, Stanford, KY

Directions: The cemetery is five miles south of Danville off US 127. It is located on Kentucky Route 300 (E. Knob Lick Road) between Stanford and Junction City. The drive way to the site is about ½ mile east of the Hwy 127 and 300 intersections, which is across the street from 6770 Ky-300, Stanford, KY. The militia caravan will leave the Walmart Parking lot at Clinton/Norris Exit 122 on I-75 at 5:00 a.m.

“JOHN SEVIER MEMORIAL”, KNOXVILLE, TN

6:00pm John Sevier Memorial Old Courthouse, Knoxville, TN
Evening meal provided

Address: Old Courthouse, 300 Main Avenue, Knoxville, TN

Daily Support: Breakfast on your own. Lunch: Group meal provided to participants by JSC-OVTA in Junction City, KY,

Dinner: Group meal provided to participants by JSC-OVTA in Knoxville, TN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

“JOHN SEVIER CHAPTER”, TOWNSEND, TN

7:30pm David Whaley cookout Sundown Resort pavilion

John Sevier daily support: David Whaley cookout at Sundown Resort pavilion (adjacent to Great Smoky Mountain Heritage)
Camp: Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center Parking lot, 123 Cromwell Drive, Townsend, TN

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

6:00pm	TN SAR District meeting John Sevier Chapter	Farmhouse Gallery (meal and meeting)
7:30am	Breakfast	provided by JSC-OVTA
9:00am	Blount Co School Day	Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center
11:00am	Lunch	provided by JSC-OVTA

“TN SAR 1ST DISTRICT MEETING”, UNICOI, TN

6:00pm	TN SAR District meeting	Farmhouse Gallery (meal and meeting)
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SAR Guest Speaker: Nancy Ayers, Geneologist, Washington Historical Society on Daniel Boone
 Spouses, State Representatives, Special Guests and potential new members are encouraged to attend.
 \$15 (pay at the door). Casual clothes recommended. Please RSVP to Dave Carr. (423) 390-1313. This is a SAR District meeting.
 SAR will take care of the program.

Address: Farmhouse Gallery, 121 Covered Bridge Ln, Unicoi, TN

Directions: I26 exit 27 Okolona Rd, turn north toward S Roan St, right on S Roan St, (less than ¼ mi S Roan becomes Unicoi Rd), go about 2.1 mi, turn left on Covered Bridge Ln

GPS Coordinates: 36.34977 / -82.38135

Contact: Ronnie Lail 423-914-8677

Daily Support: No other meals provided. Go home or hotel for the night.

“BLOUNT CO SCHOOL DAY”, TOWNSEND, TN

John Sevier Chapter

7:30am	Breakfast	provided by JSC-OVTA
9:00am	Blount Co School Day	Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center
11:00am	Lunch	provided by JSC-OVTA

John Sevier Chapter: Rockford, Fairview, Carpenters, Montvale, Townsend, Wallace Elementary Schools (Blount Co Schools). Expect 360 students.

Address: Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center, 123 Cromwell Drive, Townsend, TN

John Sevier Daily Support: Breakfast provided on site for programmers at 7:30 a.m. by JSC-OVTA. Lunch provided on site for programmers at 11:00 a.m. by JSC-OVTA. Dinner on your own,

Camp: Riverbend Campground, 2479 Riverbend Loop #1, Pigeon Forge, TN (we have only one site and campground is sold out, they will allow individual vehicles on our site)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

11:00am	Lunch for OVTA and Volunteers	Bluff City Riverfront Pavilion Park
12:00noon-3:00pm	Bluff City School Day (lunch provided)	Bluff City Middle School
2:30pm	Weaver Cemetery Grave marking	SAR marking
5:00pm	SAR reception and dinner	Food City Market Depot
	John Sevier Chapter program	
7:30am	Breakfast	On site
9:00am	Sevier Co School Day	Pigeon Forge Community Center
11:00am	Lunch	On site
8:00pm	Public program	Riverbend Campground

“BLUFF CITY SCHOOL DAY”, BLUFF CITY, TN

11:00am	Lunch for OVTA and Volunteers	Bluff City Riverfront Pavilion Park
12:00noon-3:00pm	Bluff City School Day (lunch provided)	Bluff City Middle School

Bluff City School Day is a half day program to be held in the gym of the Bluff City Middle School as well as marching students down Choate's Ford trail to the river. This year the School has 5th thru 8th grades so the School will be divided into 2 groups. The OVTA will lead the story-telling in the gym, then proceed with the march down to the river for the mock gun volley. OVTA will man several rotating stations. Students will participate in the storytelling, walking tour, rotating educational stations, exhibits, and artistic interpretive competition either in Essay, Model, Poster or Period Dress and Dramatic interpretation from the historical account of the Battle of Kings Mountain. The program will conclude with awards and recognition to each of the winners from the competition.

Address: Bluff City Middle School, 337 Carter Street, Bluff City, TN

Directions:

GPS Coordinates: N 36.47217 W 82.25968

Contact: Ambre Torbett

“WEAVER CEMETERY DEDICATION”, BLUFF CITY, TN

2:30pm	Weaver Cemetery grave marking	SAR marking
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Weaver Cemetery Grave marking (SAR): SAR grave marking honoring five Revolutionary War Patriots: William Carr, Rev. Joseph Rhea, Sr. (militia chaplain), Joseph Rhea Jr., Matthew Rhea, and William Rutledge

Address: Weaver Cemetery, 132 Peoples Road at Weaver Pike, Bristol, TN

Directions:

GPS Coordinates: 36.524829865 / -82.185409

Contact: Ronnie Lail 423-914-8677

“SAR RECEPTION & DINNER”, JOHNSON CITY, TN

5:00pm	SAR reception	Food City Market Depot Room
6:00pm	SAR dinner	Food City Market Depot Room

The reception and dinner is hosted by Kings Mountain SAR Chapter. The cost is \$18. Contact Dave Carr 423-390-1313 for reservation.

Address: Food City Market Depot Room (upstairs front inside), 920 North State of Franklin Road, Johnson City.

Contact: Dave Carr at (423) 390-1313, for reservations.

Daily Support: Lunch provided. Breakfast and dinner meals on your own. Go home or hotel for the night.

“SEVIER CO SCHOOL DAY”, PIGEON FORGE, TN

John Sevier Chapter

7:30am	Breakfast	On site
9:00am	Sevier Co School Day	Pigeon Forge Community Center
11:00am	Lunch	On site
8:00pm	Public program	Riverbend Campground

John Sevier Heritage School Day 2017 for Sevier County, 435 students

Address: Pigeon Forge Community Center (Old Fort Wear Site), 170 Community Center Drive, Pigeon Forge, TN

Address: Riverbend Campground, 2479 Riverbend Loop #1, Pigeon Forge, TN

Daily Support: Breakfast provided on site for programmers at 7:30 a.m. by JSC-OVTA. Lunch provided on site for programmers at 11:00 a.m. by JSC-OVTA. Dinner on your own.

Camp: River Bend Campground, 2479 Riverbend Loop #1, Pigeon Forge, TN (we have only one site and campground is sold out, they will allow individual vehicles on our site)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

10:00am	SAR Gathering John Sevier Chapter	Sycamore Shoals State Park
2:00pm	Pigeon Forge public program	Patriot Park

“SAR GATHERING”, SYCAMORE SHOALS STATE PARK, ELIZABETHTON, TN

10:00am	SAR Gathering	Sycamore Shoals State Park
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The story of the gathering at Sycamore Shoals, presentation of wreaths, Color Guard display of colors, special displays of life at the shoals, and musket volleys. Museum will be open. SAR will take care of program

Address: Sycamore Shoals State Park, 1651 West Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN, Park phone 423-543-5808

Directions: Sycamore Shoals State Park is located on US 19E (West Elk Avenue) as you enter Elizabethton from the west.

GPS Coordinates: 36.343125 / - 82.25112

Contact: Ronnie Lail 423-914-8677

Daily Support: No meals provided. Go home or hotel for the night.

John Sevier Chapter

2:00pm	Pigeon Forge public program	Patriot Park
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Address: Patriot Park, 186 Old Mill Avenue, Pigeon Forge, TN

Daily Support: All meals on your own (many restaurants close by).

Note: Parking at Patriot Park will be limited, so we must arrive at 6:00 a.m. in order to ensure space for parking.

Camp: Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park, 1245 Davy Crockett Park Road, Limestone, TN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

“BELL RINGING CONSITUTION DAY”, JONESBOROUGH, TN

1:30pm	Bell Ringing Constitution Day John Sevier Chapter Free day	Oak Hill School
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Address: Oak Hill School, 212 E. Sabin St, Jonesborough.

Directions:

GPS Coordinates: N 36.29658 W 82.47209

Contact: Carol Redmond, logcabinfor2@gmail.com 423-646-2424

Daily Support: No meals provided. Go home or hotel for the night.

John Sevier Chapter

Free day. On your own for the day including meals.

Camp: David Crockett Birthplace State Park

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00am-2:00pm	Carter Co School Day John Sevier Chapter	Roan Mountain Community Park (lunch provided)
9:00am	Greene Co School Day	Camp Creek Elementary
1:00pm	Greene Co School Day	DeBusk Elementary

“CARTER CO SCHOOL DAY”, ROAN MOUNTAIN, TN

9:00am-2:00pm	Carter Co School Day	Roan Mountain Community Park (lunch provided)
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Event will have about 8 rotating stations plus the story of the Overmountain Campaign. Schools participating are Central, Cloudland, Hampton, Happy Valley, Hunter, Keensburg, Little Milligan, Unaka, Valley Forge elementary schools. Some OVTA participation.

Address: Roan Mountain Community Park: 146 Carter Street, Roan Mountain, TN 37687

Directions: South on Highway 19E from Elizabethton

GPS Coordinates: 36.200176, -82.074684

Contact: Mel McKay 423-930-5552

Walk the trail: Roan Mountain Community Park trail

Daily Support: Lunch provided. Breakfast and dinner meals not provided. Go home or hotel for the night.

“GREENE CO SCHOOL DAY”, GREENEVILLE, TN

John Sevier Chapter

9:00am	Greene Co School Day	Camp Creek Elementary
1:00pm	Greene Co School Day	DeBusk Elementary

John Sevier Heritage School Day 2017 for Greene County at Camp Creek Elementary, 150 students, DeBusk Elementary, 150 students

Address: Camp Creek Elementary, 2941 Camp Creek Road, Greeneville, TN

Address: DeBusk Elementary, 740 DeBusk Road, Greeneville, TN

John Sevier Daily Support: Meals on your own

Camp: Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park, 1245 Davy Crockett Park Road, Limestone, TN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

“ OPEN” DAY

9:00am	John Sevier Chapter	
	Nolichucky River crossing	Jackson Bridge
2:00pm	Tuesday at Two	Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center
6:00pm	James Sevier Memorial	Next door to Larry Thompson Farms

Address:

Directions:

GPS Coordinates:

Contact:

Daily Support:

John Sevier Chapter:

Note: Those who are interested may use the extra time to explore John Sevier's home site at Mount Pleasant, or John Sevier's home site at Plum Grove

Address: Nolichucky River Crossing, Jackson Bridge, Jackson Bridge Road, Limestone, TN

Directions: 1 mile north of Hwy 107 and Jackson Bridge Road intersection. Hwy 107 is also known as John Sevier Hwy.

Address: Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center, 123 Cromwell Drive, Townsend, TN

Address: James Sevier Memorial, Next door to Larry Thompson Farms, 236 Charlie Carson Road, Jonesborough, TN

John Sevier Daily Support: Meals on your own

Camp: Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park, 1245 Davy Crockett Park Road, Limestone, TN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

“ABINGDON CALL TO ARMS” SCHOOL DAYS, ABINGDON, VA

9:00am-2:00pm	Abingdon Call to Arms School Day 1	Abingdon Muster Grounds
4:00pm	Rev Samuel Doak Memorial service & public program	Salem Presbyterian Church

Washington, Smith, Russell County, and other Virginia school programs. Expecting 500+ children each day.

Town of Abingdon is managing all programming. OVTA marchers may be asked to participate on an as-needed basis only.

Address: Muster Grounds, 1780 Muster Place, Abingdon. Phone for Abingdon Muster Grounds 276-525-1050

Directions: to The Muster Ground, Take exit 15 off I-81. Turn left and travel pass McDonalds about 1/2 mile to Highway 11. Turn right onto Highway 11. Go approximately .75 miles to Colonial Road and turn right. There is a sign for the city of

Abingdon at this intersection. Follow Colonial road about 1/3 mile. The Muster Ground is on the right.

GPS Coordinates: Lat 36°42'15.44"N Long 81°59'35.51"W

Washington County

Contact: Leigh Ann Surber 276-525-1050.

Walk the trail: Muster Grounds trail. See Walk the Trail information at the end of the detailed schedule.

Daily Support: Breakfast and supper on your own. Showers on site in the carriage house. Stores, gas, laundry & restaurants nearby.

Camping: Sleep in your vehicle, set up your own tent or local motels.

“REV SAMUEL DOAK MEMORIAL”

4:00pm Rev Samuel Doak Memorial service & public program Salem Presbyterian Church

Directions: Salem Presbyterian Church, 147 Washington College Road, Limestone, TN

John Sevier Daily Support: Meals on your own

Camp: David Crockett Birthplace State Park, 1245 Davy Crockett Park Road, Limestone, TN

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00am-2:00pm Abingdon Call to Arms School Day 2 Abingdon Muster Grounds

John Sevier Chapter

10:00am Robert Young Memorial Robert Young Cemetery

6:00pm Jonesborough public program Main Street, Jonesborough

“ABINGDON CALL TO ARMS” SCHOOL DAYS, ABINGDON, VA

9:00am-2:00pm Abingdon Call to Arms School Day 2 Abingdon Muster Grounds

See Wednesday above for Abingdon schedule and information

Walk the trail: Muster Grounds trail. See Walk the Trail information at the end of the detailed schedule.

John Sevier Chapter

10:00am Robert Young Memorial Robert Young Cemetery

Address: Robert Young Cemetery, across the street from 2203 McKinley Road, Johnson City, TN

GPS Coordinates: N 36.30480 W 82.39096

6:00pm Jonesborough public program Main Street, Jonesborough

Address: Jonesborough public program, in front of period log cabin located at 118 W Main Street, Jonesborough, TN

GPS Coordinates: N 36.29401 W 82.47443

John Sevier Daily Support: Meals on your own.

Camp: Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park, 1651 W Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00am-2:00pm Abingdon Call to Arms School Day 3 Rocky Mount State Historic Site

9:00am-2:00pm Rocky Mount School Day Rocky Mount State Historic Site

12:00pm Lunch provided at Rocky Mount

John Sevier Chapter Abingdon “Call to Arms”

“ABINGDON CALL TO ARMS” SCHOOL DAYS, ABINGDON, VA

9:00am-2:00pm Abingdon Call to Arms School Day 3

See Wednesday above for Abingdon schedule and information

Walk the trail: Muster Grounds trail. See Walk the Trail information at the end of the detailed schedule.

“ROCKY MOUNT SCHOOL DAY”, ROCKY MOUNT

9:00am-2:00pm	Rocky Mount School Day	Rocky Mount State Historic Site
12:00pm	Lunch provided at Rocky Mount	

Address: Rocky Mount State Historic Site, 500 Hyder Road, Piney Flats, TN. Phone number (423) 538-7396.

Directions: Rocky Mount Historic Site is located on Hyder Road just off US 11E about 5 miles north of Johnson City, Tennessee. There are several directional signs that lead you to the site. There is a large entrance sign on Highway 11E just before you turn onto Hyder Road. The park entrance is about 100 feet up Hyder Road from US 11E.

GPS Coordinates: N 36.40765 W 82.33778

Contact: Sam Wegner 504-444-2888

Daily Support: Breakfast on your own. Lunch provided. Showers, Hot water, Restrooms. Small convenient stores and gasoline nearby. Larger stores 5 miles away in Johnson City.

Camping: Camp at Rocky Mount Historic Site: Marchers may pitch a tent, sleep in their vehicles in the parking lot or find a local motel.

John Sevier Chapter

Go to the Muster Grounds in Abingdon

Address: Muster Grounds, 1780 Muster Place, Abingdon. Phone for Abingdon Muster Grounds 276-525-1050

Directions to The Muster Ground, Take exit 15 off I-81. Turn left and travel pass McDonalds about 1/2 mile to Highway 11. Turn right onto Highway 11. Go approximately .75 miles to Colonial Road and turn right. There is a sign for the city of Abingdon at this intersection. Follow Colonial road about 1/3 mile. The Muster Ground is on the right.

GPS Coordinates: N 36.70445 W 81.99399

John Sevier Daily Support: Meals on your own.

Camp: Muster Grounds

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00am-2:00pm	Abingdon Public Call to Arms	Abingdon Muster Grounds	Abingdon, VA
10:00 am	Wolf Creek Restoration Dedication and Ribbon Cutting		
10:00am-4:00pm	Washington Co Regiment Muster	Sycamore Shoals State Park	Elizabethton, TN
11:00am	OVTA Kings Mountain story	Abingdon Muster Grounds	
3:00 pm	John Brody wreath laying	Brody Cemetery	Saltville, VA
3:45 pm	William Campbell grave	Aspenvale Cemetery	Marion, VA
7:00pm-9:00pm	Lantern tours	Sycamore Shoals State Park	Elizabethton, TN
	John Sevier Chapter		
2:00pm	Cabela public program	Cabela Store	Bristol, VA
8:00pm	Abingdon public program	The Tavern Restaurant	Abingdon, VA
	Eastern leg program		
6:30pm-8:30pm	Wilkes/Surry Chapter Public Campfire Program		Grounds of New Elkin Heritage Center

“ABINGDON PUBLIC CALL TO ARMS”, ABINGDON, VA

9:00am-2:00pm	Abingdon Public Call to Arms	Abingdon Muster Grounds	Abingdon, VA
10:00 am	Wolf Creek Restoration Dedication and Ribbon Cutting		
11:00am	OVTA Kings Mountain story	Abingdon Muster Grounds	

Address: Abingdon Muster Grounds, 1780 Muster Place, Abingdon, VA. Phone for Abingdon Muster Grounds 276-525-1050
See Wednesday schedule for directions and more details.

Walk the trail: Muster Grounds trail. See Walk the Trail information at the end of the detailed schedule.

“WASHINGTON CO REGIMENT MUSTER”, ELIZABETHTON, TN

10:00am-4:00pm	Washington Co Regiment Muster Sycamore Shoals State Park	Elizabethton, TN
7:00pm-9:00pm	Lantern tours Sycamore Shoals State Park	Elizabethton, TN

Address: Sycamore Shoals State Park, 1651 West Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN, 423-543-5808

Directions: The park is located on US 19E (West Elk Avenue) as you enter Elizabethton from the west.

GPS Coordinates: 36.343125 / - 82.25112

Wreath laying

3:00 pm	John Brody wreath laying	Broady Cemetery	Saltville, VA
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Address: Broady Cemetery, 30291-30437 Rich Valley Rd, Meadowview, VA

Directions: I81, exit 24 Highway 80 toward Meadowview .3 mile, left on Highway 80/Glenbrook Ave .6 mile, right on Highway 80/Lindell Rd 4.8 mile, right on Rich Valley Rd 4.4 mile, turn left 449 ft, then slight left 469 ft

GPS Coordinates: 36.8381613/ -81.8398409

3:45 pm	William Campbell grave	Aspenvale Cemetery	Marion, VA
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Address: Aspenvale Cemetery, 303 Seven Mile Rd, Marion, VA

Directions: I81, VA exit 39, turn south on US 11, follow US 11 and Seven Mile Rd to destination (303 Seven Mile Rd, private home). A sign points the way to a gravel path that goes up a steep hill and ends at a driveway of the private residence. Just short of the house you can pull off into the grass to see the cemetery. Fifteen minutes should be enough, for it is not very big. Campbell family plot is located behind the Preston family plot, both contained within the stone wall. William Campbell's grave is marked with a large, modern grave stone made from a slab of granite

Encamp: Abingdon Muster Grounds **Actual:** Abingdon Campbell

John Sevier Chapter

2:00pm	Cabela public program	Cabela Store	Bristol, VA
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Address: Cabela's, 361 Cabela Drive, Bristol, VA

8:00pm	Abingdon public program	The Tavern Restaurant	Abingdon, VA
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Address: The Tavern Restaurant, 222 E Main St, Abingdon, VA

John Sevier Daily Support: Meals on your own

Camp: Abingdon Muster Grounds, 170 Muster Place, Abingdon, VA or Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park, 1651 W Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN

Eastern leg program

6:30pm-8:30pm	Wilkes/Surry Chapter Public Campfire Program
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Wilkes/Surry Chapter Public Campfire Program - Music, Story of Kings Mountain, and light refreshments. Bring chairs or blanket

Address: Grounds of New Elkin Heritage Center (old Phillips Smith Lumber building), 257 Standard Street, Elkin, NC 28621

Contact: Mary Bohlen 336-973-1739 or cell 704 880 1712

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

10am	OVTA Kings Mountain story	Abingdon Muster Grounds
10:00am-3:00pm	Washington Co Regiment Muster	Sycamore Shoals, Elizabethton, TN
12:30pm	Cold Springs Church Cemetery	lunch following at Pemberton Oak
3:30pm	Choates Ford River Crossing and public program	

7:00pm

Rocky Mount Public Program
John Sevier Chapter Sycamore Shoals Muster

Rocky Mount State Historic Site

This morning you are on your own. Meet at Cold Springs Church Cemetery for memorial service. After the memorial service move to Pemberton Oak for lunch. After lunch head to Bluff City to cross the river at Choates Ford. After the crossing OVTA will tell the story to the public. After the story head to Rocky Mount for the evening program (OVTA).

12:30pm

Cold Springs Church Cemetery

Address: Cold Springs Church Cemetery across road from Cold Springs Church, 280 Cold Spring Church Rd, Bristol, TN

Directions: South from Abingdon on State Highway 75. This turns to TN State Hwy 44 at the TN/VA state line. Cold Springs Church Road is the 2nd right after crossing into Tennessee, about 12 miles from Abingdon.

GPS Coordinates: N 36.57388 W 82.06710

Contact: Tom Vaughn 423-366-8639

Address: Pemberton Oak, 1152 Pemberton Road, Bristol, TN

Directions: Cold Spring Church Road to Hwy 44. Turn Right. At the Stop Sign at Darter's Store, turn right on Hwy 421 toward Bristol. In about 100 yards Turn Left onto Pemberton Rd

GPS Coordinates: N 36.56354 W 82.07283

Contact: Tom Vaughn, 423-366-8639

“WASHINGTON CO REGIMENT MUSTER”, ELIZABETHTON, TN

10:00am-3:00pm

Washington Co Regiment Muster (Sycamore Shoals, Elizabethton, TN)

“CHOATES FORD RIVER CROSSING”, BLUFF CITY, TN

3:30pm

Choates Ford River Crossing and public program

OVTA will tell the story after the river crossing

Address: Choates Ford, 4175 Bluff City Hwy, Bluff City, TN

Directions: Meet at the Bluff City Riverside Pavilion. Choates Ford, Intersection of Bluff City Hwy/Rt 390 and Bridge Street/Holston Drive. Either Walk or carpool from the Pavilion to the crossing site on the far side of the river. A program will be held immediately after the crossing on the island of B&B Campground.

GPS Coordinates: N 36.47617 W 82.26314

Contact: ?????

Walk the trail: Choates Ford Trail, Bluff City. See Walk the Trail information at the end of the detailed schedule.

“ROCKY MOUNT PUBLIC PROGRAM”, PINEY FLATTS, TN

7:00pm

Rocky Mount Public Program Rocky Mount State Historic Site

OVTA will do the program. Rocky Mount will provide the evening meal.

Address: Rocky Mount State Historic Site, 500 Hyder Road, Piney Flats, TN. Phone number (423) 538-7396.

Directions: Rocky Mount Historic Site is located on Hyder Road just off US 11E about 5 miles north of Johnson City, Tennessee. There are several directional signs that lead you to the site. There is a large entrance sign on Highway 11E just before you turn onto Hyder Road. The park entrance is about 100 feet up Hyder Road from US 11E.

GPS Coordinates: N 36.40765 W 82.33778

Contact: Sam Wegner (423) 538-7396

Daily Support: Breakfast on your own. Showers, hot water, restrooms at Rocky Mount. Small convenient stores and gasoline nearby. Larger stores 5 miles away in Johnson City. Camp at Rocky Mount Historic Site. Marchers may pitch a tent, sleep in their vehicles in the parking lot or find a local motel.

Encamp: Rocky Mount **Actual:** Ft Womack

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

“SYCAMORE SHOALS SCHOOL DAY”, ELIZABETHTON, TN

9:00am-12:45pm

Sycamore Shoals School Day

2:00pm	Watauga River crossing with public program to follow
5:30pm	Supper Sycamore Shoals visitor's center museum

Sycamore Shoals State Park was the first Trail site to be certified in 1986.
 Sycamore Shoals will be in charge of their School Day and may ask for some help from OVTA. All 4th grades in Elizabethton School system are invited. OVTA will do the public program after the river crossing.
 To cross the river you are advised to wear an old pair of tennis shoes to wade the river. The rocks are quite slick and can bruise your feet. The water is about 2 1/2 feet at its deepest (mid-thigh).

Address: Sycamore Shoals State Park, 1651 West Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN, 423-543-5808

Directions: The park is located on US 19E (West Elk Avenue) as you enter Elizabethton from the west.

GPS Coordinates: N 36.34337 W 82.25087

Contact: Park Staff (423) 543-5808

Walk the trail: Rocky Mount trail. See Walk the Trail information at the end of the detailed schedule.

Walk the trail: Sycamore Shoals trails. See Walk the Trail information at the end of the detailed schedule.

Contact:

Daily Support: Supper provided by the Julius Dugger Chapter and the John Carter Chapter of the DAR in the Sycamore Shoals visitor's center. Breakfast and lunch on your own. Showers and restrooms available in the museum basement. Laundry, gasoline, and a wide variety of stores including Wal-Mart are close by. Camping: Sleep in vehicles or pitch a tent.

Encamp: Sycamore Shoals **Actual:** Sycamore Shoals

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

10:00am	Rev Doak Sermon	Sycamore Shoals
	Guided tour of historical areas	following Doak sermon

Eastern leg program

8:30am-2:30pm	Wilkes/Surry School Day	Elkin Municipal Park
9:30am-1:30pm	"A Call to Freedom" School Day	Catawba Meadows Park, Morganton, NC

"SHELVING ROCK DAY", ROAN MOUNTAIN, TN

10:00am	Rev Doak sermon	Sycamore Shoals
Tour start after Doak sermon		

Mel McKay has a tour planned of historic sites in the area: Carter Mansion, Covered Bridge Park, Watauga Fort Monument, Mary Patton gravesite, Gap Creek Monument, Shelving Rock; followed by a public program at the Roan Mountain Community Park. We will need a minimum of two people to go to Morganton to man "The Story" station on Tuesday and Thursday. Tour will depart Sycamore Shoals State Park after Doak Sermon.

Address: Shelving Rock, McMahan Gibbs Road, Roan Mountain, TN 37687

Directions: Shelving Rock is located 25 miles south of Elizabethton. Travel from Elizabethton on US 19-E. Turn right onto SR143 in the Village of Roan Mountain. Shelving Rock is located on your right about 1.5 miles along SR 143.

GPS Coordinates: N 36.18332 W 82.07518

Address: Roan Mountain Community Park, 142 Carter Street, Roan Mountain, TN 37687

Directions: off of Highway 321/19E, behind US Post Office

GPS Coordinates: N 36.20008 W 82.07466

Contact: Mel McKay, 423-930-5552

Daily Support: Supper provided by Roan Mountain Community Foundation at Roan Mountain Community Park

Encamp: Shelving Rock/Roan Mountain Community Park **Actual:** Shelving Rock/Resting Grounds

Eastern leg program

"LIVING HISTORY TOUR", ELKIN, NC

8:30am-2:30pm	Wilkes/Surry School Day	Elkin Municipal Park
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Schools from Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes Counties, 300-400 students

Address: Elkin Municipal Park, 399 North Carolina 268 W, Elkin, NC

Contact: Mary Bohlen 336-973-1739 or cell 704 880 1712

“A CALL TO FREEDOM”, MORGANTON, NC

9:00am-1:30pm “A Call to Freedom” School Day Catawba Meadows Park, Morganton, NC

“Call to Arms”, about 1,150 (575 per day) 4th graders from public, private, charter, and home schools will be at Catawba Meadows Park on Tuesday and Thursday to learn about frontier life in Burke County in 1780 and the role Burke County played in the American Revolution. They will rotate through more than a dozen learning stations to hear storytelling and colonial music, learn colonial games, and discover how children their age lived here 237 years ago. (This event is only for fourth graders.)

Address: Catawba Meadows Park, 701 Sanford Dr, Morganton, NC

Rain location: Main Gymnasium at Freedom High School. If either or both of the Living History Days are moved to the Main Gymnasium at Freedom High School due to rain, the Annual Marchers who will be with us should enter the main entrance; someone at the gate can direct them to parking or they are welcome to call Linda Lindsey at 828-448-2923.

Address: Freedom High School, 511 Independence Boulevard, Morganton and the phone numbers to call are my

Contact: If it is raining contact Linda Lindsey mobile (828-448-2923) or Almon Carr's mobile (828-739-7529).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00am Walk Yellow Mountain Shelving Rock
Eastern leg program
8:30am-2:30pm Wilkes/Surry School Day Wilkes Heritage Museum

“YELLOW MOUNTAIN”, ROAN MOUNTAIN, TN

9:00am Walk Yellow Mountain Shelving Rock

Carpool from Roan Mountain Community Park to Hampton Cove Trailhead. Hike from the Hampton Cove Wildlife TrailHead up and over Yellow Mountain (about a 2500 foot elevation climb). Carpool to the North Carolina side of Yellow Mountain Gap. Take a short hike from the road terminal to the crossing of the OVNHT and AppyTrail.

Address: Riverside Elementary School, 8020 US19-E South, Newland, NC

Directions: 20.6 miles from Roan Mountain Community Park on US 19E

GPS Coordinates: N 35.98898 W 82.01767

Contact:

Daily Support: possible laundromat day. Can use restrooms at Riverside School, maybe can sleep in gym at Riverside

Encamp: Riverside School **Actual:** Roaring Creek

Eastern Leg

“LIVING HISTORY SCHOOL TOUR”, WILKESBORO, NC

8:30am-2:30pm Wilkes/Surry School Day Wilkes Heritage Museum

500 students, Schools from Wilkes County

Address: Wilkes Heritage Museum, 100 East Main Street (NC 268), Wilkesboro, NC

Contact: Museum – 336 667 3171 - Jennifer Furr or Mary Bohlen – 704 880 1712

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28:

8:00am Leave Riverside Elementary School (breakfast in School cafeteria)
8:30am-2:00pm Unimin School Day Walk from Unimin parking lot to field next to Robert Sevier’s gravesite
Lunch Provided by Unimin,
After lunch visit Robert Sevier’s grave
6:00pm Apple Orchard public program and supper
Eastern leg program
9:00am-2:30pm Fort Defiance School Days Fort Defiance

9:00am-1:30pm

“A Call to Freedom” School Day Catawba Meadows Park, Morganton, NC

“UNIMIN SCHOOL DAY”, SPRUCE PINE, NC

8:30am-2:00pm

Unimin School Day Walk from Unimin parking lot to field next to Robert Sevier’s gravesite
Lunch Provided by Unimin,
After lunch visit Robert Sevier’s grave

Marchers will either board the buses with the students at Riverside Elementary school, or, convoy to the parking lot outside Unimin Corporation main entrance for the 1.75 mile walk from Unimin parking lot to Robert Sevier’s Gravesite. This is not a public event. Access will be limited to OVTA members, guests, school children, teachers etc. All participants will be required to sign Unimin documents to participate. OVTA will do the program.

Mitchell County Marshal: Bill Carson, Spruce Pine. (828) 765-9314.

Walking the Trail: Walk from Unimin parking lot to field next to Robert Sevier’s gravesite. Very close to OVT trail.

Address: Unimin School House Mine, 107 Harris Mining Co Road, Spruce Pine, NC

Directions: From Riverside School, right on Highway 19E, 3.5 miles toward Spruce Pine.

GPS Coordinates:

Apple Orchard program

6:00pm

Apple Orchard public program and supper

Address: Apple Orchard at Altapass, 1025 Orchard Road, Spruce Pine, NC, 828-765-3437

Directions: From the Mineral Museum at the Blue Ridge Parkway, North to the Apple Orchard

GPS Coordinates: N 35.87552 W 82.02476

Address: Mineral Museum, Blue Ridge Parkway Maintenance, 79 Parkway Maintenance Road, Spruce Pine, NC

Phone number (828) 765-2761

Directions: The Mineral Museum is located some 5 miles south of Spruce Pine at the intersection of the Blue Ridge Parkway (mile 330.9, elevation 2,819) and highway 226.

GPS Coordinates: N 35.85396 W 82.05105

Contact:

Daily Support: Breakfast at school and lunch provided by Unimin. Supper at Apple Orchard. Hot shower at the Blue Ridge Maintenance facility, restrooms, laundry, stores and gas nearby. Sleep in vehicles or inside the maintenance building at the Mineral Museum.

Encamp: Apple Orchard or Mineral Museum, may want to go to Carson House, Marion

Actual: Grassy Creek

Eastern leg program

“FORT DEFIANCE SCHOOL DAYS”, FORT DEFIANCE

9:00am-2:30pm

Fort Defiance School Days

Fort Defiance

Fort Defiance will offer 2 days of interpretive programs for all 4th grades Caldwell County, Ashe County, Alexander County and Catawba County students. We anticipate hosting 900 to 1000 students who will rotate through 15 to 20 hands on interactive stations designed to teach the students about what the Overmountain Men experienced during their march to King’s Mtn. Pre-program teacher resource guides will be sent to each class prior to the visit and a follow up post visit to each school will be offered. Each class will be asked to appoint a student ambassador who will portray a character from the Overmountain Men and will be asked to interact in first person as that character throughout the day. Biographies of the characters will be provided for the students but each class is encouraged to do their own research as well.

Address: Fort Defiance , 1792 Fort Defiance Drive, Lenoir, NC

Contact: Becky Phillips 828 758 1671 or Mary Bohlen 704 880 1712

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:45am -11:15pm	McDowell Co School Day	Historic Carson House 450 4 th grade students
11:30	Lunch	Carson House
12:15pm -2:45pm	McDowell Co School Day	Historic Carson House 450 4 th grade students
	Dinner catered before public program	Historical Carson House
6:00pm -8:00pm	Public program “ Honor Becky Garrou ”	Historical Carson House
	Paddy’s Creek (may be some 8 th graders at this program)	
	Eastern leg program	
9:00am-2:30pm	Fort Defiance School Days	Fort Defiance Lenoir, NC

“MARION/MCDOWELL CO SCHOOL DAY”, MARION, NC

8:45am -11:15pm	McDowell Co School Day	Historic Carson House 450 4 th grade students
11:30	Lunch	Carson House
12:15pm -2:45pm	McDowell Co School Day	Historic Carson House 450 4 th grade students
	Dinner catered before public program	Historical Carson House
6:00pm -8:00pm	Public program “ Honor Becky Garrou ”	Historical Carson House

We will offer demonstrations and programs on how the OVTA connects to the history McDowell Co, the Overmountain Victory Trail, and more broadly, the history of the Revolutionary War. The evening program will feature the OVTA program and informal evening around campfire talking and asking questions to OVTA members. There will be S’mores and other fireside treats available.

Address: Carson House, 1805 US-70, Marion, NC

Directions: US 221 to Hwy 70W, 1.5 miles on right.

GPS Coordinates: N 35.69181 W 82.05784

Contact:

Daily Support: Breakfast on the way to Carson House. Lunch provided at Carson House, Supper provided at Carson House.

Encamp: Marion- Carson House **Actual:** North Cove & Turkey Cove

Eastern Leg

“FORT DEFIANCE SCHOOL DAYS”, FORT DEFIANCE

9:00am-2:30pm	Fort Defiance School Days	Fort Defiance
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

“MORGANTON REV WAR DAYS”, MORGANTON, NC

	Rev War Days	
10:40	meet to cross the river	baseball field at Freedom High School
11:00am	Catawba River Crossing	Judge’s Restaurant
12:30pm-3:30pm	Public program	Judge’s Restaurant

Persons who will cross the river will gather behind the baseball field at Freedom High School by 10:40 AM (there will be signs and persons to direct river crossers to the trail leading down to the river). Enter the main entrance and follow the signs to parking for river crossers. Someone will be on hand to direct traffic.

Address: Freedom High School, 1511 Independence Boulevard, Morganton, NC

Address: Judge’s Restaurant, 128 Greenlee Ford Rd, Morganton, NC

Directions:

GPS Coordinates: N 35.73956 W 81.71850

Contact:

Daily Support: Meals on your own

Encamp: Morganton **Actual:** Quaker Meadows

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

11:00am	Church service	Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch	Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
1:00pm-5pm	“A Time to Remember and Honor”	Charles McDowell House (Quaker Meadows)

Church service at Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church on will begin at 11:00 AM. It will be Pastor Appreciation Day. Covered-dish meal will be served 12:00 - 1:00 in Fellowship Hall and OVTA Marchers will be honored guests and will go first in line so they can go on to the Charles McDowell House for activities there that will begin at 1:00. Mary Lou Furr from Historic Burke Foundation, who is a church member, and Bryant Lindsey from the OVTA Board, will be at the lunch with the OVTA Marchers and it is likely several others from the Historic Burke Foundation board will be there as well.

Address: Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church, 2698 NC Highway 181, Morganton, NC

“MORGANTON REV WAR DAYS/ MCDOWELL HOUSE”, MORGANTON, NC

1:00pm-5pm	“A Time to Remember and Honor”	Charles McDowell House (Quaker Meadows)
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Address: Charles McDowell House, 119 St. Mary’s Church Road, Morganton, NC

Directions:

GPS Coordinates:

Contact:

Daily Support: Lunch at Quaker Meadows Presbyterian, breakfast and supper on your own

Encamp: Morganton **Actual:** Bedford Hills

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

“OPEN DAY”

6:00pm	Dysartville public program	Dysartville Community Center
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Address: Dysartsville Community Center, 118 Vein Mountain Rd, Nebo, NC

Address: Camp Bud Schiele, 668 Boy Scout Road, Rutherfordton, NC

Alternate site: Cabin on Hill, 338 Joe Hamlin Rd, Union Mills, NC

Directions: Turn on St Rd 1519 from Rt 1602, ¼ mile gravel rd on left

GPS Coordinates:

Contact:

Daily Support: All meals on your own. Restrooms. small country store and gas nearby

Encamp: Scout Camp Bud Schiele..

Actual: Bedford Hills

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

6:15am	Convoy to Gilberttown	
7:00am	DAR Breakfast	Scout Cabin
9:00am-2:00pm	Rutherford Co School Day	Gilbert Town
2:00pm	Lunch provided at Gilberttown	
3:30pm	Brittain Church Cemetery	

6:15am	Convoy to Gilberttown for breakfast	
7:00am	DAR Breakfast	Scout Cabin

Address: Scout Cabin, 271 N Toms St, Rutherfordton, NC

“RUTHERFORD CO SCHOOL DAY”, RUTHERFORDTON, NC

9:00am-2:00pm	Rutherford Co School Day	Gilbert Town
2:00pm	Lunch provided at Gilberttown	

Address: Gilbert Town, no phone. House across from Gilbert Town address is 1001 Rock Road, Rutherfordton, NC

Rain Program Address: R-S Central High School, 641 US HWY 221 N, Rutherfordton, NC

Directions: Gilbert Town is located on Rock Road a little less than 2 miles north of highway 64 in Rutherfordton. There are several certification signs and a historic marker denoting the site.

GPS Coordinates: 35.596154°, -81.875344°

Contact: Chivous Bradley, cbradley@bellsouth.net, 828-289-5689

3:30pm	Brittain Church Cemetery
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Address: Britain Church, 3456 Us Hwy 64 Rutherfordton, NC

Address: Gray's Chapel, 500 Gray's Chapel Church Rd, Rutherfordton, NC

Directions: Gray's Chapel, Follow highway 108 south (west) from Rutherfordton. Turn left onto Simms/Sandpit road. When Simms/Sandpit Road crosses Pleasant Hill Road,, its name changes to Grays Road. Follow Gray's road south 2.6 miles to the inter-section with County Line Road. Turn left. The chapel is located about ¼ mile on the right.

GPS Coordinates: 35.314200°, -82.038461°

Daily Support: Supper on your own.

Encamp: Gray's Chapel, alt Dysersville

Actual: Marlins Knob

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

	Breakfast	Pleasant Hill Church
	Polk Co School Day	Gray's Chapel/Alexander's Ford
6:30pm	Gilberttown public program	Gilberttown

Breakfast	Pleasant Hill Church
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Address: Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 563 Pleasant Hill Church Rd, Rutherfordton, NC

Directions:

GPS Coordinates:

“POLK CO SCHOOL DAY”, GRAY’S CHAPEL

Polk Co School Day

Gray’s Chapel/Alexander’s Ford (lunch provided)

Lead approx 200 4th grade students from the Gray’s Chapel parking lot/OVNHT Trailhead approx 1.5miles to the river bottom at Alexander’s Ford and present the story. Return. Repeat for the 2nd wave of approx 200.

Address: Gray’s Chapel, 500 Gray’s Chapel Church Rd, Rutherfordton, NC

Directions: Gray’s Chapel, Follow highway 108 south (west) from Rutherfordton. Turn left onto Simms/Sandpit road. When Simms/Sandpit Road crosses Pleasant Hill Road,, its name changes to Grays Road. Follow Gray’s road south 2.6 miles to the inter-section with County Line Road. Turn left. The chapel is located about ¼ mile on the right.

Alternate Rain Address: Polk County High School, 1681 NC E 108 Hwy, Columbus, NC 28722

GPS Coordinates: N 35.31420, W82.03846

GILBERTOWN PUBLIC PROGRAM

6:30pm

Gilbertown public program

Gilbertown

Address: Gilbert Town, no phone

Directions: Gilbert Town is located on Rock Road a little less than 2 miles north of highway 64 in Rutherfordton. There are several certification signs and a historic marker denoting the site.

GPS Coordinates: N 35.40389 W 81.94209

Contact:

Daily Support: Evening meal probably on your own

Encamp: Gilbertown or Gaffney **Actual:** Gilbertown

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

“CHEROKEE CO SCHOOL DAY”, GAFFNEY, SC

8:00am-1:30pm	Cherokee Co School Day 4 th grade	Cherokee Co History and Arts Museum
10:00am-4:00pm	Gaffney public program	Cherokee Co History and Arts Museum
1:30pm	Lunch	Cherokee Co History and Arts Museum
4:00pm	Meet & greet artist Thomas Pauley & reception	Gaffney Visitors Center
6:00pm	March on Main	Downtown Gaffney
6:00pm	Grays Chapel public program	Grays Chapel
6:30pm-7:30pm	Public program	The Cabin, Gaffney
7:00pm-9:00pm	Gaffney public program	Cherokee Co History and Arts Museum

Living history on the muster grounds of our local history and arts museum. The event will be open to the public from 10am until 4pm and then again from 7pm-9pm. This is the location for the OVTA encampment (October 4&5). From 8am until 1:30pm, all Cherokee County 4th graders will be on the grounds for Education Day. 4:00 go to the Gaffney Visitors Center and Art Gallery for the opening and meet & greet of artist Thomas Kelly Pauley’s Faces of the American Revolution exhibit/reception (this will also be the reception for State officials, the Humanities Council and other such delegates). At 6:00pm we will line up for the annual March on Main (from the Visitors Center to the Michael Gaffney Log Home (approx. 6 blocks)). From 6:30pm to 7:30pm we will have programming at the cabin. From there we will return to the museum grounds for *A Night at the Museum* (the museum will open to the public and we would like to have demonstrators and vendors available on the grounds).

Address: Cherokee Co History and Arts Museum, 301 College Dr, I-85 SC Exit 92, Gaffney, SC

Directions: I-85, Exit 90, South on Rt 105, to Left on Granard St, to Right on College (follow signs toward Limestone College)

GPS Coordinates: N 35.06737 W 81.64895

Address: Gaffney Vistors Center,

Contact: LeighAnn Snuggs (864) 487-6244

6:00pm

Grays Chapel public program

Grays Chapel

Address: Gray’s Chapel, 500 Gray’s Chapel Church Rd, Rutherfordton, NC

Directions: Gray’s Chapel, Follow highway 108 south (west) from Rutherfordton. Turn left onto Simms/Sandpit road. When

Simms/Sandpit Road crosses Pleasant Hill Road,, its name changes to Grays Road. Follow Gray's road south 2.6 miles to the inter-section with County Line Road. Turn left. The chapel is located about ¼ mile on the right.

GPS Coordinates: 35.314200°, -82.038461°

Daily Support:

Encamp: Alexanders Ford, Gaffney, or Cowpens

Actual: Alexanders Ford

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:45am	Mandatory safety briefing	Tent at Cowpens National Battlefield
8:45am-1:30pm	Cowpens School program	Cowpens National Battlefield (lunch provided)
8:00am-2:00pm	Cherokee Co School Day 8 th grade	Cherokee Co History and Arts Museum
12:30pm-2:00pm	Lunch in shifts	Cherokee Co History and Arts Museum
5:00pm	Leave for Cowpens	
6:00pm	The Night before Kings Mountain program	Cowpens National Battlefield
7:30pm	Supper provided by City of Gaffney after program	

“COWPENS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD”, CHESNEE, SC

8:45am	Mandatory safety briefing	Tent at Cowpens National Battlefield
8:45am-1:30pm	Cowpens School program	Cowpens National Battlefield (lunch provided)
6:00pm	The Night before Kings Mountain program	Cowpens National Battlefield
7:30pm	Supper provided by City of Gaffney after program	

Cowpens National Battlefield- Need at least 7 OVTA members to help with several stations. Contact Tom Vaughn if you can help. Stations will include OVT story (2 people), flint & steel, quill pen writing, Colonial clothing, dummy gun drill assistance, fiddler (RG Absher).

Address: Cowpens National Battlefield, 4001 Chesnee Hwy (Hwy 11), Gaffney, SC (864) 461-2828

Directions: Cowpens is located on highway 11 about 5 miles east of Chesnee, SC

GPS Coordinates: 35.136863°, -81.818496°

“CHEROKEE CO SCHOOL DAY”, GAFFNEY, SC

8:00am-2:00pm	Cherokee Co School Day 8 th grade	Cherokee Co History and Arts Museum
12:30pm-2:00pm	Lunch in shifts	Cherokee Co History and Arts Museum
5:00pm	Leave for Cowpens	

Cherokee Co History and Arts Museum - Living history on the muster grounds of the museum in Gaffney continues with all 8th grade students visiting from 8:30am – 2pm. Lunch will be in shifts from 12:30-2. Then we head to The Night Before Kings Mountain production at Cowpens National Battlefield (5pm). The City of Gaffney provides supper at the conclusion of the drama on this evening at the pavilion (approximately 7:30pm).

Address: Cherokee Co History and Arts Museum, 301 College Dr, I-85 SC Exit 92, Gaffney, SC

Contact: LeighAnn Snuggs (864) 487-6244

Daily Support: Breakfast on our own. Restrooms. Showers at Cowpens National Battlefield maintenance building. Laundry, stores and gas in Chesnee or Gaffney. Camping: Camp in vehicles, a tent or sleep under the shelter.

Encamp: Cowpens **Actual:** Cowpens

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

“KINGS MOUNTAIN NATIONAL MILITARY PARK”, BLACKSBURG, SC

7:00am	Breakfast on our own.
10:00am	Wreath Laying Ceremony at Kings Mountain National Military Park. Walk to the monument atop King's Mountain for the Mourning of Arms ceremony to those who fell in the Battle.
12:00pm	Lunch at Antioch Church provided by several DAR's
2:15pm	Meet at the Visitor's Center to prepare for March finale
3:00pm	Walk into the amphitheater at Kings Mountain NMP for traditional ceremony.

Address: Kings Mountain, 2625 Park Rd, I-85 NC Exit 2, Blacksburg, SC.

Directions: I-85 northbound to Exit 2, right 4 miles to visitors center

GPS Coordinates: N 35.14087 W 81.37625

Contact: LeighAnn Snuggs (864) 487-6244

Address: Antioch Church, 811 State Road, Blacksburg, SC

GPS Coordinates: N 35.14847 W 81.43453

Daily Support:

Encamp: Home or Walnut Grove Plantation **Actual:** Kings Mountain

Walk the Trail

Muster Grounds trail: At the Muster Grounds , you can hike on the trail that the militia originally took. The trail starts behind the Visitor Center on the other side of a bridge that is reached by hiking along Wolf Creek and around a small pond. From the Visitor Center, the total distance of the hike is 1.4 miles round trip (.7 miles each way), though the actual trail is a little shorter, as it does not officially start until you cross the bridge. It ends at Stone Mill Road, so you can't mistake the end. The trail is flat and easy. It starts as a grass path along the creek and then becomes a manicured gravel trail. There are a few picnic tables midway. The round trip hike takes about 30-45 minutes.

Working with AEP to get more trail secured and established along Wolf Creek near the "Stockyard Trail". This is in the works and coming soon.

Choates Ford Trail: The Choates Ford Trail is in Bluff City. One end of the trail begins at the Bluff City Middle School (337 Carter Street, Bluff City, TN 37618). An official trail marker can be found in the courtyard. The other end of the trail is at a swing bridge that crosses the Holston River a little ways upstream from the actual Choates Ford River crossing, which is where the Overmountain Men crossed the river. This is a shallow and narrow section of the river that can be crossed on foot or horse. No ferry operated there at the time. The actual Choates Ford is just west of a modern railroad bridge. The Choates Ford Trail follows the streets of Bluff City and runs from the school down Carter Street and turns right on Main Street until coming to the parking area for the swing bridge three blocks later. To complete the trail you must cross the bridge to Silver Grove Road on the other side of the river. A short, earthen trail runs from the parking area to the bridge. The distance is 1 mile, round trip. The streets are hilly and the spur trail to the bridge is hilly, but the overall hike is not very difficult. The walk through the city is not the way the Overmountain Men marched. They crossed the Holston River at Choates Ford and then marched in a direct route to the present day Middle School. This cannot be done today due to the fact that the entire area is now developed.

Rocky Mount trail: Rocky Mount trail departs Rocky Mount and follows River Road along the Watauga River. After 3.3 miles, the trail turns left onto a dead-end road where you walk through an open field along the river for 0.7 miles and then climb a steep hill and out on a paved road above the city of Watauga. You walk down the hill and into town. The is a little less than 5 miles.

Then the trail follows paved roads until it comes out down at the Watauga River again across from the city of Elizabethton. You walk west along the River Road for 0.3 of a mile and then veer off into the fields along the river. You follow the river through the fields for 0.25 of a mile to the crossing point of the river at the Sycamore Shoals where you will cross the river at 2 pm. Total walking Distance is 8.5 miles with easy to moderate difficulty.

Sycamore Shoals trails: There are 2 OVT trails in Elizabethton. The **first** one starts at Riverside Park and is known as Linear Park Trail. The trail begins at Riverside Park, a city park along the Watauga River. The park runs east to west alongside West Riverside Drive. The parking lot for Riverside Park is just west of the intersection of Ash Street and West Riverside Drive near a baseball field. This puts you in the middle of the Trail. The majority of the trail runs west (to the left if you are looking at the river) from the parking lot, but the start is actually at the east end of the park. If you want to hike the trail from the beginning, you will have to walk the .3 miles to the other end of the park and retrace your steps, or you could park at the other end, which is at the corner of Walnut Street and West Riverside Drive. There are no parking spaces at the east end, but you can park on the shoulder of the road and walk down a steep embankment to the official trail starting point.

The trail is a paved path that runs along the Watauga River to the west (left) and ends at industrial park. Not sure but may not have a parking lot at the other end, so have to walk to the end of the trail and back. According to an NPS document, the trail is 2 miles long (4 miles round trip).

The **second** one is at Sycamore Shoals and is called Sycamore Shoals Mountain River Trail is located within the Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park. The trailhead is on the right side of the park (if you are facing the Fort) next to tennis courts. There is a parking lot at the tennis courts as well.

The trail is a 1-mile round trip, gravel path that follows the Watauga River and passes by the site of the September 25, 1780, encampment of the Virginia and North Carolina militiamen. It is completely flat and easy and offers wonderful views of the river.

There are a few information panels along the trail as well. You can pick up a trail map at the Visitor Center and it is recommended to do so as there are a few loops at the far end that might throw you off.

Roan Mountain Community Park Trail: (1-mile round trip according to an NPS document). Roan Mountain Community Park is located behind the Post Office building near the corner of US-19E and TN-143 (143 takes goes to Roan Mountain State Park). There are three entrances to the park. The trailhead is nearest to the entrance at the intersection of the two roads, which is the eastern end of the park, away from the baseball fields. If you pull in there, immediately take a left on a small road called Watson Avenue (there may not even be a sign). Watson Avenue makes a sharp right turn and continues a little ways before dead ending at a field and an abandoned house. At this sharp turn, a dirt road branches off it. The trailhead is at the end of this very short dirt road. The trail follows Buck Creek. The trail runs the length of the park.

Birchfield and Yellow Mountain Trails: 5.3 miles one-way. This is located at the Hampton Creek Cove State Natural Area, address to the Hampton Creek Trailhead is 760 Hampton Creek Rd, Roan Mountain, TN 37687. This trail is rigorous and steep as it climbs the Roan Mountains and crosses the Appalachian Trail.

Rose Creek Trail: One end of the Rose Creek Trail can be found on the opposite side of the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Heffner Gap Overlook parking area at Mile Post 325.9. This trail runs 1.4 miles one way, crossing Rose Creek and ending at the Altapass Road parking area.

Unimin trail: Walk from Unimin parking lot to field next to Robert Sevier's gravesite. This follows close to the original trail. This trail is not publicly accessible except for when they open it once during the Annual March.

The Orchard Trail: The trail is located at the Museum of North Carolina Minerals, which is just off the Blue Ridge Parkway at Milepost 331. From the parking lot, look uphill across the field and you will see the trailhead. It appears to ascend an overgrown hill with no discernible path. Just hike up this hill and at the top you will find another Overmountain Victory Trail marker at the entrance to a trail that goes into the woods. NPS document states that the trail is 5 miles long, one way. This trail I (NPS) am still trying to understand. There's the trail marker right up hill behind the Mineral Museum, which has been fairly well maintained. Then there is another section of the trail across the street which I've been doing some maintenance on. My understanding is that this has been poorly maintained over the years. I have done some work on it, and am working with the Orchard at Alta Pass folks to see if they're still interested in maintaining it long-term. This trail goes along the Blue Ridge Parkway, and is very pretty. I'll report back more on this trail once I've been able to take a GPS on it.

Trail #308 and Road #1238—Near the North Cove Encampment Area: This trail is in the Pisgah NF, South of Spruce Pine and North of Lake James SP. It is 3.8 miles one-way. One the Linville Gorge/Mount Mitchell National Geographic Map for the Pisgah NF, it is labelled as Trail # 308G. This is a beautiful area and is also part of the Mountains to Sea Trail. This area is called the Grandfather Ranger District.

It is accessible by driving State Route 1238 (aka Old NC Highway 105) if you're coming from Lake James. You take a left onto Forest Service Road 106. Drive down a short ways and there is a pull off with an interpretive sign and the OVNHT marker. The left (south) side of 106 is the Mountains to Sea Trail and also OVVI. You can also access it just off 221 on SR 1560, but I am unsure of its accessibility. I'll get back to you on this.

Lake James Trail: The Overmountain Victory Trail at Lake James State Park near Nebo, North Carolina, is located in the Paddy Creek Area of the park. When driving along NC-126, look for the signs directing you to Paddy's Creek. You will find the trail along the road to Paddy's Creek on the left just before you cross a bridge over the creek. However, parking for the trail is on the other side of the bridge, so you have a short walk back to the trail. The parking lot is also the trailhead for the Holly Discovery Trail, a nature trail for kids. NPS document claims that the trail is 1.5 miles one way. The trail comes out on NC-126 on the other side, but there is no parking at that end.

Aside from a descent/ascent at each end of the trail, it is flat and easy. Most of the trail is through the forest, though a portion at the beginning skirts Paddy's Creek. There are no side trails, so it's impossible to get lost, but just in case, the trail is marked with white blazes (white triangular patches attached every-so-often to trees).

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The trail is listed on the NPS's Overmountain Victory Trail brochure, but is not listed on the NPS's Publicly Accessible Trail Section document and no official Overmountain Victory Trail marker is at the trailhead (there is a marker for the Overmountain Victory Trail). Not sure if this trail really is an official trail segment.

Catawaba River Greenway: The Catawaba River Greenway is a paved walking and biking path that runs along the Catawba River in Morganton, North Carolina. One end of the trail begins at the Catawaba River Soccer Complex and the other end begins on Lenoir Road. The trail is 3.8 miles long (may be 5 miles not sure which is correct), one way, and is flat and easy. There are other trails that intersect with it, so you can access the Greenway at other places aside from the end points.

Download a map of the Greenway system: [Morganton-Greenway-System](#)

Eastern Leg (Wilkes Surry) Trails

Surry County Muster Field Trail: If you are standing on the hill that overlooks the muster field, you can see the start of a segment of the official Overmountain Victory Trail on the lower right-hand side of the field. (the Surry County Muster Field Trail). To get to the start of the trail, if you are at the overlook, take a right out of the parking area and continue down NC-268 for a hundred yards or so to the driveway of the Elkin County Municipal Park. When the driveway spills into the parking area, go right and try to park as close to the Muster Field as possible. The trailhead is just below the overlook.

The trail starts as a wide, gravel path through the park, turns into a narrow path once it leaves the park, becomes a sidewalk, and then eventually becomes an earthen trail as it leads down to the Yadkin River one mile away. Once you get to the river you can follow the trail for a few more miles before it comes to an end at private property. Do not walk across this property. The trail is three miles one way.

The first section of the trail runs through Elkin Park. There are two trails running parallel to each other. A one-mile oval track is laid out over the park grounds with the section closest to the river being the Overmountain Victory Trail segment. You start at one end of the oval and at the far end the Muster Field Trail branches off the oval and continues out of the park as it follows alongside North Front Street. You will eventually come to an intersection with West Market Street and there will be no indication as to which way to go. Take a right and cross the bridge, then cross the street. You will see a small parking area and an Overmountain Victory Trail marker at the start of a sidewalk-like trail. Follow the sidewalk until it ends at another road next to a church (West Main Street). The trail continues on the other side and is marked with a sign stating that private citizens are letting you walk on their land, so stick to the path. The trail is now a path cut through the grass.

Smoot Park Trail: The Smoot Park Trail is a paved hiking and biking path that runs from Smoot Park to Memorial Park in Wilkesboro, North Carolina. The trail is part of the Yadkin River Greenway, a series of paved trails in the Wilkesboro area. While the entire Greenway is supposedly an official part of the Overmountain Victory Trail, the trail at Smoot Park is the only trail in the Greenway with an official OMVT sign at the start.

This 1.2 mile (one way) trail runs right along the Yadkin River and is almost completely flat. This is not a loop, so unless you have somebody to pick you up at the end, you will have to walk back. The trail is mainly used for exercise and I doubt anyone on it could care less that it's part of the Overmountain Victory Trail. To most people, it's just a paved trail from Smoot Park to Memorial Park. It does have some nice views of the river and other pleasing scenery.

W. Kerr Scott Reservoir: There are 2 sections of the OVNHT at Kerr Scott totaling 11 miles of trail. NPS is inventorying these trail sections.

One trail is a 5.7 mile (one way) trail called the Overmountain Victory Trail runs between the Bandit's Roast Campground and the Visitor Center at the W. Kerr Scott Dam and Reservoir, which is located just southwest of Wilkesboro, North Carolina, near the town of Goshen. To get to the Visitor Center, take Reservoir Road off of NC-268 near the north end of the lake. To get to the Bandit's Roast Campground, take Jess Walsh Road off of NC-268. The park has many other trails to hike and you can pick up a trail map at the Visitor Center or at the campground registration station.

The campground is not a day use area, so you actually have to be camping to enter. Fortunately, the trailhead is just outside the entrance gate. Unfortunately, there are only three parking spots and they seem to be filled up by people registering to camp. If you are visiting the park simply to hike the trail, it is best to start at the Visitor Center trailhead, which is right next to the ample parking area. There is no entrance fee to get to the Visitor Center. Due to the trail's length, I only suggest hiking it in its entirety if you have a ride back from the opposite end.

The trail's terrain is like that of a roller-coaster, constantly going up- and downhill. However, it is the easiest hilly trail that I have ever hiked. Hills are either long climbs with low elevation gains or steep gains that are very short, no more than climbing up a short set of stairs. The trail crosses various terrain and is always hilly.

The trail passes no historical sites and offers only a few glimpses of the lake. Most of the time you know the lake is there, but trees and brush block the view. The trail is very narrow, so be on the lookout for hikers and bicycles.

There are no side trails, so it's a straightforward trail with not much chance of getting lost. The trail is marked with white triangles painted on the trees every so often.

Morganton to Kings Mountain

Rutherfordton Trails: The NPS brochure shows two trail segments at Rutherfordton. There is a short out-and-back trail that runs along an old section of railroad tracks. The trail is about a mile long (2 miles round trip), completely flat, often exposed to the beating sun, and about as uneventful as any trail can be. In fact, other than to say you walked all of the Overmountain Victory Trail segments, there is no reason whatsoever to hike this trail. The trail is closed to bikes and motorized vehicles. Can start the hike at either end of the trail. One starting point is on Rock Road near the intersection with Pineview Drive. If you are visiting the Gilbert Town encampment site, this is the place to start for it is just a mile down the street. There is a business at 631 Rock Road that you can park at, though first step inside and ask before hiking. The other end of the trail is near the intersection of Long Street and US-64. There is a gas station and a few other businesses that you might be able to park at.

There is a second trail shown on the NPS park brochure, but no idea as to what it was, other than it looked like it might just be a section of Highway 108 that ran through the historic downtown, for the militia men did come that way.

Alexander's Ford Trail: The Alexander's Ford Trail begins at Gray's Chapel Church. The trailhead is actually reached before you get to the church; look for the gravel parking lot on the right side of the road. To get there, if traveling on NC-108 from Rutherfordton, take a left on County Line Road S, which is before the town of Pea Ridge. The road changes names and soon goes by Gray's Chapel Church Road. The paved portion of the road ends at the church, though it continues on as a dirt road.

A sign at the start of the trail claims that it is ADA compliant (American Disabilities Act). Based on the trail I hiked, no disabled person is going to make it to the end.

While much of the trail is completely flat, and most of the terrain is that of a Pea Gravel road, there are three very steep hills. The first has a detour around it, a trail that forks off to the right and then creates a series of gradually sloping switchbacks to the bottom of the hill, making it perfectly feasible for somebody in a wheelchair. The ADA trail merges back with the main trail at the bottom of the hill.

However, the other two hills have no such detours and there is simply no way a wheelchair bound person is going to make it down or up those hills without assistance, and even then the assistant better be in great shape to push the chair up the hills.

The trail exits the forest at the very end, spilling into a field that was the Alexander's Ford encampment site on October 5, 1780, though there is no sign stating so. Today the field is partially overgrown with trees.

The trail ends at the bank of the Green River. Not sure where the exact crossing point is, but the militia men did cross in this area.

Lake Whelchel Trail: An official trail segment of the Overmountain Victory Trail runs along the southern shore of Lake Whelchel, a reservoir near Gaffney, South Carolina. It is an out-and-back trail, unless you can find a ride at the opposite end. One trailhead is located off of Boat Landing Drive, a road that dead ends into a picnic/swimming area and boat launch for the lake. The trailhead is outside the gates on the right near an information board and the trail starts off by running along side the fence. If you park inside the gate at the parking lot, be aware that the area has opening hours and your car could get locked in if you don't get back in time. Hours are posted on the gate.

The trailhead on the other side is tricky to find. It is located on Pleasant School Road next to UPS's security fence around its property. There is no parking for this trailhead other than pulling off to the shoulder of the road. If you have a great desire to hike the trail, have somebody drop you off at the UPS trailhead and pick you up at the boat dock. It takes no more than a half hour to hike it (one way).

The trail runs along the lake, often times on a ridge high above the water. Though on a ridge, it is fairly flat, for you start off high above the lake. Every now and then you can get a good view of the lake, but for the most part, the view is blocked by trees. Obviously, this is not the actual trail that the Overmountain Men marched along, as there was no Lake Whelchel back in the 1700s. However, they did march along the river that was dammed to make the lake, so the trail qualifies as an "official" trail segment, which is to be within a half mile of the original route.