

OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY TRAIL ASSOCIATION



2008 Reenactment Schedule



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Our Vision: *The Overmountain Victory Trail Association shall forever preserve & commemorate the route and the story of the volunteer army whose victory at the Battle of King's Mountain was a turning point in the struggle for America's independence. The OVTA will ensure the trail will provide the opportunity to experience a deep sense of these events, the lands on which they occurred, and of the people who lived them.*

Our Mission: *The Overmountain Victory trail Association will protect, preserve and interpret the route of the Overmountain Men to the Battle of Kings Mountain.*

General Information:

The annual reenactment of the Campaign to Kings Mountain is **NOT** a backpacking wilderness experience. It is a combination of woods trail, road walking and car camping. Most of the roads the Overmountain Men followed in 1780 have become the roads of today. Of the 258 miles from Abingdon to Kings Mountain, less than 100 miles remain that can be safely walked because of highway traffic and speed. Over the years, a “reenactment route” has emerged that offers walkers a chance to get off highways and into the woods or on back roads. There are some 40 miles of off-road walking—much of that on remnants of the original roadbeds.

The marchers come together at each night’s campsite. The next morning, we follow the Trail on to the next campsite, shuttle back for our vehicles and then repeat the process over again all the way down the trail.

We do take frequent breaks—usually every hour or so—to give everyone a chance to rest. On the more difficult segments everyone is allowed to walk at their own pace. Most people find the trail becomes less difficult and demanding as the March progresses because the terrain becomes easier once we cross the mountains and conditioning is improved by the daily walking.

The atmosphere of the reenactment is informal with a strong sense of camaraderie developing quickly. Participants expect each person to be able to take care of themselves. The marchers respect the individuality of each other and recognize that people come to the march for different reasons and take different experiences back home with them. Participants are free to find their own niche providing they stay within the safety guidelines, common sense and courtesy.

Liability: OVTA carries liability insurance. However, it is the responsibility of each participant to act and conduct themselves safely and with respect for others to minimize the risks of accidents or incidents.

This narrative sets forth the rules, policies and expectations for everyone participating in the March. **Each participant in the reenactment will be asked to sign a release form.**

Daily Schedules: Each day begins with a wakeup call at 6:00 AM followed by breakfast about 7:00 AM. The days march begins at 8:00 AM. **You Must Be Ready To Depart At 8:00 AM Sharp!** Lunch is some time around midday. Supper is between 5:30 and 7:00 PM. While there is no set bedtime, quiet-time in camp begins at 10PM.

Weather: You should be prepared for almost any weather conditions ranging from scorching heat to freezing temperatures to drizzle and heavy rains

Vehicles: Having your own vehicle is a necessity. Otherwise, you must rely on someone else to store and transport your possessions and equipment as well as finding yourself a ride.

Vehicle shuttles are usually done in the afternoon after reaching that day’s campsite. Generally, County Marshals are responsible for getting the marchers back to their vehicles to run the shuttle. We will make all group movements in convoy. Please follow these procedures:

1. A front and rear vehicle that knows the route to the destination will be selected. Please stay between these two vehicles.
2. Do not run red lights or stop signs. All rules of the road and liability still apply.
3. Be aware of non-convoy vehicles—especially if they cut into the convoy (don’t follow the wrong car).

4. Keep the car ahead and behind you in sight. If the car behind you falls back for some reason, slow down to ensure you keep it in sight. This will help adjust the speed of the entire convoy and keep everyone together.
5. If you get stopped at a red light or stop sign--especially while going through towns--**DON'T PANIC!** The vehicles in front of you will likely stop and wait when they notice you are gone. If not, you will have a vehicle behind you that knows the way and can take over the lead. If you do pull over for some reason, make sure it is safe to do so and that there is enough room for all the vehicles behind you to pull off also.
6. Those who are familiar with the route and wish to make a stop are asked to not join in the convoy. Otherwise, they might confuse those behind them when they pull off.

Programs: Programs are given to schools and community groups along the trail to educate people about the significance of the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail and the contribution the Overmountain Men made in winning America's Independence. Every effort has been made to ensure the programs do not interfere with walking off-road segments of the Trail. Programs will range from a basic lecture to demonstrations to an "interactive" format using skits and re-creations to depict historical events.

Since we are indeed interpreting history in our programs, it is important that the participants be authentic in their facts and in their dress. Only those marchers appropriately attired in 18th century period dress will participate in historic programs.

Safety During the Reenactment

Safety is a serious concern during the reenactment since we walk along roads and highways, carry real weapons and are occasionally joined by school children and other groups. We are proud that we have never had a serious injury since the March started in 1975. It is important that all participants understand that any breach of the safety rules will be dealt with quickly and decisively. Safety is the responsibility of every individual. Each participant must be careful to ensure that their actions do not endanger themselves or others. Here are the safety rules.

1. The Grand Marshal and the Safety Marshal are in command of the reenactment. Failure to follow their instructions or directions can result in dismissal from the reenactment, particularly if the safety of others is threatened.
2. Any participant whose behavior disrupts the reenactment or threatens the safety or well-being of others will be asked to leave. Assistance from local law enforcement agencies will be called for if necessary.
3. On walking days, a point and a rear guard will be selected each morning. Please stay between these guards.
4. Do not leave the trail or campsite for any reason, even if for a brief period, without first notifying the Grand Marshal or the Safety Marshal.
5. Do not cross roads until road guards are in position and the command to cross is given.
6. When walking on roads following vehicles or being escorted by local police, keep to the right, walking **with the direction of traffic**. Do not cross the centerline or move to the left of the vehicles. Stay well behind the lead vehicles and well in front of the trailing vehicles.
7. When not escorted by vehicles keep to the shoulder **facing** traffic. Keep off the road and as far from the pavement edge as possible. This seems to be a chronic problem with marchers so please do your best to cooperate.
8. Be alert to passing vehicles. Pass along traffic warnings as needed by calling out "FRONT" or "REAR" to indicate the direction that vehicles are coming from.
9. When marching with school children, be alert to safety problems they may create or find themselves in. Report those problems to their teacher or leader immediately. **It is the responsibility of their teachers or leaders** to supervise the children while they are with us.
10. When marching on off-road trails, be careful, alert and watch your step. While poisonous snakes are rare, yellow jackets, hornets, poison ivy, trip hazards and a myriad of other things that occur naturally in the wild pose risks. Be aware of those risks and act with common sense. Do not drink any water found along the trail unless you treat it first.
11. Participants are asked to complete a medical form indicating whether you have any conditions that we should be aware of. Notify the Grand or Safety Marshal immediately if you have any type of physical or medical problems.
12. "Open" alcohol or controlled substances not prescribed by a doctor are prohibited.
13. Since the marchers live together in close proximity for 2 weeks, respect and decorum are essential to ensure an enjoyable environment for all. Profanity, obscene or off-color talk or inappropriate behavior will not be allowed.

14. Appropriate Age is usually stated as 8 to 80, but anyone who is physically capable of making that day's march is welcome to join us. However, do not count on having "support" vehicles along in which to ride if you tire. This is especially true with children. If you bring children, you will be completely responsible for them. You must ensure that they are well behaved and quiet at the appropriate times and do not become a distraction to other marchers or during programs.

Weapons Safety Rules

1. Only weapons that are representative of the 18th century may be carried on the Trail during the reenactment. This includes firelocks, bayonets, knives, tomahawks or hand axes, sabers, war clubs or other weapons appropriate to the period. NO cap locks are allowed
2. Black Powder Safety regulations presented during training by staff of Cowpens National Battlefield and/or Tennessee State Parks will be used.
3. The opinions, decisions or directives of the Grand Marshal, Safety Marshal or any trained black powder safety officer that is present at any demonstrations, ceremonies or programs shall be final in regards to any safety issues.
4. Each person carrying a firelock on the Trail or participating in any drills, demonstrations, ceremonies or programs must attend a safety briefing that will be conducted several times during the reenactment.
5. Weapon safety is paramount. Anyone handling any weapon in an unsafe or dangerous manner will be asked to put the weapon away or surrender it until the campsite is reached.
6. Any person, who because of physical conditions or limitations cannot safely handle their firelock during any drill or firing demonstration, ceremony or program, will not be allowed to participate.
7. Each individual is ultimately and completely responsible for the control and supervision of their weapons. **No visitors, particularly school children, should be allowed to hold or otherwise handle or touch any weapons of any type.**
8. All firelocks used in firing demonstrations **MUST** pass safety inspections. Safety inspections of each firelock will be held in the morning before the day's march begins and prior to all demonstrations or programs. That inspection includes:
 - a. Ensuring the barrel is empty and free of obstructions
 - b. The lock supports the weight of the weapon while at half-cock
 - c. The lock's cock will hold on full-cock when pushed with the thumb.
 - d. **All** firelocks must be equipped with a hammerstall (leather frizzen cover) and a flash guard.
 - e. Inspection of the gun bag and powder horn to ensure no "contraband" is present.
 - f. Any firelock, in the opinion of the Grand Marshal or Safety Marshal or black powder safety officer that may be present, that is too dirty or fouled or has other mechanical conditions that render it unsafe to be fired or used will be removed from the line.
9. OVTA will provide all black powder in pre-rolled cartridges. **NO black powder will be carried in a powder horn. All powder used in firing demonstrations will be loaded from paper cartridges. All powder horns must be empty! NO EXCEPTIONS!** Those using priming flasks or priming horns will provide their own priming powder.
10. **NO projectiles of any kind, including wadding or any other material, shall be rammed down the barrel at any time during the reenactment. NO RAMMING!**
11. All edged weapons including knives, tomahawks, swords, sabers, etc., are to be sheathed in such a way that no part of the edge is exposed.
12. No ball or other projectile that could be fired from that weapons will be carried during the reenactment. Note: The person "telling the story" may carry rifle and musket balls to demonstrate the difference in size that the opposing forces faced.
13. Anyone handling a weapon in a threatening or intentionally dangerous manner will be immediately reported to local law enforcement.

The 2008 Reenactment Schedule

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

Please understand that OVTA is being called on to participate in many more community celebrations and ceremonies than in the past. As a result, we will have to forego some of the traditional road walking segments to meet those demands.

The 2008 reenactment Campaign Commander is Mike Dahl, 865-850-1797; miked@esper.com. Safety and Logistics during the reenactment will be handled by Fran Dahl, Dan King and Alan Bowen. Contact information for the county marshals and campsites are listed in the schedule in the event your family needs to contract you.

And lastly, know this. The march will be one of the most unique and memorable experiences of your life. Each participant will have the opportunity to find their place in commemorating the heritage and the Story of the Overmountain Men.

Here we Go!

SEPTEMBER 20-21: MUSTER AND ENCAMP AT THE ORIGINAL “MUSTER GROUND” IN ABINGDON, VIRGINIA.

Address: 702 Colonial Road SW, Abingdon. No Phone.

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. **You must park in the warehouse parking lot across the street.**

Washington County Marshal: Blair Keller: (276) 628-3070.

Daily Support: 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.

Saturday and Sunday, 10:00AM—4PM: Open camp and public scenarios. The Guilford Fife and Drum Corps will spend time with us in Abingdon.

Saturday, 10:00AM: Morning call. All members of OVTA will answer the Morning Call well cleaned and clothed.

Saturday, 12Noon: Black powder safety instruction. All OVTA participants must attend to participate in firing.

Saturday, 2:00PM. Opening Ceremony. OVTA will present a grant to artist Richard Luce who has come to determine the potential for doing a series of paintings of the Campaign.

Sunday, September 21, 2:00PM: William Campbell’s Gravesite ceremony in Seven Mile Ford. Depart at 1PM.

Monday Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 22 AND 23:

9:AM to 2:00PM: Washington, Smith and Russell County, Virginia school programs. Expecting 400+ children each day.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: DEPART ABINGDON, VA. ENCAMP AT ROCKY MOUNT STATE HISTORIC AREA IN PINEY FLATS, TN.

Directions to Rocky Mount Campsite: 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. Address is 500 Hyder Road, Piney Flats, TN 37686-4630. The phone number is (423) 538-7396. Rocky Mount was certified as part of the National Historic Trail in 1997. It will be recertified this year.

Planned Activities:

7:00AM: Breakfast on our own in Abingdon.

8:30 AM: Present yourself at Muster Ground.

9:00AM: March out of Abingdon.

10:00AM: Shuttle to Pemberton Oak for muster and ceremony.

11:30AM: Travel to Bluff City. Lunch on the way.

12:30PM: Program at Bluff City Middle School.
2:00PM: Certification Ceremony at Choate's Ford.
6:00PM Supper in Bluff City at the Christian Church
6:40PM: Travel to Rocky Mount program and for night's encampment.
7:30PM: Evening Candle light Tour Program—The Story
8:30PM: Certification of Rocky Mount

Daily Support: Breakfast, lunch and supper on your own. 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.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: DEPART ROCKY MOUNT, ENCAMP AT SYCAMORE

SHOALS STATE PARK IN ELIZABETHTON. **Directions to Sycamore Shoals State Park Campsite:** The park is located on US 19E (West Elk Avenue) as you enter Elizabethton from the west. The park's address is 1651 West Elk Avenue. Phone: 423-543-5808. Sycamore Shoals State Park was the first Trail site to be certified in 1986.

Carter County Marshal: Sam Lloyd. (423) 282-5266. Johnson City, TN.

Walking the Trail: With two short exceptions, this day is entirely road walking. The 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 we 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. We walk down the hill and into town. The morning walk is a little less than 5 miles.

After lunch the trail follows paved roads until it comes out down at the Watauga River again across from the city of Elizabethton. We walk west along the River Road for 0.3 of a mile and then veer off into the fields along the river. We follow the river through the fields for 0.25 of a mile to the crossing point of the river at the Sycamore Shoals where we will cross the river. You are advised to carry 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 it's deepest (mid-thigh). Sycamore Shoals State Park and the end of the days walk waits on the far bank. Total walking Distance is 8.5 miles with easy to moderate difficulty.

Planned Activities:

7:00AM: Breakfast on our own.
8:00—11:00AM: Walk from Rocky Mount to the Quarry above the town of Watauga.
11:30AM: Lunch at city hall in the town of Watauga
2:00 PM: Cross the Sycamore Shoals of the Watauga River.
6:00 PM: Supper provided by the Julius Dugger Chapter of the DAR in the Sycamore Shoals visitor's center museum.
7:00PM: Presentation of the outdoor drama in the park amphitheater.

Daily Support: 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 or sleep in the basement of the visitor center.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: DEPART SYCAMORE SHOALS. ENCAMP AT THE SHELVING ROCK HISTORIC CAMPSITE OR ROAN MOUNTAIN STATE PARK.

Directions to Roan Mountain State Park Campsite: The park is located 25 miles south of Elizabethton on State Route 143, about 2 miles south of US 19E and the village of Roan Mountain. The park's phone number is (423) 772-3303.

Carter County Marshal: Sam Lloyd. (423) 282-5266. Johnson City, TN.

Planned Activities:

8:00 AM: Samuel Doak's sermon at Sycamore Shoals visitor center by George Cobb.
9:00AM: Shuttle to the Shelving Rock Campsite at Roan Mountain.
10:30AM– 2:00PM: School programs on the Shelving Rock Campsite.
5:00PM: Supper by Roan Mountain Citizens Club at the Park Conference Center.
6:00PM: Dessert at Shelving rock for Marchers.
7:00PM Public Program at the original campsite across from the Shelving Rock.
8:30PM: May camp on the historic campsite or return to Roan Mountain State Park for the night's encampment.

Daily Support: Breakfast and lunch on your own. Showers and laundry available at the park's campground. The village of Roan Mountain, some 2 miles distance from the campsite, has a small grocery store, 2 small restaurants, a convenience store and gasoline. **Camping:** Two cabins and a campsite has been provided by the Park Manager.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: DEPART ROAN MOUNTAIN STATE PARK. EN-CAMP AT THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY MINERAL MUSEUM IN SPRUCE PINE.

—THIS IS A CAMPSITE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS—

Direction to the Mineral Museum: 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. Phone number is (828) 765-2761. **Mitchell County Marshal:** Bill Carson, Spruce Pine. (828) 765-9314.

Walking the Trail: A new trail is being constructed up Hampton Creek Cove State Natural Area (paralleling the historic route). The day's walk will be difficult, although, the scenery is spectacular.

Planned Activities:

7:00 AM: Breakfast at Bob's Dairyland in the village of Roan Mountain.

8:00 AM: Traditional OVT monument ceremony in state park visitor center parking lot.

8:30 AM: Cross the Roan.

Lunch on our own at head of Roaring Creek.

Run shuttle to Mineral Museum.

6:00PM. Supper on our own in Spruce Pine.

Daily Support: Hot showers, restrooms, full ranges of stores and gasoline nearby.

There will be NPS Site and Trail Segment Certifications at Patterson School in Caldwell County for this site and for more trail on the Yadkin River Greenway in Wilkes County at 9:30AM. The Guilford Fife and Drum Corps will appear.

Also scheduled: Historic Burke will be conducting their annual Revolutionary War Days celebration at the Charles McDowell House in Morganton. Those NOT wishing to cross the Roan may support Historic Burke today.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28: ENCAMP AT THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY MINERAL MUSEUM IN SPRUCE PINE.

Direction to the Mineral Museum: 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. Phone number is (828) 765-2761.

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

Walking the Trail: Marchers will arrive at the parking lot outside Unimin Corporation main entrance for the 1.75 mile walk into Robert Sevier's Gravesite.

Planned Activities:

9:00 AM: Meet at Unimin parking lot to walk to Robert Sevier's gravesite, Davenport Springs.

11:30AM: Lunch on our own.

1:00PM: Travel to Joseph McDowell House in Marion for certification ceremony at 2PM.

6:00 PM: Supper and program at the Orchard at Altapass. Might be a surprise ceremony tonight! Not sure, but, maybe.

Daily Support: Breakfast (at Hardee's?) and lunch on our own. Supper at Orchard. Hot shower, restrooms, laundry, stores and gas nearby. **Camping:** Encamp at the maintenance building complex of the National Park Service Mineral Museum. Sleep in vehicles or inside the maintenance building.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: DEPART THE MINERAL MUSEUM. ENCAMP AT McDowell HOUSE IN MORGANTON. **THIS IS A CAMPSITE CHANGE FOR THIS YEAR ONLY!**

Directions to the Carson House: The Carson House is located on highway 70 about 2 miles west of Wal-Mart right next to the large Tom Johnson RV dealership.

Walking the Trail: We will depart the Mineral Museum about 8:30 AM following a ceremony at the OVT monument on the museum grounds and follow a reenactment route foot trail was constructed by OVTA in the 1980's to the Altapass Apple Orchard. Following programs at the Apple Orchard, we will offer the choice of continuing along the parkway to Hefner

Gap (mile 326.0) where we drop off the crest of the Blue Ridge down into North Cove on the historical trail. Total walking distance is a little less than 10 miles. The trail from the Mineral Museum in Gillespie Gap (elevation 2,819) to Hefner Gap (elevation 3,057) is easy. The trail from Hefner Gap to the foot of the mountain is moderate to difficult. Most of this walking is on an old rocky, eroded roadbed with a steep downhill grade.

Planned Activities:

7:00 AM: "The Breakfast" at Herman Bakers. Meet at the Mineral Museum ready to shuttle to Herman's at 6:45AM.

8:30 AM: Return to and hike from Mineral Museum to the Apple Orchard at Altapass. Programs to follow.

10:30AM: The Talkers will shuttle either to the Carson House in Marion (Located on highway 70, 2 miles west of Walmart next to Tom Johnson RV dealership or, the Joseph McDowell House in Marion for school programs.

11:30 AM: The Walkers will take Lunch at the Apple Orchard at Altapass.

12 Noon—1:30PM. The Talkers will give a program for McDowell County middle and elementary school students at the Joseph McDowell House in Marion.

1PM—4 PM: Walkers may walk down Hefner Gap across property with original roadbed remnants. This is the CSX property that OVTA provided funds for the survey.

5:30PM: Supper on our own.

6:30—7:30PM: Main evening program at Carson House.

8:00PM: Convoy to Charles McDowell House in Morganton for night's camp.

Daily Support: No Showers! . Large stores and gas nearby.

Camping: Encamp at McDowell House, Quaker Meadows.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30: CAMP AT THE CHARLES McDOWELL HOUSE/
QUAKER MEADOWS IN MORGANTON.**

Directions to the McDowell House: The McDowell House is located in the western part of Morganton on St. Mary's Church Road about 400 yards from the intersection with highway 181 North. As you leave Morganton on 181, after crossing the Catawba River, St. Mary's Church Road will be to the right at the 3rd stop light. If coming in on I-40, Take Jamestown Road exit towards Morganton (it will intersect with highway 70). Cross hwy 70 and continue on Freedom Blvd. This road will intersect with NC 181 North at the K-Mart shopping center. Turn left onto 181 North and then travel about 1/2 mile to St. Mary's Church road. Turn Right. The McDowell house is on the left a short distance up St. Mary's Church road. There is no Phone.

Contact: McDowell House/Historic Burke Executive Director: . Phone: 828-437 4104.

Planned Activities:

7:00AM: Breakfast on our own in Morganton.

9:00 AM: School programs all day.

5:00PM: Program for the public at McDowell House.

6:00PM: Supper at McDowell House.

Daily Support: Breakfast and lunch on our own. Supper by Historic Burke at the McDowell House. No Showers. Shopping centers, laundry, stores and gas close by. **Camping:** You may sleep on the front porch of the McDowell House, pitch a tent or sleep in your vehicle.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1: DEPART QUAKER MEADOWS IN MORGANTON,
ENCAMP AT DYSARTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER.**

Directions to Dysartsville Community Club: The community club is located just off hwy 226 some 15 miles south of Morganton, 2.5 miles west of the intersection of 226 and highway 64. Phone: (704) 652-5304

Southern McDowell County Marshal: Albert Dale, (828) 287-4338.

Walking the Trail: The halfway point of the trail--both in distance and in time. We are 125.5 miles from Abingdon. King's Mountain is 132.5 miles to the southeast.

Planned Activities:

7:00AM: Breakfast at Hardee's in Morganton.

8:30AM, 9:45AM – 12:00 Noon: School programs at Freedom Park next to Freedom High school in Morganton.

3:00PM: Travel to Dysartsville

6:00PM: Supper and interpretative program for the Dysartsville Community Club (Pat Smith 828-652-3148)

Restroom facilities at the Community Club; Showers and laundry facilities available at Camp Grimes Boy Scout Camp

Daily Support: Restroom in community center. Small country stores and gas nearby. Showers and laundry at Camp Grimes, Boy Scout Camp (Carl Curnette Ranger at Camp Grimes), 828-652-8592.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2: ENCAMP AT DYSARTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER.

Planned Activities:

10:00AM: Travel to and explore the newly acquired Biggerstaff's Old Fields, site of the Hanging of the Nine after the Battle. Breakfast, lunch and supper on our own.

Daily Support: Breakfast and supper on our own. Expect leftovers from last night's supper. Showers and laundry at Camp Grimes, Boy Scout Camp. Restroom in community center. Small country stores and gas nearby. Morganton, Marion and Rutherfordton are all within 20 miles should you need a major store stop or a laundry. **Camping:** Same as the night before.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3: DEPART DYSARTSVILLE. ENCAMP AT BUD SCHIELE BOY SCOUT CAMP (NOT Cane Creek Community Center).

Rutherford County Marshal: Roger Byers, Rutherfordton. (828) 245-4369.

Walking the Trail: The last off-road day. We will walk a combination of country roads and private forest lands paralleling the historic trail about a mile or two east of Highway 64.

We leave Dysartsville and immediately enter and cross Camp Grimes for a 1.2 miles hike through forest on a well-maintained scout trail. Then, onto paved county roads for 2.3 miles before we head into the woods for a 2.2 mile walk. Lunch will be taken at the old hunters cabin. When we exit the woods we walk for about one-half mile on a dirt track that connects out to Camp Creek Road. We turn left onto Camp Creek road and pound pavement the last 2.3 miles to Cane Creek Community Center. Total hiking distance is 9 miles. The road walking is generally easy with a few steep hills. The off-road trail is hilly and rather steep in places as it climbs over ridges and down into hollows.

6:00AM: Wake up; breakfast on your own

8:00AM: Walk the Trail through Boy Scout Camp Grimes.

Lunch at the "Cabin in the Woods, bring your own lunch!"

6:00PM: Supper on our own.

7:00PM: Children's program at Gilbert Town.

Daily Support: All meals on our own. Showers at Boy Scout Camp Bud Schiele. Restrooms. Small country store and gas nearby. **Camping:** A training cabin at Bud Schiele reserved by Roger Byers. **Moon phase:** New Moon

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4: DEPART CANE CREEK. ENCAMP AT GILBERT TOWN OR BOY SCOUT CAMP SCHIELE. WE WILL CAMP AT GILBERT TOWN ACROSS THE ROAD WHERE THE NEW HISTORICAL MARKER IS PLACED RATHER THAN AT THE TRADITIONAL CAMPSITE, or, BACK AT BUD SCHIELE.

Directions to Gilbert Town Campsite: 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. No Phone.

Rutherford County Marshal: Roger Byers, Rutherfordton. (828) 245-4369.

Walking the Trail: With one short exception, the entire day is road walking. We will walk 5 miles on Cane Creek road--a mostly level paved county road with little traffic--to Hwy 64 where we will shuttle to Rutherfordton for lunch and the festival.

Planned Activities:

8:00AM: Breakfast at Tanners with DAR. Mike and Fran will move the trailer to Rutherford to set up for festival.

10:30-11:30AM: Program at Gilbert Town with Drum and Fife Corps.

12 Noon: Arrive Rutherfordton for the festival.

1:30PM-3:00PM: Program and center stage for festival. Guilford Fife and Drum Corps attending.

5:00PM: Arrive at Gilbert Town.

6:00PM: Supper at Gilberttown (Roger Buyers)

7:00PM: Evening program at Gilbert Town.

Daily Support: Breakfast on our own. NO RESTROOMS at Gilbert Town. Large stores and laundry are 3 miles away in Rutherfordton. **Camping:** Camp in tent or vehicles. Camp at Bud Schiele Boy Scout Camp; restroom and showers available.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5: DEPART GILBERT TOWN. ENCAMP GRAY'S CHAPEL.

Directions to 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 intersection with County Line Road. Turn left. The chapel is located about 1/4 mile on the right. No Phone. **Southern Rutherford County Marshal:** Jim Moore, Rutherfordton. (828) 863-4492, Linda & Philip Shehan (828) 287 3092.

Walking the Trail: We spend most of the day following the historic route—either walking or driving.. We may shuttle to Gray's Chapel to walk the historic roadbed down to Alexander's Ford and explore recently discovered remnants. We will have to retrace our steps back up to the Chapel. The days walk will be about 6 miles and is easy to moderate.

Planned Activities:

6:00AM: Wake up and breakfast on your own

8:30AM: Meet at Tanners to walk the Greenway into Ruth.

12:00 Noon: Lunch on your own

1:00PM: Travel to Gray's Chapel

1:30PM: Explore the Gray's Chapel area.

6:00PM: Supper and program at Gray's Chapel.

Daily Support: No showers. Restroom. Must return to Rutherfordton for stores or gas.

Camping: Pitch a tent, sleep in vehicles or sleep in the picnic shelter.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6: DEPART GRAY'S CHAPEL, ENCAMP AT COWPENS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD.

Directions to Cowpens: Cowpens is located on highway 11 about 5 miles east of Chesnee, South Carolina. Phone number is (864) 461-2828. **Cherokee County SC Marshal:** Jane Waters. (864) 489-7043

Planned Activities:

6:00AM: Wake up and breakfast on your own.

7:30AM: Motor to Cowpens

9:00AM—2:00PM: School programs.

4:00PM—5:30PM: Impromptu discussions with park visitors about the Campaign as a lead up to the evening program.

6:30PM: Program at Cowpens visitor center with focus on "**The Night Before The Battle**".

Supper on our own.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7: DEPART COWPENS. ARRIVE AT KINGS MOUNTAIN FOR

3:00 PM CEREMONY. **Cherokee County SC Marshal:** Jane Waters of Gaffney. (864) 489-7043.

Walking the Trail: There is no walking today. After lunch, we will join together at about 2:15 or 2:30 at Kings Mountain National Military Park to prepare for the finale.

Planned Activities:

7:00 AM: Breakfast on our own.

10:00 AM: Wreath Laying Ceremony at King's Mountain National Military Park.

12:00 PM: Lunch at Antioch Church provided by several DAR's

3:00 PM: Walk into the amphitheater at Kings Mountain NMP for traditional ceremony.

4:00 PM: Walk to the monument atop King's Mountain for the Mourning of Arms ceremony to those who fell in the Battle.

6:00 PM (or so) Our last meal together.

***And so ends the 228th anniversary of the Campaign of the
Overmountain Men to the Battle of King's Mountain.***

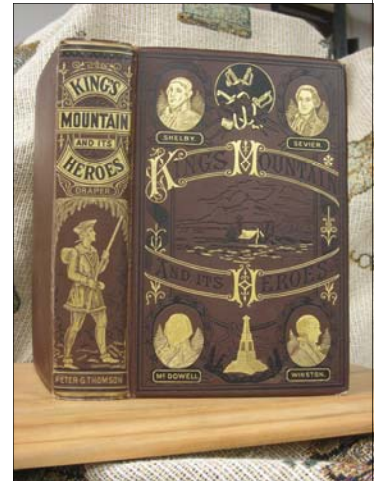
The 2008 Raffle Draper 2nd Edition

The OVTA will be raffling off a (very rare) 1929 second printing of Draper's King's Mountain and it's Heroes that was commissioned by the SAR. The book is in good condition and boasts a leather cover with gold embossed pictures of four of the battle's commanders (Shelby, Sevier, McDowell and Winston) and a "Rifleman" on the spine1.

Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10.00. The drawing will be on October 7th.

Mike Dahl has crafted a beautiful solid cherry display case for the book.

Contact Fran Dahl at 865-933-0883 or at fran@esper.com or any other board member to get your tickets.



King's Mountain and it's heroes, Lyman C. Draper, with steel portraits, maps and plans. Dauber & Pine Bookshops, Inc. New York City, 1929.



The Pemberton Preservation Pen Fundraiser

Mike Dahl is offering the *Pemberton Preservation Pen as a fundraiser to protect and preserve the Trail*. These pens will be made out of limbs from the Pemberton Oak that fell in August of 2002. Here is Mike's offering.

Set 1 — \$125

The Pemberton Preservation Pen in a box and I will provide a letter of the wood's authenticity. You may choose gold or silver.

Set 2 — \$250

The Pemberton Preservation Pen and Pencil set in a box and the Letter of Authenticity. Gold or silver.

Set 3 — \$500

The Pemberton Preservation Pen and Pencil set in a box with a letter opener and the Letter of Authenticity. Gold or silver.

Set 4 — \$1,000

The Pemberton Preservation Pen and Pencil set in a box with a letter opener and magnifying glass and the Letter of Authenticity. Gold or silver.

Set 5: — \$10,000 or more

The Pemberton Preservation Pen and Pencil set with a letter opener and magnifying glass and the Letter of Authenticity all in a small box made of the Pemberton Oak. Gold or silver.

The entire payment for the order will go into OVTA's Trail Protection Fund and therefore is tax deductible. Any monies not used in the purchase of the Shelving Rock Campsite will be used to protect and preserve other sites along the trail. Would it not be wonderful for OVTA to have the financial resources

on hand to be able to react quickly and step in when Trail lands come on the market or are threatened in some way? That's part of what OVTA is now. To help make sure we never lose another piece of the Trail.

Please make your check to Overmountain Victory Trail Association, with Trail Protection Fund written on the "for" line of the check. Our address is 2517 Shipe Road, Knoxville, TN 37924. Phone number is 865-933-0883. Or, you can order by email at miked@esper.com. Be sure to give pen color of gold or silver.



Here is a final tidbit—a break down of programs and ceremonies.

National Park Service Certifications.

Choate's Ford, Bluff City, September 24, 2PM

Rocky Mount, September 24, 8:30PM

Patterson School, Caldwell County and Yadkin River Greenway September 27, 9:30AM

Charles McDowell House, Morganton, September 27,

Joseph McDowell House, Marion, September 28, 2PM

School Programs

September 22-23, Abingdon,

September 24, Bluff City Middle School, 12:30PM

September 26, Roan Mountain elementary and middle schools, 10:30AM—2:00PM.

September 29, McDowell County schools, Joseph McDowell House, Marion, 12:00 —1:30PM

October 1, Charles McDowell House, Morganton, 9:00AM

October 2, Freedom High school, Morganton 8:30AM and 9:45 AM.

October 6, Cowpens, 10:00AM—2:00PM.

Public Programs

September 20-21, Muster Ground, Abingdon, Virginia.

September 24, Rocky Mount, Candle Light Tour of the Story.

September 25, Sycamore Shoals, encore presentation of the outdoor drama, 7:00PM

September 26, Shelving Rock Campsite, 7:00PM

September 28, Joseph McDowell House, Marion, 2:00PM

September 28, Orchard at Altapass, 6:00PM.

September 29, Marion, Carson House or Joseph McDowell House, 6:30PM.

September 30, Charles McDowell House, Morganton, 5:00PM

October 1, Freedom High school, Morganton, 9:45AM

October 1, Dysartsville Community Center, evening program.

October 3, Gilbert Town, Children's Program, 7:00PM

October 4, Rutherfordton Heritage Festival, 12 Noon—3:00PM.

October 4, Gilbert Town, Evening program, 7:00PM

October 5, Gray's Chapel, running program with kid's joining us for that day.

October 6, Cowpens, Impromptu discussion 4:00-5:30PM.

October 6, Cowpens, evening program, 6:30PM

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See you on the pathways of History. Mike.

September 10, 2008