



# Overmountain Victory Trail Association Annual Reenactment Schedule Newsletter

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## *From the President*

The OVTA has a lot going on right now. We have the Annual March beginning on September 23rd with school programming beginning on September 21 in Abingdon and on September 13 through the 17th in East Tennessee with the Nolichucky Chapter heading up that effort. This edition of the Newsletter is dedicated, for the most part with the schedule of the March.

We once again we have funding from the residual funds from the National Park Foundation's 2009 Active Trails Grant along with Challenge Cost Share funds from the National Park Service. These combined give us \$24,507.00 to go to the communities along the Trail. These funds will be used to bring school kids to the Trail for an exciting educational experience along with the opportunity to hike a portion of the Trail with us.

We also are making progress with the Brite Agency on putting together a table book on the Trail. This will be an exciting educational tool that will help promote the OVTA and the OVNHT.

I am also announcing that we will hold our Annual Membership meeting on November 6, 2010. The meeting will be held in Morganton, NC at the old historic courthouse. Our Board Meeting will begin at 12:00 Noon and then the Annual Meeting will be held at or around 3:00PM. You will find a ballot in this newsletter on the last page. We need to have as many ballots returned as possible. The 2010-2012 class has been operating as appointed by the Board so we need to do a little housekeeping and make this official. So cut out the Ballot and fill it out and send it back to us.

Another announcement is that we will be holding a Fund Raising and Membership training session. The OVTA needs to develop a concise program to increase our membership and fundraising capacities. Cindy Sebrell with ITEM:Creative Group will be leading this training. More to come on this to come.

## *Raising Funds in honor of Mrs. Hallie Bowen Holmes*

At our last board meeting Mr. Tom Holmes presented us with a check in the amount of \$5,000. This check is in memory of his Mother, Hallie Bowen Holmes who passed away earlier this year. Many THANKS to Tom and his family for this special gift in the memory of a special lady.

Not only did Tom donate the \$5,000 he has issued a challenge. He is giving the OVTA the opportunity to raise an additional \$5,000 over the next 12 months and he will match that with another \$5,000 in honor of his Mother. He has limited the amount per donation to \$500 per member. So we need a minimum of 10 \$500 donors or 5000 \$1 donors to meet this match.

This is an opportunity for the OVTA to receive a total of \$15,000 in honor of Hallie.



Tom Holmes, center, presents donation check to President Alan Bowen, right and Treasurer Scott Bowen, left at our last board meeting.

**And now, on to the Reenactment March Schedule.  
See you on the Trail**

# OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY TRAIL ASSOCIATION



## 2010 Reenactment Schedule



[www.ovta.org](http://www.ovta.org)

***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 2010 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 2010 reenactment Campaign Commander is Alan Bowen, 770-846-4465; abowen@sharptoptree.com.** Safety and Logistics during the reenactment will be handled by Dan King and Ronnie Lial. Contact information for the county marshals and campsites are listed in the schedule in the event your family needs to contract you.

This year, once again, the Nolichucky Settlements Chapter of OVTA will be commemorating John Sevier and the Nolichucky Men giving school programs in the communities along the route followed to Sycamore Shoals. They will be programming the schools in their area the week of September 13-17 so they can be with us in Abingdon, VA.

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!*

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: Arrive at MUSTER GROUND IN ABINGDON**

**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.

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

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 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.

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

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

**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.

### **WEDNSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22:**

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

4:30PM: William Campbell's Gravesite ceremony in Seven Mile Ford. Depart at 3:30PM.

Abingdon: Encamp at the Muster Ground.

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23:**

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

6:00 Dedication of the NEW Abingdon Visitors Ctr. at the Muster Grounds.

Abingdon: Encamp at the Muster Ground.

## **FRIDAY, 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.

### **Planned Activities:**

#### **Abingdon:**

Breakfast on our own in Abingdon.

8:00 AM: March out of Abingdon, Shuttle to Pemberton Oak for muster and ceremony.

8:30AM: Arrive Pemberton Oak.

10:00AM: Arrive Bluff City Middle School for day long festival. Story telling by stations.

4:30PM: Arrive at Rocky Mount. (Note: Rocky Mount will have school programs going on all day.

5:30PM Supper provided at Rocky Mount.

7:00PM: Evening Candle light Tour Program—The Story.

Encamp Rocky Mount.

**Daily Support:** Breakfast and lunch 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.

## **SATURDAY, 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:** OPEN

**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.

8:00AM: Walking group, if any are interested, may walk from Rocky Mount to the Quarry above the town of Watauga and then

shuttle back for vehicles. Talking group will proceed to Sycamore Shoals to set up for programs.

9:30-2:00PM: Sycamore Shoals—we will assist in the already scheduled encampment

2:00 PM: Cross the Sycamore Shoals of the Watauga River.

5:30 PM: Supper provided by the Julius Dugger Chapter of the DAR in the Sycamore Shoals visitor's center museum.

7:00PM: Evening Program.

**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.

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

**Directions to the Shelving Rock Campsite:** The campsite is located 25 miles south of Elizabethton. Travel from Elizabethton on US 19-E. Turn right onto SR143 in the village of Roan Mountain. The Shelving Rock Campsite is located on your left about 1.5 miles along SR 143. Roan Mountain State Park is located about 2 miles along SR143 south of the Shelving Rock Campsite. The park's phone number is (423) 772-3303.

**Carter County Marshal:** OPEN

### **Planned Activities:**

9:00 AM: Samuel Doak's sermon at Sycamore Shoals visitor center by George Cobb.

10:00AM: Shuttle to the Shelving Rock Campsite at Roan Mountain.

11:00AM—2:00PM: Lunch on our own. Rest time.

2:00—4:30 Explore the Shelving Rock

4:30PM: Supper by Roan Mountain Citizens Club at the Park Conference Center.

7:00PM: Program at the original campsite across from the Shelving Rock. We will be having a Vesper Service with George Cobb delivering Doak's Sermon and talking on the religious aspects of the men on the campaign. We will also tell the Story.

**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:** May camp on the historic campsite or return to Roan Mountain State Park for the night's encampment. Two cabins and a campsite have been provided by the Park Manager.

## **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: DEPART ROAN MOUNTAIN STATE PARK. ENCAMP AT RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NORTH OF SPRUCE PINE, NC.**

**Direction to Riverside Elementary School:** The school is located some 5 miles north of Spruce Pine on highway US19-E.

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

**Walking the Trail:** We will either walk up the old historic Yellow Mountain road, or the new trail up Hampton Creek Cove State Natural Area (paralleling the historic route). The day's walk will be very 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: Car pool to Hampton Creek Cove SNA parking lot to Cross the Roan.

Lunch on our own at head of Roaring Creek.

Run shuttle to Riverside elementary School. Call Linda to get the key to the school.

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

Encamp at Riverside Elementary School

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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28: DEPART RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EN-CAMP 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 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 into Robert Sevier's Gravesite.

**Planned Activities:**

9:00 AM: Meet at Unimin parking lot to walk to Robert Sevier's gravesite, Davenport Springs. The Story Stations will be done along the way to the gravesite.

Lunch provided by Unimin

2:00PM—5:00 PM: Rest time.

5:30PM: Arrive for supper and program at the Orchard at Altapass.

**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.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: DEPART THE MINERAL MUSEUM. ENCAMP AT Joseph McDowell House in Marion.**

**Directions to the Joseph McDowell House:** The Joseph McDowell House is located on highway 70 about 0.2 miles east of the intersection with US 221/226 where the Wal-Mart shopping center is located.

**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 the Mineral Museum where we will split our forces.

Group 1 will hike with students from Mineral Museum to the Apple Orchard at Altapass. Programs to follow at the Orchard. After programming this group will travel to Joseph McDowell House.

Group 2 will convoy to Joseph McDowell House in Marion for McDowell County Schools programs from 9AM to 2PM.

6:00PM: A supper meeting with community leaders to discuss the Model Trail Community concept at the Joseph McDowell house in Marion.

7:00PM: Public Program at Joseph McDowell House in Marion.

**Daily Support:** Showers available at Tom Johnson Trailer Park 2 miles west on hwy 70. . Large stores and gas nearby.

**Camping:** Encamp at Joseph McDowell House in Marion.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30: DEPART JOSPEH MCDOWELL HOUSE IN MARION, 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: Diana Register Rev Week Committee Chair** Phone 828-238-1553 **or Scott Coley, McDowell House/Historic Burke Executive Director:** . Phone: 828-403-0019 or 828-437-4101.

**Planned Activities:**

7:30AM: Breakfast on our own in Marion.  
9:30AM-11:00AM: School Program Lake James State Park We will have stations along the Trail that.  
11:00 AM: Trail Certification Lake James State Park  
Lunch on our own

2:00PM—4:00 Open time to explore Lake James State Park.

5:00PM: Arrive at the Charles McDowell House in Morganton.  
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.

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1: DEPART MORGANTON, GO TO DYSARTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER and ENCAMP AT STEARNS PARK, COLUMBUS**

**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) 980-4548.

**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.  
9:00AM – 2:00PM: School programs on the Catawba River Greenway in Morganton. OVTA will set up Story by Stations for the programming.  
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 (Chris Williams Ranger at Camp Grimes), 828-652-8592.

CONVOY to and ENCAMP at Stearns Park, Columbus (John Vinnings Phone: 828-894-8218) (NO showers. Port-a-Johns or restrooms at Stearns Park in Columbus.)

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2: DEPART STEARNS PARK, COLUMBUS, ENCAMP AT BUD SCHIELE BOY SCOUT CAMP**

**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.

### **Planned Activities:**

9:00PM: Polk County Farm Festival, Columbus, NC. Open camp, meet and greet and story telling at 10:30AM and at 1:00PM.

4:00PM: Convoy to Boy Scout Camp Bud Schiele.  
6:00PM: Supper on our own.

**Daily Support:** All meals on our own. Showers at Boy Scout Camp Bud Schiele. Restrooms. Small country store and gas nearby. **Camping:** We will be staying at the training center as usual but at a group camp on the other side of the camp.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3: DEPART STEARNS PARK IN COLUMBUS, PROGRAM AT GILBERTOWN and ENCAMP AT BUD SCHIELE BOY SCOUT CAMP**

**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. Festival Contact is John Vining, 828-894-8219 (work). 828-859-6534 (home).

12:00 Noon—5:00 Community event at Gilberttown. Stations set up much like for school programs with period Music and learning stations. We will also tell the Story.

5:00PM: Convoy to Boy Scout Camp Bud Schiele.

6:00PM: Supper

**Daily Support:** All meals on our own. Showers at Boy Scout Camp Bud Schiele. Restrooms. Small country store and gas nearby. **Camping:** We will be staying at the training center as usual.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 4: ENCAMP AT GILBERT TOWN OR BOY SCOUT CAMP 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.

**Planned Activities:**

8:00AM: Breakfast at Tanners with DAR.

9:00AM—2PM: Rutherford County Schools Education Days at Gilbert Town. OVTA provide Story by Stations.

6:00PM: Supper at Gilberttown.

**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 at Gilberttown or Camp at Bud Schiele Boy Scout Camp; restroom and showers available.

**TUESDAY, 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.

**Planned Activities:**

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

7:30AM: Convoy to Gray's Chapel.

9:30AM—1:30PM: School programs with Polk County Students. Story by Stations as we walk down to the October 5th Campsite.

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 at Gray's Chapel.

**WEDNESDAY, 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: Education Days at Cowpens.
- 6:00PM: Evening Program on “The Night Before the Battle of King’s Mountain”.
- Supper on our own.

**Daily Support:** Breakfast 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.

**THURSDAY, 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.

This is where the “traditional March ends. However, for the second year in a row, Elkin will be providing events celebrating the marching of the prisoners north after the Battle of King’s Mountain.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8: ENCAMP AT ELKIN CITY PARK.**

Surry and Wilkes County Marshal’s: R.G. and Donna Absher. 336-526-5336. Cell: 336-902-1760.

8:00am—3:00pm. Elkin Overmountain Victory Trail School Education Days at the city park. Story by Stations.

Encamp at Elkin Muster Ground (City Park

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9: ENCAMP AT ELKIN CITY PARK**

Surry and Wilkes County Marshal’s: R.G. and Donna Absher. 336-526-5336. Cell: 336-902-1760.

8:00AM—2:00PM Public Exhibition at the Muster Ground, Elkin City Park

*And so ends the 231st anniversary of the Campaign of the Overmountain Men to the Battle of King's Mountain.*

It took a lot of people to make this year work. To all those folks here’s a big Huzzah to you.

This year has been extraordinary by virtue of the enthusiasm, spirit and passion that came from the communities to plan and conduct the highest level of programming and public participation in the history of the Trail. For that the board and members of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association say thank you. For that, the American Spirit says thank you.

And once again we find ourselves saying, the job's not done...it's just beginning.

Thanks,  
Alan

**OVTA OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE 2010 TO 2012 CLASS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS (as presented by the Nominating Committee less one by resignation)**

	FOR	AGAINST
VOTE FOR SLATE BY ACCLIMATION	_____	_____
Vice-president-R.G Absher	_____	_____
Region 1 Virginia: Blair Keller	_____	_____
Region 1-Tennessee: Dan King	_____	_____
Region 2-North Carolina: Marc Bowen	_____	_____
Region 2-North Carolina: Bill Hendly, of the McDowell County Trails Association	_____	_____
Region 3-North Carolina: still open but have a commitment when husband is healthy (Teresa Howell)	_____	_____
Region 4-North Carolina: Kim Conner	_____	_____
Region 5-South Carolina: Jane Waters	_____	_____
Region 6-Georgia: Tom Holmes	_____	_____
At-large: Jerry Mustin, Tennessee	_____	_____
At-large: Garrett Jackson, Virginia	_____	_____
At-large: Myra Cook-Virginia	_____	_____
At-large: Carol Price, North Carolina (lives in Region 2)	_____	_____
At-large Youth seat: Christian Thompson (will serve as long as he is available)	_____	_____

Write in votes

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**Please cut this ballot out and fill out and mail to: OVTA 2517 Shipe Road, Knoxville, TN 37924  
Annual Membership meeting November 6, 2010 Morganton, NC**

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## *Upcoming Events*

### **BOD Meetings and Activities**

September 21 through October 9, 2010: Annual March to King's Mountain.

October 8 and 9, 2010: Elkin, NC. Historic Programs on the return of the prisoners from the Battle of King's Mountain.

November 6, 2010: OVTA board meeting, Morganton, NC