

# OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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**February, 2006**

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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.*

## **OVTA's 2006 Annual Meeting— "Telling the Story of the Trail in Your Community"**

By-law changes last year allowed us to move the annual meeting off the March and make it into something that can truly benefit our members and the trail.

The 2006 OVTA annual meeting will be held in Elkin, North Carolina on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 7, 8 and 9th. R.G. and Donna Absher are leading the effort of the Wilkes/Surrey County Chapter to host the annual meeting.

Here is a sampling of the activities that have been planned.

### **Friday April 7**

- 6:00 PM - meet for supper at Dooley's Restaurant for dinner in Downtown Wilkesboro
- 7:30 PM - Telling the Story at local sites with Old Wilkes Inc—the Wilkes Heritage Museum, Robert Cleveland's House and the Tory Oak. RG Absher will lead us on a Candlelit Ghost Tour and will point out historic points during the walk. (Special note: a surprise Tory ghost character will appear on the tour!) Come out for this Friday night and have some fun to kick off the weekend!
- 9:30 PM - Depart for Elkin's Comfort Inn (Wilkesboro is fairly close to Elkin. The maps and directions will be sent out with the final agenda.)

### **Saturday April 8**

- 8:00 AM—Welcome to Elkin -- OVTA president, Elkin Folks, OVTA board members and Guests
- 8:30 AM—OVTA Board Meeting. Open to all attending.
- 10:00 AM—OVTA annual meeting. Organizational business, set goals for 2006-2007, and election of officers.
- Noon - Lunch on site
- 1PM—5PM— Workshops

## **1PM- 3PM Workshop—Telling the story of the trail in your community (Mike Dahl workshop coordinator)**

This workshop will help understand what it is that makes a story compelling. It will present ideas on how to take historical fact and build the story of the Overmountain men in your community in a way that can bring pride, energy and resources to your own heritage.

But, having a compelling story is only half the battle. You can be even more effective if the story is presented in a way that touches and energizes the listeners. This follow-up workshop will present ways to turn the written pages of history into living stories that can excite and motivate communities along the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail

**5:00 PM — Travel to Elkin City Park for Fun and Cookout!!!**

**6:00 PM — Cookout in the Elkin City Park.**

**7:00 PM — Program at Elkin Park**—The community will be invited to come out and have fun around the bonfire and hear the telling of the story by the OVTA on the very ground where the commitment to make America and free and an independent country started!!! . Event may even include a few tavern songs, firing demonstration, and a surprise or two.

## **Sunday April 9**

9:00 AM - Hikes/Field Trips

**9:00 Am Field Trip to Roundabout** (ten minute driving time from motel) Here will focus on Draper/ Lenoir's accounts of Cleveland, The hanging of Tory Zachariah Wells, home-site location, campaign and post campaign related notes. We may also take a little time to develop the story of Roundabout.

**10:30 Hike from Elkin Muster Field to site along River**

**Noon - Adjourn conference with picnic lunch in Elkin City Park**

**Conference Costs:** There will be \$20 registration fee for attending the conference. This fee will cover the cost of the Saturday evening cookout and bonfire, name tags, etc. .

**Room accommodations:** Comfort Inn In Elkin 336-835-9400 To get the OVTA discount rate of \$69.00 (plus tax price range.) ***YOU MUST call by the cutoff date of March 7th*** . The motel is located in Jonesville at intersection of Hwy 67 and I-77. (easy to find). The motel has an indoor pool and a hot Breakfast and cold buffet bar is included in the room rate.

**YOU MUST MAKE YOUR MOTEL RESERVATION ON YOUR OWN!!!**

If anyone has questions please e-mail RG at absher-r@juno.com or phone him at 336-902-1760 cell or 336-921-3750 days.

# OVTA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

To register for the conference, please send this form **BY**  
**MARCH 18TH** with a check for \$20.00 made payable to:  
OVTA, PO Box 242421, Charlotte, NC 28224-2421.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Have You made a motel reservation at Comfort Inn (336-835-9400)      YES      NO

Will You be attending the workshop?      YES      NO

Will You be attending the cookout, bonfire and program?      YES      NO

Will You be attending the field trips on Sunday?      YES      NO

# 2006 OVTA Election Ballot

On this page you will find the ballot for OVTA officers and board members for the 2006-2007 year. **Your dues MUST accompany your ballot** unless you've already paid for 2006. Check the mailing label on this newsletter. The status of your membership is at the bottom of the label.

**Dues and ballot must be received at the OVTA PO Box no later than March 31, 2006 to be counted at the annual meeting on April 8th.**

**Send this ballot to  
OVTA, PO Box 242421, Charlotte, NC 28224-2421**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: Individual (\$30) \_\_\_\_\_; Family (\$40) \_\_\_\_\_; Life (\$500) \_\_\_\_\_; Supporting (\$100) \_\_\_\_\_

## **Slate of Officers as Presented by the Nominating Committee at the February 18, 2006 Board of Directors meeting**

<u>Cast Vote</u>	<u>Office or Seat</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Term</u>
Yes No	Vice President	R.G. Absher	2006—2008
Yes No	Secretary	Scott Bowen	2006—2008
Yes No	Region 1-VA	Blair Keller	2006—2008
Yes No	Region 1-TN	Bob Hardin	2006—2008
Yes No	Region 4	Nancy Ferguson	2006—2008
Yes No	Region 5-SC	Buck Jolly	2006—2008
Yes No	At-Large	Joe Harris	2006—2008

*Thanks to all who have agreed to serve!*