

2009 Great Smoky Mountains National Park Homecoming AGENDA

Thursday, April 30

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Required check-in
Sugarlands Visitor Center Training Room
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. – Open House
(see list of locations)
4 p.m. – 6 p.m. – *Meet the Authors* Reception
Gatlinburg – W. L. Mills Conference Center*
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Barbecue Hoedown Dinner
Gatlinburg – Twin Creeks Picnic Pavilion*

*Fee associated with activity to cover refreshments and meals. See registration form.

Friday, May 1

8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Late check-in
Sugarlands Visitor Center Training Room
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Field Day
(See attached program list for selection)
6 p.m. – 10 p.m. – Banquet and Silent Auction – Gatlinburg – Park Vista Hotel

Saturday, May 2

8:30 a.m. – Depart for Appalachian Highlands Science Learning Center
11:30 a.m. – Appalachian Highlands Science Learning Center
Lunch and Programs*
1 p.m. – Optional hike to Cataloochee
5 p.m.- 7 p.m. - Dinner and Elk program - Cataloochee*

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration. Please 1) fill out the registration form and send in payment by April 1, 2009, 2) submit your program/activities selection. You will receive a confirmation no later than April 16. Check-in will be held on Thursday morning when you will receive your orientation packet. Late check-in will be available at Meet the Authors reception and the Twin Creeks barbecue on Thursday and Friday morning from 8 a.m.- 10 a.m.

Programs/Social Activities – We are pleased to offer a variety of activities during the three days. Program descriptions are listed separately. We are requiring that you sign up for these programs because some of the field day activities have limitations on the number of people, particularly for the hikes. Indicate your selection(s) on the registration form.

Photos Presentation – At the Friday night banquet, we will present your memories of the Smokies. Please submit digital photos no later than April 1 and follow the instructions provided on the Share Your Photos page.

Lodging - We have procured a special rate at the following lodging facilities: **Park Vista**, \$75* per night; **Edgewater at the Aquarium**, \$70* per night and includes bountiful, complimentary continental breakfast; and **Arrowmont** (dorm style, shared rooms and bathrooms), \$25 per night (limited beds available). (*Rates do not include applicable taxes.) To make a reservation at the Park Vista or Edgewater at the Aquarium, call direct to hotels: Edgewater, 800 423-9582 and Park Vista 800-421-7275 by referring to Great Smoky Mountains National Park. To make a reservation at Arrowmont, contact Nancy Gray at 865/436-1208; or nancy_gray@nps.gov. The lodging rates are available until March 31.

Transportation – It will be necessary to have a private vehicle during your visit. We will coordinate carpooling for some of the activities depending on participation.

Please register and return to us with payment (make check payable to E&AA) and program selection by April 1, 2009, to: Great Smoky Mountains National Park, 107 Park Headquarters Road, Gatlinburg, TN 37738; attn: HOMECOMING

Complete the following information:

First and Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ (Required for confirmation)

Phone Number: _____

Additional Person(s):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Former employees or associates: Where did you work in the park or your affiliation with the park, your position, and date of tenure

Current employees or associates: Where do you work or your affiliation with the park and your position

This information will be compiled and provided in orientation packet so you may know who is attending.

**Please check those you plan to attend:
(Vegetarian offerings available on all meals)**

- Meet the Authors Reception** Thursday, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.
#of people _____ x \$10 = _____
- Hoedown Barbeque Dinner** Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
#of people _____ x \$15 = _____
- Banquet and Silent Auction**, Friday, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
#of people _____ x \$25 = _____
- Catered lunch at Appalachian Highlands**, Saturday, 11:30 a.m.
of people _____ x \$10 = _____
- Boxed Dinner**, Yes, I would like to purchase a boxed dinner for the elk program, Saturday, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
of people _____ x \$12 = _____

75th Anniversary T-Shirt - \$12 each



Provide Size & Quantity:

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

(Will be distributed at Registration)

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

For Friday activities, please indicate which programs you plan to attend by identifying program number:

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For Saturday activities, please indicate which programs you plan to attend by identifying program number:

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