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TOWNSEND SPRING FESTIVAL

May 6-7 @ Townsend Visitor Center

The foothills of the Smoky Mountains will come to life with bluegrass music, arts and crafts, time honored traditions and Appalachian cooking at the 25th annual Townsend in the Smokies Spring Festival and Old Timers Day sponsored by Dogwood Cabins, The Daily Times, WATE-TV, Alcoa Inc., Big Meadow Campground & RV, Pioneer Cabins & Guest Farm, the Great Smoky Mountains Association, Alcoa Inc., Carriage House, Wood n Strings Dulcimer Shop, Keep Blount Beautiful and Spectra.

Scheduled for May 6-7, 2016, at the Smoky Mountain Visitors Center at Townsend, the Townsend in the Smokies Spring Festival and Old Timers Day will provide an atmosphere where family and friends of all ages can partake in time-honored Appalachian traditions at the free community event. Parking is \$8 per day with proceeds benefiting the Townsend Volunteer Fire Department. Two-day parking passes are available online at www.smokymountains.org for \$10 or for \$12 on site Friday.

For everyone's convenience, a free shuttle service will provide transportation to and from the different Townsend sites participating in the weekend's festivities from 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. both days.

An event for all ages, the spring festival will center around traditional and contemporary bluegrass and mountain music; along with clogging and square dancing; art and craft booths; numerous Appalachian demonstrations; old-fashioned kids' games; and Southern food, such as fried pies and kettle corn.

Other sites throughout Townsend will host a variety of activities to enjoy over the weekend.

Appalachian Bear Rescue, located at the Trillium Cove Shopping Center, is hosting local artists and musicians while offering book signings and bear classes. For more information and to sign up for the classes, please visit appalachianbearrescue.org.

Festival-goers can also take the opportunity to enjoy an interactive walking tour featuring a full-sized engine, coal and water tank at the Little River Railroad and Lumber Company Museum.

Jeepism is celebrating its store birthday with in-store specials.

Whether you are searching for an Appalachian piece of artwork for your home, hungry for some delicious barbecue or just looking to enjoy the many bluegrass performances, there is something for everyone to enjoy at this special two-day event.

EVENTS CALENDAR

The event calendar on BlountChamber.com allows the community to post its events directly to gain added exposure. These are great opportunities to connect and network with potential customers. Visit our website to receive notices of events and meetings you would like to attend – BlountChamber.com, click on Events Calendar.

APRIL

- 23 Spring Arts, Crafts, & Collectibles Show - Foothills Mall
- 23-29 Buttermilk Sky Pie Shop "Pie It Forward" benefits New Hope
- 23 Friends of the Library Pre-Owned Book Sale
- 23 Art on the Runway benefitting Fine Arts Blount and Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service of Blount County
- 23 Bebe Salon hosts Beauty for Babes
- 23 "A Note Worthy Cause" benefitting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- 26 Business-Building workshop presented by Dex Media
- 27 Mountain Challenge's Camp 4 at Maryville College
- 28 Coffee Club sponsored by Express Employment Professionals
- 28 Financing Your Business the SBA Way
- 28 Understanding the Affordable Care Act
- 28 Google Better: Internet Searching Beyond the Basics @ Blount County Library
- 29 Blount County Job Fair
- 29 State Legislative Briefing
- 29 Y12 Federal Credit Union - Ribbon Cutting
- 30 Alcoa Kiwanis Annual Pancake Breakfast

MAY

- 2 Blount County Tourism Day
- 2-5 Resume Help Sessions @ Library
- 5 "Visit A Park" Day
- 5 TN Commissioner of Transportation Briefing
- 5 Community Food Connection Fundraising Dinner -- Roast of Sen. Doug Overbey
- 6-7 Townsend Spring Festival & Old Timers Day
- 6 10th Anniversary Hops for Hope benefitting New Hope
- 6 Recovery Revolution at RIO Revolution
- 7 Mudder's Day Madness 5K
- 7-8 Nawger Nob Arts and Crafts Festival
- 7 Kingdom Design Ministries Golf Classic
- 10 Chamber Social Sponsored by Blount County Library Foundation & Maryville Rotary Club
- 11 Rookies Class - Intro to Facebook @ Library
- 13-14 New Midland Arts and Crafts Fair
- 13 Pet Supplies Plus - Ribbon Cutting
- 13-15 British Car Show @ Talley Ho Inn
- 14 Tour De Blount
- 14 PetSafe Dog Park - Grand Opening
- 20 Genealogy Workshop @ Library
- 20-21 Studebaker Car Show @ Talley Ho Inn
- 21 Blount County Melanoma Awareness 5k
- 21-22 Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival & Games
- 25 Blount Tourism Ambassador Class
- 26 Coffee Club at Maryville Seventh-day Adventist Church

If you have any events you would like listed on our community calendar, click on Add Your Event at www.BlountChamber.com

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New Members

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