



SNOWDOWN

Jan. 27-29 @ Great Smoky Mtns. Heritage Center

Experience the history and heritage of the Great Smoky Mountains.

Come out of hibernation and visit Townsend for Snowdown 2017!

The Snowdown festival features Appalachian music events including singers and songwriters in the round, various live performances, dulcimer classes and banjo picking.

Enjoy authentic regional food and beverage offerings all weekend.

The Snowdown lineup includes cast iron cooking classes, Sunday church breakfast, a chili cook-off competition, plus food and wine pairing dinners, beer pairings, bourbon tastings and chocolate making to enjoy throughout the festival.

Cades Cove Preservation Association will present regional historians daily.

Textile arts galleries and classes will be offered by the Townsend Artisan Guild.

Quilting demonstrations will be conducted by the Blount County Quilters Guild.

There will also be fly fishing tying skills, square dancing and more.

Pick up a Snowdown map and schedule of events from the Blount County Chamber of Commerce (201 S. Washington St., Maryville), the Townsend Visitors Center (7906 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy., Townsend), the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center (123 Cromwell Dr., Townsend) and many other area lodging and retail facilities located in Townsend.

For more information, visit www.townsendsnowdown.com

Snowdown Guest Speakers at Heritage Center

Friday, January 27, 2017

10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Joe Emert will speak on the migration of his family into the Pittman Center area of Sevier County and on over the mountain into Tuckaleechee Cove.

11 a.m. – 12 noon Jim Renfro, air resource specialist for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, is responsible for managing the park's air quality program.

noon – 1 p.m. Lunch Break

1 p.m. – 2 p.m. Robin Goddard will speak on volunteering in the National Park, the Walker Sisters and the Little Greenbrier School.

2 p.m. – 3 p.m. Bert "Wildcat" Emerson, former Appalachian Trail chaplain, will talk about his year on the trail.

3 p.m. – 4 p.m. Fred Brown, retired columnist and writer for the Knoxville News-Sentinel, will speak about stories he has done over the years documenting the Appalachian region.

5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. Sam Venable, humorist, author and retired columnist for the Knoxville News-Sentinel will be our celebrity guest speaker.

Saturday, January 28, 2017

10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Mark Davidson will speak on "The Little Tennessee: A Treasure over Time."

11 a.m. – noon Dorothy Gregory Sutton, a native of Cades Cove, will speak on Teachers of Cades Cove.

noon – 1:30 p.m. The Blount County Fire Department cooking team will cook a lunch of beans, cornbread, greens and all the fixin's.

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Larry Sparks - The Civil War Comes to Cades Cove.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Bernard Myers, a Cades Cove native, will speak on the "Myers Travelers" and how his ancestors traveled through the region.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Earl D. Layhue, a singer-songwriter, will perform some of his songs he has written about Cades Cove, the National Park and the Appalachian region.

New Members

We'd like to welcome new members to the Blount County Chamber of Commerce who joined since last month. If you are interested in joining or finding out more information, please call 865.983.2241 or go to www.BlountChamber.com

C&C Janitorial Painting & Lawn Service
 (865) 696-0533

Crestcom
www.crestcom.com

The Legacy Centre for Family Business and Entrepreneurship
www.tnlegacy.com

Maryville Corner Market
www.maryvillecornermarket.com

Menard's Construction
 (865) 640-5719

Reinhart Food Service
www.rfsdelivers.com

Vieo Design
www.vieodesign.com

Xtreme Tower Products
www.xtremetowers.com

Blount Area Jobs

Are you looking for a job?

Are you looking for employees?

If you fall into either category, then you need to check out www.BlountAreaJobs.com.

The job board provided by the Blount County Chamber of Commerce has listings for part and full-time positions with area employers. It also has complete job listings for DENSO, Newell Brands, Clayton, Vanderbilt Mortgage, Staffing Solutions, ResourceMFG, Blount Memorial Hospital and direct links to numerous staffing agencies.

Additionally, access to the state of Tennessee's job board can also be found. There, you can create a profile and get notifications of jobs fitting your qualifications statewide.

Employers can post available positions for a flat monthly fee and have the job listed on every national job search engine to bring you the most qualified candidates.

www.BlountAreaJobs.com

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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.

JANUARY

- 3 Moe's Alcoa Percent Night for Maryville Christian School
- 5 Afternoon Mixer at PCS
- 9 Women in Business
- 11 Moe's Alcoa Percent Night for Maryville Wildcats 8U Softball
- 12 Get Fit Maryville - Ribbon Cutting
- 14 Martin Luther King Kids and Families Fair
- 18 Microsoft Word 2010 Essentials @ Blount County Public Library
- 20-21 Pre-Owned Book Sale at Blount County Public Library
- 20 United Way of Blount County Annual Meeting
- 21 Erth's Dinosaur Zoo Live! @ Clayton Center for the Arts
- 23 Microsoft Word 2010 Essentials @ Blount County Public Library
- 24 Kingdom Design Ministries - Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening
- 25 Microsoft Excel 2010 Essentials @ Blount County Public Library
- 26 Coffee Club at Regions Bank
- 27 Soft Skills Training - Tips for Public Speaking
- 27-29 A Winter Snowdown a Smoky Mountain Winter Heritage Festival
- 27 97th Chamber Annual Celebration
- 30 Microsoft Excel 2010 Essentials @ Blount County Public Library

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



Business Counseling

Are you looking to start a small business or need help in your current one? Then check out the Tennessee Small Business Development Center that visits the Blount County Chamber every

Thursday.

To schedule a FREE small business counseling session or to make an appointment with a representative from the Tennessee SBDC call Kasey at 983-2241.

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