



The 2019 March Schedule

This is tentative and will be updated as the information changes. Updated 8/14/2019

Following is a day-by-day schedule of the reenactment including a short description of each day's walk, logistics and planned activities. Last minute changes to the schedule will likely occur so please be patient when that happens.

The OVTA is being called on to participate in many more community celebrations and school programming venues than in the past. As a result, much of the traditional road walking activities have been adjusted to meet those demands.

Trail walking information is a separate document and can be found on the OVTA website. The trail information is a work in progress and needs a lot of updating. Information for the updates is being collected.

PRE-MARCH EVENTS

Thursday, September 12

6:00pm TN SAR 1st. District meeting Farmhouse Gallery Unicoi, TN

Cost is \$20 per person. Need to make reservation.

Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge Commander-in-Chief, Rick Abbott will be the featured speaker.

Address: Farmhouse Gallery, 121 Covered Bridge Lane, Unicoi, TN

Contact: Dave Carr (423) 390-1313, for reservations.

Friday, September 13

2:00pm Grave Marking New Bethel Presbyterian Church Piney Flats, TN
6:00pm TN SAR 1st. District SAR dinner Food City Market Depot Room Johnson City, TN

Grave marking: Kings Mountain Chapter, TNSSAR will host a five patriot Grave Marking at New Bethel Presbyterian Church in Piney Flats, TN. Tennessee State Color Guard Commander John Clines will lead the Color Guard. Need to sign up to bring wreath. The five patriots are: Thomas King, David Hughes, John King, Jr., John White, and John Allison.

Address: New Bethel Presbyterian Church, 592 New Bethel Rd, Piney Flats, TN

Contact: Dave Carr (423) 390-1313

TN SAR 1st. District dinner: The speaker will be Richard White, Curator of 18th and 19th century Tennessee History at the TN State Museum in Nashville. This should be a great presentation...Must have a reservation.

Address: Food City Market, Depot Room (upstairs front inside), 920 North State of Franklin Road, Johnson City.

Contact: Dave Carr (423) 390-1313, for reservations.

Saturday, September 14

10:00am SAR Gathering Sycamore Shoals State Park Elizabethton, TN

SAR Gathering: The story of the gathering at Sycamore Shoals, presentation of wreaths, Color Guard display of colors, special displays of life at the shoals, and musket volleys. Museum will be open. SAR will take care of program.

Address: Sycamore Shoals State Park, 1651 West Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN, Park phone 423-543-5808.

Contact: Dave Carr (423) 390-1313

Sunday, September 15

1:30pm Bell Ringing Constitution Day Oak Hill School Jonesborough, TN

Bell Ringing Constitution Day:

Address: Oak Hill School, 212 E. Sabin St, Jonesborough.

Contact: Carol Redmond, logcabinfor2@gmail.com 423-646-2424

Wednesday, September 18

Abingdon Call to Arms School Day 1

Walk the trail: Muster Grounds trail. See Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website.

Contact: Leigh Ann Hunter 276-525-1050

Thursday, September 19

Abingdon Call to Arms School Day 2

Friday, September 20

Abingdon Call to Arms School Day 3

7:00pm Candlelight Tours Sycamore Shoals State Park Elizabethton, TN

Candlelight tours: Pre-registration required. Cost: Adults \$7.00; Ages 7 to 17 years -\$5.00; 6 and under free. Max: 25 per tour. Tour times: 7:00, 7:15, 7:30, 7:45, 8:00, 8:15, & 8:30 PM

Experience the sights, sounds, and emotions of the 18th century as you are guided through the historic encampment by lantern light. Meet legendary figures such as Col. John Sevier, Mary Patton, Rev. Samuel Doak, and others as they tell the dramatic story of this historic gathering which led to one of the most decisive victories of the Revolution!

Program begins at the park visitor center. Each tour lasts approximately 1 hour.

Address: Sycamore Shoals State Park, 1651 West Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN

Directions: The park is located on US 19E (West Elk Avenue) as you enter Elizabethton from the west.

GPS Coordinates: 36.343125 / - 82.25112

Contact: Park, 423-543-5808

Saturday, September 21

10:00am-4:00pm Washington Co Regiment Muster Sycamore Shoals State Park Elizabethton, TN

Washington Co Regiment Muster:

Address: Sycamore Shoals State Park, 1651 West Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN

Directions: The park is located on US 19E (West Elk Avenue) as you enter Elizabethton from the west.

GPS Coordinates: 36.343125 / - 82.25112

Contact: Chad Bogart 423-543-5808

Sunday, September 22

10:00am-3:00pm Washington Co Regiment Muster Sycamore Shoals State Park Elizabethton, TN
2:00pm John Brody wreath laying Brody Cemetery Saltville, VA
4:00pm William Campbell grave Aspenvale Cemetery Marion, VA

5:00pm
6:30pm

Choates Ford River crossing and public program
Francis Asbury (Rev George Cobb) Acuff Chapel

Bluff City, TN
Blountville, TN

Washington Co Regiment Muster: See Saturday above for more information

Address: Broady Cemetery, 30291-30437 Rich Valley Rd, Meadowview, VA

Directions: I81, exit 24 Highway 80 toward Meadowview .3 mile, left on Highway 80/Glenbrook Ave .6 mile, right on Highway 80/Lindell Rd 4.8 mile, right on Rich Valley Rd 4.4 mile, turn left 449 ft, then slight left 469 ft Or, I81N to exit 29, Glade Spring, turn left off exit, go about .6 miles bare right on VA91/Monte Vista Dr, continue about 8 miles to Saltville, go through downtown Saltville, remain on VA91/Main St, in 1 mile turn left onto Battleground Av, Battleground Av will deadend on Broady Cemetery Rd

GPS Coordinates: 36.8381613/ -81.8398409

Alternate route: Take exit 35 and turn onto Highway 107 from the exit ramp going toward Chilhowie. Drive straight, north from Chilhowie to Saltville, on Highway 107. Travel approximately 8 miles. At the first traffic light, turn right onto Highway 91 North. Go about a mile and turn left onto Battleground Avenue. You will pass the Saltville Rescue Squad. At the dead-end of Battleground Avenue, proceed down the dirt lane labeled Broady Cemetery.

Address: Aspenvale Cemetery, 303 Seven Mile Rd, Marion, VA

Directions: I81, VA exit 39, turn south on US 11, follow US 11 and Seven Mile Rd to destination (303 Seven Mile Rd, private home). A sign points the way to a gravel path that goes up a steep hill and ends at a driveway of the private residence. Just short of the house you can pull off into the grass to see the cemetery. Fifteen minutes should be enough, for it is not very big. Campbell family plot is located behind the Preston family plot, both contained within the stone wall. William Campbell's grave is marked with a large, modern grave stone made from a slab of granite

From Broady Cemetery- from Battleground Av turn right on VA91, about 1 mile turn left on VA107 toward Chilhowie, go 8 miles into Chilhowie, turn left on VA11, in few miles bare left on Seven Mile Ford, watch for signs for Aspenvale Cemetery on left, turn left and follow driveway up the hill.

Choates Ford River Crossing and public program: OVTA will tell the story after the river crossing. May be one of the last times to cross this river. The dam should be repaired next year or two. Crossing is dependent on TVA not generating from South Holston Dam at the time.

Address: Choates Ford, 4175 Bluff City Hwy, Bluff City, TN

Directions: Meet at the Bluff City Riverside Pavilion. Choates Ford, Intersection of Bluff City Hwy/Rt 390 and Bridge Street/Holston Drive. Either Walk or carpool from the Pavilion to the crossing site on the far side of the river. A program will be held immediately after the crossing on the island of B&B Campground.

GPS Coordinates: N 36.47617 W 82.26314

Contact: Tom Vaughn, 423-366-8639

Acuff Chapel Rev George Cobb will portray Francis Asbury. Acuff Chapel is the first Methodist Episcopal Church to be erected on Tennessee soil. Bishop Asbury preached here often. The chapel was named for Timothy Acuff, who gave the land on which it was erected. Micijah Adams, Tennessee, PVT. Shelby's Regt., Revolutionary War is buried here.

Directions: From Interstate 81, take exit 69 (Highway 394), drive south 1 mile to the intersection with Highway 126 in Blountville, TN. Turn right (west) on Route 126 and travel 2.2 miles. Look for the historical marker and the church on the right.

GPS Coordinates: 36.534824, -82.359589

Contact: David Doan, 423-366-8091

Monday, September 23

Rocky Mount School Day

Encamp: **Actual:** Abingdon Muster grounds- Col Campbell

Col Campbell Leaves Muster Grounds

Tuesday, September 24

7:00pm Leave Abingdon Muster Grounds Abingdon Muster Grounds
Weaver Cemetery Bristol, TN
Bluff City School Day
Rocky Mount Public Program Rocky Mount State Historic Site
Morganton Rev War Days- “Living History” School Day
Wilkes Surry program- School Program

Walk the trail: Choates Ford Trail, Bluff City. See Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website.

Daily Support: Breakfast and lunch on your own. Rocky Mount will provide evening meal. Showers, hot water, restrooms at Rocky Mount. Small convenient stores and gasoline nearby. Larger stores 5 miles away in Johnson City.

Camping: Rocky Mount Historic Site. Marchers may pitch a tent, sleep in their vehicles in the parking lot or find a local motel.

Encamp: Rocky Mount **Actual:** Ft Womack

Weaver Cemetery: Five Revolutionary War Patriots: William Carr, Rev. Joseph Rhea, Sr. (militia chaplain), Joseph Rhea Jr., Matthew Rhea, and William Rutledge

Address: Weaver Cemetery, 132 Peoples Road at Weaver Pike, Bristol, TN

GPS Coordinates: 36.524829865 / -82.185409

Contact: Tom Vaughn, 423-366-8639

Rocky Mount Public Program: OVTA will do the program. Rocky Mount will provide the evening meal.

Address: Rocky Mount State Historic Site, 500 Hyder Road, Piney Flats, TN. Phone number (423) 538-7396.

Directions: 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.

GPS Coordinates: N 36.40765 W 82.33778

Contact: Sam Wegner 504-444-2888

The Gathering

Wednesday, September 25

2:00pm Leave Rocky Mount
Elizabethton City School Day
Watauga River crossing with public program to follow
Wilkes Surry program- School Day

Walk the trail: Rocky Mount trail. See Walk the Trail information on OVTA website.

Walk the trail: Sycamore Shoals trails. See Walk the Trail information at the end of the detailed schedule.

Daily Support: Breakfast and lunch on your own. Supper (about 5:30 pm) provided by the Julius Dugger Chapter and the John Carter Chapter of the DAR in the Sycamore Shoals visitor’s center. 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.

Encamp: Sycamore Shoals **Actual:** Sycamore Shoals

The March Begins

Thursday, September 26

8:00am Rev Doak Sermon Sycamore Shoals Elizabethton, TN
Carter County Schools Day

6:00pm Roan Mountain public program Roan Mountain State Park Roan Mountain, TN
Morganton Rev War Days- “Living History” School Day
Wilkes Surry program- School Day

Daily Support: Supper at Roan Mountain State Park

Encamp: Riverside School **Actual:** Shelving Rock/Resting Grounds

Roan Mountain public program:

Address: 1015 HWY 143 Roan Mountain, TN

Contact: Park 423-547-3900

Friday, September 27

Leave Riverside School
Sibelco/Unimin School Day

9:00am Walk Yellow Mountain Meet at Roan Mountain Community Park
4:00pm Grassy Creek Trail Dedication Grassy Creek Golf Course, Spruce Pine, NC
6:00pm Apple Orchard public program and meal Spruce Pine, NC

Walking the Trail: Walk from Sibelco/Unimin parking lot to field next to Robert Sevier’s gravesite. Very close to OVT trail.

Daily Support: Breakfast at school and lunch provided by Sibelco/Unimin. Supper at Apple Orchard. Hot shower at the Blue Ridge Maintenance facility, restrooms, laundry, stores and gas nearby. Sleep in vehicles or inside the maintenance building at the Mineral Museum or Apple Orchard.

Encamp: Apple Orchard or Mineral Museum **Actual:** Roaring Creek

Yellow Mountain hike: Bob Hardin will be the guide. Meet at Roan Mountain Community Park. Carpool from Roan Mountain Community Park to Hampton Creek Cove Trailhead. Hike from the Hampton Creek Cove Wildlife Trail Head up and over Yellow Mountain (about a 2500 foot elevation climb). This is approximately 5 miles. Pickup will be provided.

Address: Roan Mountain Community Park: 146 Carter Street, Roan Mountain, TN 37687

Directions: South on Highway 19E from Elizabethton

GPS Coordinates: 36.200176, -82.074684

Contact: Bob Hardin 423-612-0242

Grassy Creek trail dedication

Address: Grassy Creek Golf Course, 2360 Swiss Pine Lake Dr, Spruce Pine, NC

Contact: 828- 765-7436

Address: Apple Orchard at Altapass, 1025 Orchard Road, Spruce Pine, NC, 828-765-3437

Directions: From the Mineral Museum at the Blue Ridge Parkway, North to the Apple Orchard

GPS Coordinates: N 35.87552 W 82.02476

Contact: Bill Carson Apple Orchard - 828-765-9531

Address: Mineral Museum, Blue Ridge Parkway Maintenance, 79 Parkway Maintenance Road, Spruce Pine, NC
Phone number (828) 765-2761

Directions: 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.

GPS Coordinates: N 35.85396 W 82.05105

Contact: Conrad Shirk, NPS, Mineral Museum/Programs/Maintenance Facility: 828-765-1228

Saturday, September 28

Working on this

Several Options here:

1. Camp at Davidson’s Fort at Old Fort NC
2. Camp at Morganton Catawba Meadows Greenway for Morganton Rev War

Weekend, including Catawba River Crossing at 11:00 am - 3:30 pm,
Greenlee Ford Road

11:00am or 12 noon Catawba River crossing Greenlee Ford behind Judges Restaurant
Commemorative Crossing of the Catawba public program Judges Restaurant
Encamp: **Actual:** Grassy Creek

Commemorative Crossing of the Catawba public program Guest speaker will be Morganton City Manager Sally Sandy. There may be some pre-crossing programming and there will be a brief program immediately following the crossing but there will not be programming in the afternoon after 1:30 PM.

Address: Freedom High School, 511 Independence Boulevard, Morganton, NC

Address: Judge's Restaurant, 128 Greenlee Ford Rd, Morganton, NC

GPS Coordinates: N 35.73956 W 81.71850

Sunday, September 29

Working on this

Again, several Options:

1. Carson House afternoon/evening program
Martha Jordan- public day, do some stations, dinner 5-5:30 pm, can camp
2. McDowell House Morganton, church service at Quaker Meadows
Presbyterian

11:00am Church service Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church Morganton, NC

1:00pm-5:00pm Living History public day Charles McDowell House Morganton, NC

6:00pm -8:00pm Public program Historical Carson House Marion, NC

Daily Support: Breakfast on your own, lunch at Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church, supper Historical Carson House (5 pm)

Encamp: Marion or Carson House **Actual:** North Cove & Turkey Cove

Church:

Address: Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church, 2698 Highway 181 NC Highway 181, Morganton, NC 2

Living History public day

Address: Charles McDowell House, 119 St. Mary's Church Road, Morganton, NC

Contact:

Historical Carson House: 2 or 3 or so may go help with this program.

Address: Carson House, 1805 US-70, Marion, NC

Directions: US 221 to Hwy 70W, 1.5 miles on right.

GPS Coordinates: N 35.69181 W 82.05784

Contact: Martha Jordan, Executive Director of the Carson House. Work Phone: 828-724-4948

Monday, September 30

Open day or go to Carson House your choice

School Day

Daily Support: Breakfast on your own, lunch and supper at Carson House

Encamp: Morganton **Actual:** Quaker Meadows

Tuesday, October 1

"Open Day"

6:00pm Dysertsville public program Dysertsville Community Center

Laundry, side trips- Fort Defiance, Biggerstaff Hanging Tree, Lake James OVNHT, etc.

Daily Support: Open day, Breakfast and lunch on your own. Supper at Dysertsville

Encamp: Scout Camp Bud Schiele. Catawba Meadows Greenway **Actual:** Bedford Hills

Dysersville Community Center will be open around 4.

Address: Dysersville Community Center, 118 Vein Mountain Rd, Nebo, NC

Contact: Linda Yutzzy 828-652-7056

Wednesday, October 2

6:30am Convoy to Gilberttown
7:00am DAR Breakfast Scout Cabin
Rutherford Co School Day

4:00 or 5:00 pm Brittan Church Cemetery grave dedication with SAR/SR

Daily Support: Lunch provided at Gilberttown. Evening meal on your own (group meal). Restrooms. small country store and gas nearby

Encamp: Scout Camp Bud Schiele.. (May use Camp Bud Schiele for cleanup, then encamp parking lot Pleasant Hills Baptist Church) **Actual:** Bedford Hills

Breakfast: 6:30am Convoy to Gilberttown for breakfast (abt 15 min)

Address: Scout Cabin, 271 N Toms St, Rutherfordton, NC

Address: Camp Bud Schiele, 668 Boy Scout Road, Rutherfordton, NC

Thursday, October 3

7:00 Breakfast Pleasant Hill Church
Polk Co School Day
6:30pm Evening meal & program Gray's Chapel/Alexander's Ford
Wilkes Surry program
1:00pm-4:00pm NC Outlander Homecoming Leatherwood Mountains Resort, Ferguson, NC
Fort Defiance School Day

Daily Support: Breakfast at Pleasant Hill Church, lunch provided at School Day

Encamp: Gray's Chapel (Alexanders Ford) **Actual:** Marlins Knob

Breakfast:

Address: Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 563 Pleasant Hill Church Rd, Rutherfordton, NC
(30 min from Scout camp, 10 min to Gray Chapel)

GPS Coordinates:

Address: Gray's Chapel, 500 Gray's Chapel Church Rd, Rutherfordton, NC

Directions: 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 inter-section with County Line Road. Turn left. The chapel is located about ¼ mile on the right.

GPS Coordinates: N 35.31420, W82.03846

Contact: Linda Sheehan Cell: 828-429-0312

NC Outlander Homecoming: This group is very interested in the campaign Kings Mountain history as they follow the TV series Outlander which is a Novel work that features the immigration by Scots Family to North Carolina during the Regulator years through the Revolution. Although the Outlander is a novel, it does seem to excite its participants about the Southern Campaign and the Kings Mountain story!

Wilkes/Surry Chapter will set up at the cabin at Leatherwood for the "Fraziers Ridge Homecoming" participants. Will do storytelling and small group interpretation as folks arrive at the site (NC Outlander participants - approx 130 -150 people).

Address: Leatherwood Mountains Resort, 512 Meadow Rd, Ferguson, NC 28624

Contact: RG Absher, 336-902-1760

Friday, October 4

Cherokee Co School Day
Wilkes Surry program
Fort Defiance School Day

Daily Support:

Encamp: Cherokee Co History and Arts Museum **Actual:** Gilberttown

Address: Cherokee Co History and Arts Museum, 301 College Dr, I-85 SC Exit 92, Gaffney, SC
Directions: I-85, Exit 90, South on Rt 105, to Left on Granard St, to Right on College (follow signs toward Limestone College)
GPS Coordinates: N 35.06737 W 81.64895
Address: Gaffney Visitors Center,
Contact: LeighAnn Snuggs (864) 487-6244

Saturday, October 5

Alternate events:

Gaffney – Possible hike the new OVNHT/Carolina Thread Trail at Lake Welchel
(about 5minutes from Gaffney) Walnut Grove (Optional)

Daily Support:

Encamp: Cherokee Museum **Actual:** Alexanders Ford

Address: Gaffney Visitors Center & Art Gallery, 210 W Frederick Street, Gaffney SC

Sunday, October 6

5:00pm Gaffney – Optional church service Walnut Grove, SC (Optional)
 The Night before Kings Mountain program Cowpens National Battlefield
Daily Support: Supper provided by City of Gaffney after program at the pavilion. Other meals on your own.
Encamp: Cowpens **Actual:** Cowpens

Address: Gaffney Visitors Center & Art Gallery, 210 W Frederick Street, Gaffney SC

The Night before Kings Mountain program: -

Cowpens National Battlefield- Evening program only.
Address: Cowpens National Battlefield, 4001 Chesnee Hwy (Hwy 11), Gaffney, SC (864) 461-2828
Directions: Cowpens is located on highway 11 about 5 miles east of Chesnee, SC
GPS Coordinates: 35.136863°, -81.818496°
Contact: Ben Richardson, 864-490-0865

Monday, October 7

10:00am Wreath Laying Ceremony at Kings Mountain National Military Park. Walk to the monument atop
 King’s Mountain for the Mourning of Arms ceremony to those who fell in the Battle.
2:15pm Meet at the Visitor’s Center to prepare for March finale
3:00pm Walk into the amphitheater at Kings Mountain NMP for traditional ceremony.
Daily Support: Breakfast on your own, lunch provided by several DAR’s at Antioch Church
Encamp: Home **Actual:** Kings Mountain

Address: Kings Mountain, 2625 Park Rd, I-85 NC Exit 2, Blacksburg, SC. (864) 936-7921
Directions: I-85 northbound to Exit 2, right 4 miles to visitor’s center
GPS Coordinates: N 35.14087 W 81.37625
Address: Antioch Church, 811 State Road, Blacksburg, SC