



# Special Events at the Peaks of Otter

Milepost 86 on the Blue Ridge Parkway

- June 20 & 21** Art Fest - All day, both days. Special activities for kids on Saturday. Watch local artists as they capture the beauty of the Peaks of Otter on canvas. Artists will set up throughout the area and will be available to answer visitor questions. From 11 am to 3 pm special art activities for children of all ages will be available just outside the lodge near Abbott Lake. There will be a free hot dog lunch for participating kids.
- July 4** Music Concert from 3-5 pm at the Peaks of Otter Amphitheatre  
Roanoke-based band "Virginia Carolina" will play traditional mountain and bluegrass music for this free event.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Hike** - 7 pm at Sharp Top  
Hike to the top of Sharp Top to view area fireworks. Meet at the nature center for a 3 mile ranger-led hike on the bus road to the summit of the mountain. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and a flashlight for each hiker.
- July 14 - 16** Junior Ranger Nature Camp 9:30 am – 12:00 noon  
Join National Park rangers and become a Junior Ranger while you learn all about nature through fun activities, games and projects. The cost is \$30 and includes a special camp T-shirt.
- July 21 - 23** Junior Ranger Nature/Art/Pioneer Camp 9:30 am – 12:00 noon  
Become a Junior Ranger as you learn about nature, art and experience what it was like to live on an early 20<sup>th</sup> century mountain farm through activities, games and projects that are fun and educational. Ages 6-9 Cost is \$30 and includes a special camp T-shirt.
- July 28 - 30** Junior Ranger Nature/Art/Pioneer Camp 9:30 am – 12:00 noon  
Become a Junior Ranger as you learn about nature, art and experience what it was like to live on an early 20<sup>th</sup> century mountain farm through activities, games and projects that are fun and educational. Ages 10-13 Cost is \$30 and includes a special camp T-shirt.

- August 15** Naturefest 2009 9am – 10:30 pm  
Take a “peak” at nature by joining area naturalists as they present programs, demonstrations, guided hikes and hands-on activities.
- August 22** 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Poetry & Musical Spotlight 7pm Amphitheatre  
Enjoy an evening of creative expression in a scenic setting as you listen to original poems and songs performed by local artists.
- Sept. 5 & 6** Three Labor Day Music Concerts Saturday, 3-5pm & 6:30-8:30pm, Sunday, 3-5 pm. Free concerts by local groups, Henry, Judy and Jack, Appalachian Heritage and a surprise band who will play traditional mountain music for your enjoyment.
- Sept. 19 & 20** Music in the Mountains Weekend. A special weekend of musical entertainment, education and instruction. Riddle on the Harp, a group of 3 talented local musicians will present a concert from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Sept. 19 in the amphitheatre. There will be a special Dulcimer Workshop near Abbott Lake from 11 am – 4 pm on Sept. 20. Mountain dulcimers will be provided. Makers of mountain instruments will also display and demonstrate their creations near the lake.
- Oct. 3 & 4** Civil War Encampment will take place throughout the weekend. Re-enactors in authentic period dress will demonstrate what life was like for the common soldier during the Civil War. Activities will include tours, drills, marches, displays, demonstrations, and a Yankee raid on Johnson Farm.
- October 24** Scary Halloween Tales, 7 pm at the Peaks of Otter Lodge.  
Join Ranger Sandra Ludwig in the Flat Top Room as she shares “home-brewed” supernatural tales steeped in the lore of the Peaks of Otter area. Come in costume and share the fun or just bring your family to enjoy free candy and a night to remember!

For more information on these and other programs call Peaks of Otter Visitor Center 540-586-4496  
These programs are made possible in part through generous donations of the Peaks of Otter Lodge and Eastern National.

