



THIRD ANNUAL MOUNTAINTOP HERITAGE DAYS GROWS TO TWO WEEKENDS

The One Mountain Foundation and its Mountaintop Heritage Days Committee are proud to announce the schedule of the third annual Mountaintop Heritage Days to be held from June 20th til June 29th 2008. This year's expanded event will open with a weekend of activities in Blue Ridge Summit on June 20th - 22nd that will lead up to the start of the Annual Blue Ridge Summit Fireman's Carnival. And then it will continue on Wednesday night with a cash Bingo to be held in conjunction with the Fireman's Carnival with early bird game starting at 6:45pm in the fire hall.

This year's event will kickoff with a benefit dinner/dance with music by "The Bone Shakers" at the Blue Ridge Summit Fire Hall on Friday, June 20th. Doors will open at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:30pm and dancing from 8pm til midnight.

On Saturday June 21st the day will start off with our third annual parade from the Blue Ridge Summit Library to Wyndham Ave at 9 am. New to the parade this year will be judging by the Washington Township Supervisors with trophies awarded. This year's event will continue with a craft show with food and entertainment and activities for children at the Blue Ridge Summit Fire Dept Carnival Grounds on both Saturday June 21st and Sunday June 22nd.

New this year will be our first Car and Truck Show on Saturday June 21st from 11am til 5 pm with Trophies sponsored by our local area businesses. A full schedule of entertainment will be provided by the Waynesboro Children's Theater Group, Dave Snader and Grin-tek on Saturday and the CB Pickers, Bumbaugh Family Kids and the Boro Boogie Pickers on Sunday.

Back by popular demand Auctioneers Jerry Scruggs and Albert Hobbs will conduct the third annual Mountaintop Heritage Days Benefit Auction at noon on Saturday on the Blue Ridge Summit Carnival Grounds. All auction items are donated by individuals or local businesses. Anyone wishing to donate an item please call Jeff Coyle at 301-241-3964.

The following weekend the fun moves to the Parade Field at Fort Ritchie on Saturday June 28th. The day will feature our expanded third annual Mountaintop Heritage Days fireworks display at 9:45pm, which is again sponsored by Corporate Offices Property Trust and the PenMar Development Corporation. But new this year is a full day of activities on and around the Parade Field. starting at 8:30am.



At 9 am, noon & 3pm, the Fountaindale Volunteer Fire Dept. Will conduct a “Mountaintop History Bus Tour” featuring the history of the four county/two state mountaintop area. Tickets will be \$12.00 for the approx. 2 _ hrs. tour which will leave from Lakeside Hall. For more information call Lynn Ford 717-794-2770, Dave Martin 717-765-8790, or Duke Martin at 717-642-5645. The Fountaindale Fire Dept is also setting up another Mountaintop Museum Preview from 8:30am to 4pm on Saturday at Lakeside Hall.

The Fire, Ambulance, and rescue squads from Smithsburg, Leitersburg, Fountaindale and Blue Ridge Summit will be conducting a fire safety day with games and activities for children beginning at noon on the Parade Field with the Medivac Helicopter to be on display from 2pm to 5 pm. And a petting zoo and pony rides will be available throughout the day along with a variety of additional children’s games. Or kids can test their climbing skills on the rock climbing wall provided by our local Boy Scout Troop.

The Hagerstown Community College will be holding an open house at their new Fort Ritchie Campus. They will also be sponsoring “Thunder on the Mountain”, a series of lectures, firing demonstrations, and a chance to see what a Civil War Soldier’s life was like beginning at 11 am. This function will help to remember the mountain top’s rich Civil War history on the 145th anniversary of the Battle of Monterey and General Lee’s retreat from Gettysburg.

A car show and parade will be held with registration beginning at 10am, at 1pm all cars will participate in a parade around the Fort Ritchie Parade Field led by the oldest car and with each car in order of it’s age until the newest car brings up the rear. Trophies will be awarded as cars pass the bandstand.

It is hoped that the mountain’s new regional Community Center will be open for guided walking tours during the day on Saturday as well, with a full opening slated for this fall. Another new feature this year will be helicopter rides to view the mountaintop leaving from behind the former Fire Station at Fort Ritchie.

The day will be filled with good food and good times with music provided by Fox Hunt, the Tone Hounds, Berritt Smylin Band, and the New Familars from 11am until the Fireworks light up the sky. Concert production sound will be provided so pick your favorite spot on the Parade Field and sit back and enjoy the show. Vendor applications are still available for both weekends, for information contact Nina Rouzer at 717-794-0061.



One of the highlights of the day will be the Harley Davidson giveaway at 8pm on the Parade Field sponsored by the Cascade American Legion Post 239. A 2008 Harley FLSTF Fat Boy and a 2008 FLHX Street Glide will be given away. All proceeds will benefit the American Legion's Fisher House project for the benefit of wounded or fallen soldiers and their families. Chances are on sale now, for more information contact Wayne Shrader at 301-241-3117, Dave Sewell Director@www.alrpost.org or go to www.alrpost239.org. The bikes will be on display at all Mountaintop Heritage Days events and tickets are will be available up to the night of the drawing. Winner does not have to be present to win.

The Cascade American Legion will also be holding a poker run and a bike show beginning at 11am with last bike out by 1pm and Peoples Choice Trophies awarded at 6pm. Come out and help the Legion help those who have given their all for us.

On Sunday the Mountaintop Heritage Days Committee will be holding a "HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE MOUNTAIN " Scavenger hunt. Registration is \$10.00 per couple beginning at 11am with hunting from Noon til 4 pm with prize giveaway at 5pm. There will also be a presentation of the life of a German World War II Soldier at noon.

At 5:30pm on Sunday we'll end the week's activities with another Old Timer's softball game to honor the mountain's Summiteers baseball team on the Parade Field at Fort Ritchie. Old or young all are welcome to come watch and play for fun.

The One Mountain Foundation and our Mountaintop Heritage Days Committee would like to thank all who have helped to make this event possible. Without the support of many organizations and individuals along with our generous local business sponsors we could have never created this community wide celebration.

In the first two years of Mountaintop Heritage Days nearly \$9,000.00 has been donated to Fire and Ambulance Companies, the Blue Ridge Summit Free Library, Boy and Girl Scout Troops, the Blue Ridge Summit Lions Club, and families in need. So come out and enjoy the two weekends, attend our Dinner/Dance, or Benefit Bingo and have a good time and know you're helping help others

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