

2017 SPRING RALLY REGISTRATION

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REGISTRATION FEES

On-site registration will also be available.

MEMBERS - all activities \$ 0 x # ___ = \$ 0

NON-MEMBERS

Weekend - all activities \$15 x # ___ = \$ ___

Fri night program only \$ 5 x # ___ = \$ ___

Sat field trips only \$10 x # ___ = \$ ___

Sat night program only \$ 5 x # ___ = \$ ___

Sun field trips only \$10 x # ___ = \$ ___

CHILDREN / STUDENTS \$ 0 x # ___ = \$ 0
(under 18) - all activities

MEALS must be PREPAID by TUES APRIL 25

DINNER - FRI NIGHT

Adults \$10 x # ___ = \$ ___

Children 12 and under \$ 5 x # ___ = \$ ___

LUNCH - SAT (bag lunch) \$ 6 x # ___ = \$ ___

Choose # ___ turkey/Swiss, # ___ ham/cheese
___ chicken salad # ___ pimento cheese

DINNER - SAT NIGHT

Adults \$10 x # ___ = \$ ___

Children 12 and under \$ 5 x # ___ = \$ ___

MEMBERSHIP IN FRIENDS OF ROAN MOUNTAIN

Category: ___ New member ___ Renewal

Individual \$20 ___	Corporate \$ 50 ___
Family \$30 ___	Lifetime - individual \$350 ___
Student \$10 ___	Lifetime - family \$450 ___

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$

MAIL this form along with your check payable to Friends of Roan Mountain to:

**Nancy Barrigar, Treasurer
708 Allen Ave.
 Elizabethton, TN 37643**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY APR 28 All activities take place at Roan Mountain State Park Conference Center.

5:30 PM REGISTRATION

6:30 PM BUFFET DINNER - requires **PREPAID** reservation by deadline of Tues April 25.

7:30 PM PROGRAM

Bees for Birders: Discovering Native Bee Watching Through Binoculars, Sam Droege

9:00 PM Moth Party (E/Kf) Larry McDaniel

SATURDAY APR 29 Unless otherwise noted field trips will carpool (Cp) from the field adjacent to the cabin area entrance.

6:30 AM Early Birds at Hampton Creek Cove (E/Cp) Lee & Lois Herndon Chapter TOS. Meet at Roan Mountain State Park Visitor Center (water wheel).

8:30 AM Field trips:

1. **Birds** (E/Cp) Lee & Lois Herndon Chapter TOS

2. **Chestnut Ridge Hike** (M/Cp) Randy Hedgepath. Miller Homestead down to road, 3 mi.

3. **Yellow Mountain Gap Hike** (S/Cp) Marty Silver. Bring a lunch. 8 mi.

4. **River & High Mountain Wildflowers** (E/Cp) Guy Mauldin

5. **Nature Hike Bingo!** (A/Kf/Cp) Meg Guy

6. **Birding for Beginners** (E/Kf/Cp) Joe McGuinness

7. **Reptiles and Amphibians** (E/Kf/Cp) Connie Deegan

8. **Geology** (M/Cp) Jeremy Stout. Hike to Jane Bald.

11:00 am – 1:30 pm Conference Center activities:

Flint Knapping Bob Estep

Fossil Casting for All Ages (Kf) Mick Whitelaw, ETSU Dept. of Geology and Geoscience Club

12:00 pm Lunch - Bag lunches at Conference Center by pre-paid reservation only (deadline Tues April 25) or you are welcome to bring your own lunch.

12:00 pm Nature Slide Show during lunch.

2:00 PM Field trips:

1. **Bees** (E/Kf/Cp) Sam Droege

2. **Ramble Through the Bramble: Ecology of Roan's western balds** (M,S/Cp) Jamie Donaldson. Carvers Gap out toward Grassy Ridge

3. **Aquatic Insects as Water Quality Indicators** (E/Kf/W/Cp) Gary Barrigar

4. **Mosses and Liverworts** (E,Cp) Jim Goldsmith

5. **"You Don't Have to be a Naturalist to Enjoy Nature"** (E/Kf) Pat Gagan. Walk from the line-up field to Picnic Area.

6. **Spring Wildflowers of the Blue Two Trail** (E,M/Cp) Tim McDowell. Hike about 2 mi.

6:30 PM BUFFET DINNER - at Roan Mtn. State Park Conference Center: requires **PREPAID** Reservation by deadline of Tues April 25.

7:30 PM PROGRAM

Wild Times: Conservation Through Mountain Sports and Recreation, David Ramsey

9:00 PM Viewing the Summer Skies (E/Kf/Cp) Gary Henson. Dave Miller Homestead.

SUNDAY APR 30 Field trips will leave from the field adjacent to the cabin area entrance.

8:30 am

1. **Birds of Hampton Creek Cove** (M//Kf/Cp) James Neves

2. **Ed Schell Memorial Doe River Gorge Wildflowers & Geology Hike** (M/Kf/Cp) Gabrielle Zeiger, Mick Whitelaw. All-day hike; bring water, lunch, and rain gear.

2:00 pm

1. **Salamanders** (E/Kf/Cp) Dale Ledford

2. **Butterflies and Dragonflies** (E/Kf/W/Cp) Don Holt

KEY: E Easy
M Moderate
S Strenuous
Kf Kid-friendly
W May get wet
Cp Carpool



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Websites

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Roan Mountain Bed & Breakfast	423-772-3207
Green Earth Mt. Retreat, Roan Mt.	423-772-4479
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Pinnacle Inn Resort, Beech Mt.	800-405-7888



MEAL MENU

We offer meals catered by City Market of Elizabethton. You must prepay for meals by deadline of April 25 (see registration form). No meals will be available for those who have not pre-paid. The evening meals are served buffet-style with salad, hot entrée (baked chicken on Fri., meat or veg. lasagna on Sat.) side items, drink, and dessert. The lunch is a bag lunch with sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie, and drink.

SAVE THESE DATES!

July 28-29, 2017 Xtreme Roan Adventures Kid's Nature Rally

Sept 8-10, 2017 Roan Mountain Fall Naturalists Rally



Dear Friends,

We are excited about the activities we have to offer for this 59th Annual Roan Mountain Spring Naturalists Rally. Continuing the tradition of the 58 preceding rallies, we offer a great assortment of programs, hikes and activities which celebrate the unique beauty and natural diversity of this environmental treasure that is Roan Mountain. This event is open to nature enthusiasts of all skill levels from casual interest to advanced study. There is something for everyone. Bring your friends and family and invite your neighbors!

The headquarters and hub of activities for the rally is the Conference Center at Roan Mountain State Park. Registration, meals, programs, and exhibits will be centered there. Most of the field trips will meet at the field adjacent to the cabin area entrance. You will see signs in the field for the various field trips. Onsite registration is available at the field. For most of the field trips you will carpool from the field to nearby trailheads. We strongly encourage carpooling. Don't be shy! You will make new friends and save fossil fuel emissions.

Sincerely,
Larry McDaniel and James Neves
Spring Rally Co-Directors

Friday Evening Program:
Bees for Birders: Discovering Native Bee Watching Through Binoculars, Sam Droege



Sam Droege, a native of Hyattsville, Maryland, received an undergraduate degree at the University of Maryland and a Master's at the State University of New York – Syracuse. Most of his career has been spent at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. He has coordinated the North American Breeding Bird Survey Program, developed the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program, the Bioblitz, Cricket Crawl, and Frogwatch USA programs and works on the design and evaluation of monitoring programs. Currently he is developing an inventory and monitoring program for native bees along with online identification guides for North American bees at www.discoverlife.org, and reviving the North American Bird Phenology Program (<https://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bpp/>).

East of the Mississippi there are about 800 species of native bees. More species than the birds and

butterflies combined. They are also more abundant and easier to find. Flowers are their habitat and different species favor different types and groups of plants. So, why aren't we watching them? Lack of information on how to watch them is the answer. With a pair of butterfly binoculars and our new free identification guide, you can begin to be a bee watcher, "beeder", bee head, or simply a broader naturalist.

Saturday Evening Program:
Wild Times: Conservation Through Mountain Sports and Recreation, David Ramsey



David Ramsey is an outdoor photographer, writer and conservationist born and raised in Unicoi County. He has spent most of the past 30 years exploring and photographing these southern Appalachian Mountains and sharing his photography and passion for the mountains with thousands of people. During that time, his photography has been published extensively—locally, regionally and nationally. Throughout his life, David has been inspired by other photographer-conservationists, from Elliot Porter, Galen Rowell and Robert Glenn Ketchum to our region's own Edward Schell. In 2011, David was selected as National Hero of Conservation by Field and Stream Magazine for his leadership in the effort to save the 10,000-acre Rocky Fork Watershed, part of which is now a Tennessee State Park. In 2012 he was chosen as a National Conservationist of the Year finalist by Budweiser and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. David is also a former Stanley A. Murray Volunteer of the Year for Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy. Currently David is finishing a book about the fight to preserve Rocky Fork and working to have our northeast TN region recognized as a major outdoor recreation destination.

JOIN FRIENDS OF ROAN MOUNTAIN TODAY!

The *Friends of Roan Mountain* organization was created by people who cherish the natural beauty and cultural history of Roan Mountain. We sponsor interpretive and educational activities including Spring, Fall, and Winter Naturalists Rallies and a summer Xtreme Roan Adventures Kid's Nature Rally. We also support the environmental mission of Roan Mountain State Park including environmental studies, conservation, and restoration. Your one-year membership supports these worthy projects and entitles you to free participation in all activities of the Spring, Fall, and Winter Rallies for that year, not to mention our newsletters. What a deal! Join via the attached registration form.

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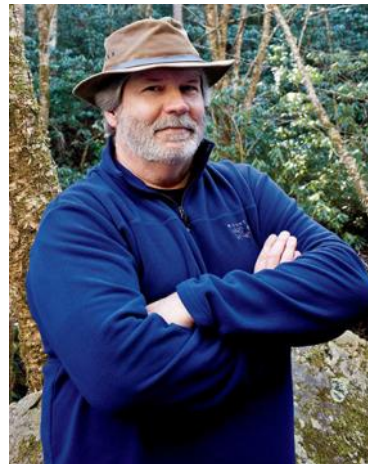
Roan Mountain Spring Naturalists Rally

April 28 – 30, 2017

Featured Speakers:



Sam Droege



David Ramsey

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Larry McDaniel & James Neves,
Spring Rally Directors

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Deadline for meal reservations: April 25, 2017

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