

# Celebrate Public Lands

## WHEN

Saturday, September  
28<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
10 am until 2 pm

Kids Crafts,  
Smokey Bear,  
Woodsy Owl

Hikes,  
Nature Walks,  
Demonstrations

## WHERE

Mount Rogers National  
Recreation Area  
Pat Jennings Visitor Center  
3714 Hwy 16, Marion, VA

## MUSIC

Gerald Anderson &  
Spencer Strickland  
Noon until 2 pm

## PICNIC

Free hot dogs with  
all the fixin's  
11:30 until 1 pm

Special Volunteer Project:  
Invasive Plants



**SEE SCHEDULE ON BACK**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 800-628-7202



*This event is being sponsored by the Friends of Mount Rogers with help, support & participation from the U.S. Forest Service, Virginia Dept. of Forestry, Blue Ridge Discovery Center, Smyth County Chamber of Commerce, Virginia Creeper Trail Club & the Mt. Rogers Appalachian Trail Club, and Piedmont A.T. Hikers.*

## Activities and Displays from 10am to 2pm

**Nature Crafts for Kids** – Come make your own pine cone bird feeder to take home and see what kinds of birds you can attract in your yard.

### **Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Visits**

**Firewise** – The Virginia Department of Forestry will demonstrate ways to protect yourself and your property from the dangers of wild fires.

## Presentations and Field Trips

**10am Morning Bird Walk** – Join Friends of Mount Rogers birder, Richard Denzau, on a ½ mile walk on the Two Ponds Trail to identify native birds by sight and sound. Bring binoculars if you have them.

**11am Nature Walk** – Local naturalist, Carrie Sparks, will lead an easy 30-minute walk to identify native medicinal plants and enjoy the sight, smell, and sound of fall.

**11:30am Firewise** – VDOF Forester Donnie Garmin will explain how to make your home and property resistant to wildfires.

**12pm Salamanders!** – Join Forest Service Wildlife Biologist, Jay Martin, to learn about these unique forest dwellers.

**1pm Appalachian Trail Hike** – the Piedmont Appalachian Trail Hikers will guide you on a short trip on the Appalachian Trail where you'll experience a taste of the path that hundreds of backpackers use to walk from Georgia to Maine each year. (2 miles, moderate)

## Music and Food

**11:30 to 1pm**-Enjoy a picnic lunch...compliments of the Friends of Mount Rogers

**12pm to 2pm-Music by Gerald Anderson and Spencer Strickland** will entertain you with traditional Appalachian music and share their love of instrument making.

## Special Volunteer Project

**11am** -Join us for an hour of learning about non-native invasive plant species, and help to eliminate them from Two Ponds Trail. All participants will receive a book about these plant species and how to identify them on your property.

**All walks and field trips leave on foot from the Mount Rogers Headquarters parking lot.**

**These partners and cooperators will have displays and information to share:**

Virginia Department of Forestry, Blue Ridge Discovery Center, Smyth County Chamber of Commerce, Mount Rogers Appalachian Trail Club, Piedmont AT Hikers, Friends of Mount Rogers, US Forest Service, and the Virginia Creeper Trail Club.