



2010-11 Calendar of Gatlinburg Events

(Current as of 9/17/10)

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March TBA – Pirate’s Ball – Mountain Hope Good Shepherd Clinic, Inc. presents its fifth annual fundraiser at Ripleys Aquarium of the Smokies. Guests can enjoy a tropical climate with live music, dancing, food and drink. For more information, call 865-774-7684. (\$)

APRIL 2011

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April 2 & 3 – Smoky Mountain Trout Tournament – The 12th Annual Spring Smoky Mountain Trout Tournament is open to adults or children – and equally challenging for both visitors and locals, with multiple categories to be contested in this largest trout tournament in the Smokies. All Gatlinburg and state fishing regulations will be observed. For information, call 865-661-3474, visit www.rockytopoutfitter.com, or email rockytopoutfit@aol.com. (\$)

April 9 – Gatlinburg Gateway Triathlon – The third annual triathlon, which is headquartered at the Community Center and starts at 8:15 a.m., is open to anyone 15 years and older capable of swimming one-half mile, biking twenty kilometers, and running five kilometers consecutively. Awards will be given in multiple age categories (men’s and women’s division), plus a mixed team relay event. Pre-register is required. (865) 436-4990 (\$)

April 15 & 16 – Mountain Man Memorial March – This third annual 26.2-mile march starts in downtown Gatlinburg at 7 a.m. as a challenging tribute to our men and women in uniform. The course includes highway and rural road stretches in addition to rugged terrain and mountain slopes. The event honors 1LT Frank Walkup, a University of Tennessee-Knoxville alumnus who in 2007 was killed in the line of duty in Iraq. Pre-registration is required, with Military Heavy, Military Light and Civilian entry categories. Call 865-974-8858 or visit www.mountainmanmarch.com for more information. (\$)

April 16 – Music of the Mountains – In association with the City of Gatlinburg and Great Smoky Mountains Association, Great Smoky Mountains National Park presents its sixth annual event. This year’s activities begin at Sugarlands Visitors Center with free, limited-seating performances by a series of acts.

April 20 to 23 – Great Smoky Easter Arts & Crafts Show – Unique handcrafted gifts and products produced by members of Great Smoky Arts & Crafts Community are placed on display and offered for sale as they host their annual show at the Gatlinburg Convention Center. Demonstrations are part of the show. For information, visit www.gatlinburgcrafts.com or call (800) 568-4748

April 24 – Easter Sunrise Service at Ober Gatlinburg – Early morning Easter Service at Ober Gatlinburg includes complimentary tram service to the top of the resort begins at 6 a.m. Service begins at 6:30 a.m. Breakfast buffet available. (800) 251-9202

April 26 to April 30 – 61st Annual Wildflower Pilgrimage – Celebrate and enjoy the beauty of Great Smoky Mountains National Park with over 150 different programs, including hiking tours, motorcades, demonstrations and classroom lectures centered on the flowers, plants and wildlife in the great outdoors. For more information, call (865) 436-7318 ext. 222 or visit www.springwildflowerpilgrimage.org. (\$)

April 28 – Ribfest & Wings – Enjoy a sampling of the area’s best ribs and wings as well as free live entertainment during this popular ninth annual event. One admission price allows sampling until the ribs and wings run out as the Parkway transforms into a Street Fair. (GSE) (800) 568-4748 (\$)

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May 14 & 15 – Gatlinburg Fine Arts Festival – This seventh annual family oriented fine arts festival at Ripley’s Plaza and River Road features juried artists from around the country, delicious cuisine and music. Proceeds benefit Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts and Sevier County Arts Council. (888) 240-1358 or www.gfaf.net

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July 4 – River Raft Regatta – Visitors can enjoy a fun, unmanned, floatable object race for the whole family. Free registration begins at 10 a.m. at bridge beneath chair lift. Race begins at noon at Christ of the Smokies bridge and ends at Ripley’s Aquarium of the Smokies bridge where prizes will be awarded in several different categories. (GSE) (800) 568-4748

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