

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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Don't Miss the 13th Annual Spring Planting Festival on Saturday, April 27th at Bandy Creek and the Lora Blevins homeplace. Enjoy demonstrations of skills and tools that were important to a subsistence farming community on the Cumberland Plateau, including plowing and planting, traditional crafts, antique farming equipment, and gardening. Music will be presented by "Great Day in the Morning," a traditional bluegrass band, and the Knoxville Area Dulcimer Club. Children will be delighted by the old timey toys, farm animals and a special Junior Ranger booklet to complete.

Applications are Being Accepted for Food & Craft Vendors for Spring Planting. This event is a great opportunity for vendors to sell food and crafts. Contact Letitia Neal at (423) 569-9778 by April 19th to apply.

Part-time, temporary position open at the Eastern National Bookstore at the Big South Fork Bandy Creek Visitor Center. The position is clerical in nature and pays \$7.50-\$8.00/hr. Applicants must have a driving license and reliable transportation. Applicant needs a basic knowledge of computers and Microsoft Office and must be able to lift 30 lbs. Prior retail experience is a plus. Send resumes to aimeem@easternnational.org. Feel free to email or call 304-890-6651 for more information.

Spring Wildflowers of Big South Fork.

Meet at Leatherwood Ford gazebo at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on April 13th for a delightful hike along the Big South Fork River looking at the spring wildflowers.

Take a Ride on the Wild (flower) Side. This horseback ride will leave from the Bandy Creek Equestrian Trailhead at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time on April 13th. You must bring your own horse.

For more information, contact the Bandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275 or visit us at:

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Coffee & Climb with a Ranger. On April 6th, join National Park Service rangers for a free cup of coffee at the parking lot off Doc Howard Road from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (EDT). Then, meet at Lilly Bridge at 11:00 a.m. (EDT) for our climb with a ranger program. If you have ever wanted to try the sport of rock climbing but did not know where to begin, let us help eliminate some of the uncertainty for you. All gear is provided. All you need to bring is drinking water and sturdy footwear. Depending on participant interests and ability levels, we will travel one of several different climbing areas around the park and will have participants back to their vehicles by approximately 3:00 p.m. (EDT). Would-be rock climbers of all ages are encouraged to attend. In the event of inclement weather, call the park visitor center or follow us at ObedWSR on Twitter for updates.

Memories of the Obed program continues its third in the



Festival crafter's demonstrate forgotten arts such as blacksmithing, basket making, hand spinning, weaving,

series on Saturday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m. with special Guest Dan Dunkel. Mr. Dunkel spent the summer of 1934 living in the one room shack he built at Nemo. This free program will be held inside the Obed Visitor Center. Join us for an interesting

discussion of his summer adventure of what life was like during more simple and self-sufficient times. This free program is open to all and no reservations are required to attend this program.

Preschool Storytime continues every Friday at 10:30 am.

For more information, contact the Obed Visitor Center at (423) 346-6294 or visit us at:

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