

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE VETERANS HOMES

ASHEVILLE ACTIVITIES

Summer Conference - Family Program

August 16-19, 2009 Meeting

Historic Trolley Tours: You'll tour through Montford Historic District, one of the largest historic districts in North Carolina! You'll see Asheville's impressive collection of Queen Ann style historic homes, the exquisite Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa where six U.S. presidents and countless celebrities and historical figures have visited, see the Thomas Wolfe Home and Museum, travel through Battery Park shopping and restaurant district and the Grove Arcade, Visit Pack Square cultural area, Biltmore Village, River Arts District, enjoy mountain views and so much more. Our professionally trained tour guides will relate the history and lore of Asheville... the Paris of the South. Your guide will combine humorous stories and historical information into a fun-filled tour. Unlimited Hop-On & Hop-Off Privileges for four full days.



Golfing at Reems Creek Golf and Country Club: Reems Creek Golf Club in Weaverville, N.C. offers a secluded setting that captures the splendor and rustic beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains and that has regularly won four stars in Golf Digest's "Places to Play." Lots of the holes on this par-72 mountain course have elevation changes that test your ability to pick the right club to fit our terrain. You'll also find that most of our par-4s here are almost target holes that require accuracy and strategy. This package includes greens fee, cart, cooler of soft drinks (4) and a box lunch.

Black Mountain and Montreat Tour: Welcome to the *Front Porch* of Western North Carolina. The town of Black Mountain overflows with specialty shops, cafés, art and craft galleries, artist studios, antique stores, bookstores and furniture stores, and is the perfect stop for a half day of shopping. Continue on 10 minutes to the town of Montreat. Your tour will continue on to the campus of Montreat College & Conference Center where you will visit the Chapel of the Prodigal to see internationally renowned fresco artist Ben Long's rendition of "The Return of the Prodigal". If time permits you will also visit The Shops at Montreat, which includes the Montreat Bookstore & Gift Shop, the only Presbyterian bookstore of its kind in the southeast, the Montreat General Store, and Ten Thousand Villages, a shop that offers unique gift items crafted by artisans in developing nations around the world. Your fully guided tour will also include a stop at the Folk Art Center and a drive by the N.C. State Veterans Cemetery and lunch.



The Western North Carolina Farmer's Market and Biltmore Village Tour: The Farmers Market offers a selection of farm-fresh produce at the lowest prices in the region. Popular retail buildings provide a selection of non-perishables, fruits, vegetables, crafts and much more. Arrive at Biltmore Village, and begin with lunch at Stovetrotter's. Immediately followed by shopping at one of the Carolina's most fascinating and enjoyable shopping environments. Enjoy shopping in homes constructed in the early 1900s. This fully guided tour includes bottled water and lunch at one of Asheville's best restaurants.

Whitewater River Rafting: Fast becoming a favorite activity for those visiting the Western North Carolina Mountains. No other sport combines teamwork, fun and outdoor adventure like a trip down the river. If your group is looking for a scenic and exhilarating adventure, this is the tour for you! Transportation will meet your group at the resort and transport you to an exciting and challenging raft trip through the Class I to III rapids of the French Broad River or Class I-IV of the Pigeon River (based on river conditions). Children must be eight years old to participate in raft trip. Please notify us if children are part of this program because parent or guardian will be required to sign waivers for youths under 18 years of age. This activity includes round-trip transportation, rafting, all necessary equipment, a guide in each raft, bottled water, and a box lunch.



Scenic Railway Excursion: Pair the beauty of the WNC Mountains with the romance of the train. With 53 miles of track, 2 tunnels and 25 bridges, the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad offers a variety of excursions that explore the amazing landscape of Western North Carolina. With the romance and mystique of an era gone by, guests on-board the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad will enjoy scenic train journeys across fertile valleys and through river gorges in a spectacular region near The Great Smoky Mountains. Your fully guided tour includes transportation, picnic lunch and an upgrade to Crown Coach (window car) seating.

Biltmore Estate Tour. The magnificent beauty of Biltmore House, Gardens & Winery are revealed in this tour. Your excursion includes a tour of Biltmore House's restored rooms and acres of beautiful Gardens, and Dinner at Deerpark on the Biltmore Estate.





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*****PLEASE CHOOSE ONLY ONE ACTIVITY PER PERSON PER DAY*****

Activity	Date & Time	# Attending:	Names and Ages:
Historic Trolley Tours *Private Tour (Includes 4 day pass)	*Sunday, August 16 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm		
Golf at Reems Creek Morning	Monday, August 17 9:00 am - 2:00 pm		
Golf at Reems Creek Afternoon	Monday, August 17 3:30 pm - 9:00 pm		
Black Mountain & Montreat Tour	Monday, August 17 9:30 am – 3:30 pm		
WNC Farmer’s Market & Biltmore Village	Tuesday, August 18 9:00 am – 2:00 pm		
White Water Rafting French Broad River	Tuesday, August 18 8:45 am – 2:30 pm		
Great Smoky Mountain Scenic Railway	Tuesday, August 18 7:15 am – 4:45 pm		
Biltmore Estate Tour	Wednesday, August 19 1:30 pm - until		
Biltmore Estate Tour Youth 10-15	Wednesday, August 19 1:30 pm - until		
Biltmore Estate Tour Children 5-9	Wednesday, August 19 1:30 pm - until		

All activities include taxes, admission fees, transportation, professionally trained guides, very knowledgeable about the area & an all-inclusive lunch where indicated. Activities are first come, first serve and there are minimums required on some events. **NO COST TO THE SPOUSE, SIGNIFICANT OTHER OR FAMILY MEMBER.**

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

Spouse/Family Member Name(s): _____

Telephone and Cell Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

All tours will depart the Front Entrance of the Renaissance Asheville Hotel. To register for the Spouse/Family Program and for more information, please contact Susan Taylor at 828-251-4216/e-mail at: susant@accentsonasheville.com or Diane Norris at (919) 733-3851/2832 – e-mail at: diane.norris@doa.nc.gov