

**Dixielanders' Octoberfest Rally at Leatherwood Mountains Resort and Campground
25 - 28 October 2018**

Hosts: Bill and Pat Barger

Cohosts: Tom and Marilyn Phipps

Rally Fee: \$25.00 per person.

Campsites are \$25.00 per night. Note: If you have Passport America, you can reserve Thursday and Sunday night for \$17.50.

We will meet at the Hendrix Cabin for socializing and Pot Luck **Thursday & Friday.**

Make your campsite reservations with Leatherwood **1-366-973-5044** by **September 15th**. They only have 21 sites with 30 amp service and water. If you are interested in taking a horseback trail ride let them know when you make your reservation.



This view is from the Hendrix Cabin across a meadow toward Saddlebrook restaurant. The campground is beside Elk Creek, a clear mountain trout stream that runs along the base of the mountain you can see in the background. We will use the Hendrix Cabin for our Thursday and Friday events. Saturday and Sunday breakfast are on your own, but they offer a great breakfast buffet at Saddlebrook at a very reasonable price. Lunch and dinner are also available. Saturday night is the Octoberfest event in the arena with live music and authentic German food and beers. Tickets for this event will be available at check-in or during the day Friday and Saturday. Local artists and crafts people will be displaying their wares at the Pavilion on Saturday. All events are an easy walk from the campground, or take the Uber hayride. Last year's Octoberfest was well attended, and we hope to see even more participation this year on your way to the Chattanooga Dixielander Anniversary Rally just five hours away. Hope to see all yall, Bill and Pat

Send the information below and your rally fee to: Bill Barger, 520 Cabin Ridge Road, Ferguson, NC 28624 If you prefer to email for this info: loggedinn520@gmail.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Leatherwood Mountains Resort is located at **512 Meadow Road, Ferguson, NC 1-366-973-5044**

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There are many roads that lead to Leatherwood:

From I-85: Take the Gastonia, exit 17. Turn right onto US 321 toward Hickory. In Lenoir, turn right on Wilkesboro Road, County Road 18 (stop in at Harbor Freight on your right for those tools you have been intending to purchase). About eight miles from the last light where the road narrows to two lanes, you will see Grandin Road on your left. Take Grandin until it dead ends into Hwy. 268, and take a right. About two miles, at the bottom of a hill, across a concrete bridge will be Elk Creek-Darby Road on your left. (There is a burned out service station on your right.)

From I-40: Take the Hwy 421 Exit west just west of Winston-Salem toward Boone, NC. At Exit 286B, exit 421 and take a left at the bottom of the ramp onto Hwy 268. In fifteen miles you will come to Elk Creek-Darby road on the right at the bottom of a hill just beyond a burned out service station.

From I-77: Going north from Charlotte you will cross I-40 at Statesville. From there, it is 22 miles to the Hwy. 421 exit, Exit 73. Cross the overpass and take 421 the exit ramp west toward Boone, NC. From there, it is about 21 miles to Exit 286B. At the bottom of the ramp, turn left onto Hwy 268. In fifteen miles you will come to Elk Creek-Darby road on the right at the bottom of a hill just beyond a burned out service station.

Turn onto Elk Creek-Darby Road: Once on Elk Creek-Darby Road, drive for six miles. Bear right on Leatherwood Lane where you see the entrance sign for Leatherwood. In about two hundred yards, Leatherwood Lane dead ends into Meadow road. Turn left and check-in is in the restaurant building on your left. The campground is just a couple hundred yards or so beyond the barns and pastures.

Leatherwood is hosting its second annual Octoberfest on October 27th with crafts, hayrides, food and music for campers and the surrounding community to enjoy.

To get in the Octoberfest mood, break out your best German recipes for happy hour, side dishes, and deserts for the potluck meals.

We will meet at the Hendrix Cabin for our **Thursday & Friday** gatherings.

25 October - Thursday

5:00 - Happy Hour snacks - A-I

6:00 - Dinner

Salads: J-Q

Ham, Pinto Beans and Cornbread: Pat and Marilyn

Desserts: R-Z

26 October - Friday

8:00 - 9:30 Breakfast - Ham Biscuits and Sausage Biscuits and Gravy

5:00 - Happy Hour snacks - J-Q

6:00 - Dinner

Salads and sides: R-Z

Roast Chicken

Desserts: A-I

27 October - Saturday

8:00 - Breakfast on your own or at Leatherwood Resort Breakfast Buffett \$8.95 (includes beverage)

Octoberfest activities start at ????

1:00 - 3:00 GMC Open House

5:00 - Meet at ?????, to get your Octoberfest food ticket (included in rally fee).

6:30 - Ice cream social.

28 October - Sunday

8:00 Continental Breakfast and Happy Trails.

No one is rushing us off, so if anyone would like to hang around for an extra day or two, there is no problem with extending your campground reservation. We would love for folks to come up to our cabin over your stay if you would like, and if some elect to stay over on Sunday evening, we will put together something at our cabin for all who would like to join us.

Things to see and do while at Leatherwood

- There are fifty miles of trails in Leatherwood for anyone wishing to ride them. There is a string of gentle horses that can be rented by the hour or by the day, and guided trips on these trails are available. They are also available for hiking.
- Elk Creek that flows right by the edge of the campground is a protected trout stream and is stocked several time each year right there at the campground area. If you want to wet a line, be sure to contact the NC Wildlife Commission (look them up online) for an out of state license. They do get serious about such things.
- The Blue Ridge Parkway is just a few miles north of Leatherwood. If you are going on to Chattanooga, you may want to get on the Parkway and take the scenic route to Asheville, then jump onto I-40 and head west. It will be leaf watching time, a great time to be in the NC mountains and driving the Parkway.
- Our kids opened a pretty impressive distillery at the first exit on I-77 just north of I-40, Exit 53 I think. I am told that Southern Distillery has the tallest column still in the southeast, capable of turning out sweet corn squeezins 24/7. There is a lot of whisky history in the Statesville area, well before KY got serious about the bourbon whisky business. The folks at Southern love telling that story, so stop by for a tour, and a tasting. Tell them Pops sent you, and they might just give you a discount.
- Grandfather Mountain and Table Rock are part of the view from our back deck, while Chimney Rock, Hanging Rock, Linville Gorge and many other attractions are within easy reach. Blowing Rock and Boone are a short drive from Leatherwood and are great places to shop for local crafts and to dine.
- The entire area is flush with wineries. There is a band of a particular soil type running through parts of NC that wine grapes love, and part of that soil layer is near enough to spend an entire day tasting different varieties.
- The map overlay below will give you a pretty good idea of where Leatherwood is located (the red teardrop over the target symbol) in relationship to Chattanooga and western NC/eastern TN.

