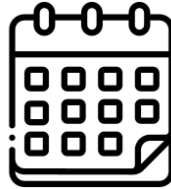




Weekend Schedule (Overview)

VISTA Alumni Reunion | November 10-11-12, 2023



NOVEMBER 10

Friday Evening: Welcome Reception

-- @ Kennerly Hall (St. Mark's & St. Paul's) - 216 University Ave, Sewanee, TN 37375

6:00pm - Welcome Reception

The celebratory weekend kicks off with a welcome reception at St. Mark & St. Paul Parish (formerly Otey Memorial Parish). Light refreshments will be provided.

NOVEMBER 11

Saturday Morning: "Volunteer with a VISTA" / Community Day

-- @ varying locations: see below

Community Day will offer opportunities to connect with partners, local businesses, and the beauty of the Plateau.

Shuttle transportation is available to all morning activities and is recommended. Shuttle riders will be requested to participate in both a.m. and mid-morning activities, as shuttles will not be running lodging routes between these times. **Note that shuttle departure times are different than the activity times listed below.** This is a family-friendly day.

Saturday a.m.

7:30am - Hike at Stone Door

- Hike guide will be Wendy Prothro Howard; an easy in & out hike, total 2 miles
- Great Stone Door Trailhead: 1183 Stone Door Rd, Beersheba Springs, TN 37305

7:30am - Food Distribution with Morton Memorial UMC Parish Building

- *Park your car at* Monteagle CVS Parking Lot and walk to Morton Memorial.
- Monteagle CVS: 340 W Main St, Monteagle, TN 37356

8:00am - Fall Action Yard Clean-up with Folks at Home

- *If driving*, meet up at Sewanee Inn and follow the shuttle, shuttle departs 8:00am
- Sewanee Inn: 1235 University Ave, Sewanee, TN 37375

Saturday mid-morning

10:30am - Spruce Up the Old High School at Littell-Partin Center

- Littell-Partin Center: 14399 US-Hwy 41, Tracy City TN 37387

10:30am - Harvesting at University Farm with University Farm

- University of the South Farm - 225 Breakfield Rd, Sewanee, TN 37375

10:30am - Paint the Monteagle Fire Hall with Monteagle Fire Department

- Monteagle Fire Hall - 173 College Street, Monteagle TN 37365

Morning activities will conclude by 1:00pm.

Saturday Afternoon: Community Day (On-Your-Own)

Saturday afternoon is on-your-own. Here's a quick list of activities available on and around the Plateau. For those without transportation, we have arranged shuttle transportation to and from the organized ziplining activity. There are also many attractions reachable by foot near Sewanee and Monteagle that are free of charge.

Ziplining, 2:15pm - 3:45pm at Big Foot Adventure / Baggenstoss Farms:

Big Foot Adventure / Baggenstoss Farms: 514 Brawley Rd, Tracy City, TN 37387

Baggenstoss Farm has re-opened its ziplines specially for the VISTA Alumni Reunion! Our group has a reservation to zipline for a reduced rate of \$25 / person, to be paid to the VISTA Program on Friday evening. Please pay with exact cash or check (checks



should be made out to "University of the South" with "account #235382" in the memo line).

SIGN UPS: Please note that there is a cap for the total number of attendees, and sign-ups will be first-come, first-serve. You can sign up via email or on Friday evening at the registration desk. All individuals going to the ziplines will be required to sign the zipline waiver; print copies of the waivers will be available at the Friday evening registration desk.

Guided Cave Tours at The Caverns

The Caverns - 555 Charlie Roberts Road Pelham TN, 37366 USA

45 min - 1 hour • Moderate difficulty • All ages

From 9a to 5p CT, guided cave tours delve into two caves of The Caverns. You'll explore an otherworldly cave, known as Big Room Cave, stretching three football fields in length. Behold awe-inspiring subterranean formations and hear of the history of Grundy County from our fun and knowledgeable guides. You'll also journey into The Caverns' legendary underground music hall for a photo op on the world famous stage. And should you seek an extra dash of daring, during the tour, playful passages await for children and grown-ups alike that you can crawl through.

- Tour difficulty is moderate because there are a couple steep hills
- Not handicap accessible
- Age 2 and under are free
- \$22.95 adults / \$12.95 ages 3 to 12 — plus tax & fees

For booking, visit www.thecaverns.com/cave-tours or call (931) 516-9724

Hiking at South Cumberland State Park and nearby trails.

South Cumberland State Park is located within three different Tennessee counties: Grundy, Franklin, and Marion. The park is composed of approximately 12,166 acres and boasts some of the best hiking and backcountry camping in the region. We recommend all trails and sites: Fiery Gizzard, Denny Cove, Lost Cove, and Grundy Lakes.

For booking information visit www.tnstateparks.com/parks/south-cumberland or call 1-888-867-2757

Downtown Tracy

Downtown Tracy has a rich history stretching from the 19th Century to the present. Be sure and visit Dutch Maid Bakery (Tennessee's oldest family-owned bakery), the South Cumberland Tourism Association headquarters, Grundy County Historical Society, the



recently renovated Roundhouse Park (along with it's Plateau-inspired mural, painted last year by community members!), and more!

For more information on downtown Tracy, visit www.mountainsofadventure.org.

The Mountain Goat Trail

The Mountain Goat Trail is now nearly complete from Sewanee to Tracy (with bikes available for rent at both Woody's and Smokehouse). The paved trail links Sewanee, Monteagle, and Tracy City. The route parallels busy Highway 41, providing a safer alternative between the towns for pedestrians and bicyclists. It offers a nice mix of both quiet wooded areas and connections to businesses where travelers can grab a drink or a bite to eat.

For trail map and more information, visit www.traillink.com/trail-maps/mountain-goat-trail
To learn more about the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, visit www.mountaingoattrail.org

Downtown Sewanee

Sewanee's Historic Downtown is the best for shopping, food, and memories. Visit the University Bookstore for Sewanee apparel and support our community's small-town businesses: Blue Chair, Shenanigans, LUNCH, The Lemon Fair, Locals, Taylor's Mercantile, and more.

For more information about downtown Sewanee, visit www.sewaneecivic.org.

Saturday Evening: Celebration of Impact Dinner

-- @ Sewanee Inn - 1235 University Ave, Sewanee, TN 37375

5:30pm - Cocktail reception at 5:30pm

6:15pm - Dinner

7:00pm - Program Begins

Join us at Sewanee Inn for dinner and a program celebrating VISTA alumni. Community partners and families are welcome to attend.



NOVEMBER 12

Sunday Morning: Farewell Drop-In

-- @ Stirling's Coffee House - 241 Georgia Ave, Sewanee TN 37375

9:00am - Drop-In Coffee

A casual, farewell coffee drop-in to wish each other "Bon Voyage!"

Sunday evening

Are you sticking around the Mountain for a little bit longer?

We wanted to let you know about our annual local talent show "Grundy's Got Talent".

More info at www.thecaverns.com/event/grundy-s-got-talent.

Note, this is an on-your-own activity:

"Grundy's Got Talent"

-- @ The Caverns - 555 Charlie Roberts Rd, Pelham, TN 37366

2:00pm (doors at 1:00pm) - Grundy's Got Talent

Six Grundy Talent finalists (Bryanna Fuquea & Lone Cove, Elliott Ambrose, Jason Lee Wilson & James County, Jeremiah Dunn, Jonathan Michael Knight, Wildflower) will perform 3-songs in front of a panel of music industry judges. The winning act selected by the judges will receive a paid slot on a festival at The Caverns, plus \$700 in gift certificates from local businesses, and more. An Audience Choice Award determined by audience engagement will also be granted.

The community is invited to attend the free event to cheer on their favorite performers while helping local charities by bringing a toy for the Pelham Valley Fire Department's Toy Drive or canned goods for the Grundy County Food Bank to The Caverns. SVEC President/CEO Mike Partin returns as the host of Grundy's Got Talent and Seth Layne, who won the talent competition in its first year, will kick off the evening with an opening performance.

We're looking forward to having you with us!

Questions? Email us at vista@sewanee.edu.

