

2027 PARK RANGER INSTITUTE AGENDA

Session I

Sunday January 10

1pm – 6:30pm: **REGISTRATION & Room Assignments : A Building Across From Cafeteria**
Early arrivals can tour Linville Caverns (20 minutes away) The only public underground caverns in NC. Open until 6pm. (\$14 fee, \$13 for Seniors over 62) (Transportation will be provided)

SUPPER ON YOUR OWN

7pm – Until: Welcome/Opening Remarks, John Byrd – Executive Director,

Session: “Planning Your Financial Future: Katherine Tait– A Building Classroom

Monday January 11

7am – 8am: Breakfast

8:15am – 11:45am: “ Marketing & Programming” – A Building

8:15am – 11:45am: “Common & Uncommon Pets” – B Building Classroom

8:15pm – 11:45pm: “Rapid Deployment Training” (With Practical) – River Cabin Classroom*

12pm – 1pm: Lunch

1:15pm – 5:45pm: “Lake Management” – A Building

1:15pm – 5:45pm: “Snakes, How Too’s & How Not Too’s” – B Building

1:15pm – 5:45pm: Starting A Disc Golf Course” (With a Practical) Meet in Cafeteria

1:15am – 5:45pm: “Rapid Deployment Training” – Continued

6pm – 7pm: Supper

7:15pm – 9:15pm: “ Customer Service” – A Building

7:15pm – 9:15pm: “Building a Constituency For Your Park System” – B Building

7:15pm – 9:15pm “Sky Watch”, Ranger Jill Lee, MNCPPC. MD – Meet in Courtyard

Tuesday January 12

7am – 8am: Breakfast

8:15am – 11:45am: “Grandfather Mountain Day” (Explanation will be on the class synopsis page)

12pm – 1pm: Lunch (We will return to campus for Lunch)

1:15pm – 5:45pm: “Grandfather Mountain Day” – Continued

6pm – 7pm: Supper

7:15pm – 9:15pm: “Park Watch”– A Building

7:15pm – 9:15pm: “Bird I.D. (Audio/Visual) – B Building

7:15pm – Until: “Night Archery Competition” Steve Shaw & Dusty Cantley, location same as day archery. – River Cabin Grounds

Wednesday January 13

7am – 8am: Breakfast

8:15am – 11:45am: “Benefits of Drones in The Parks – A Building

8:15am– 11:45m: “Utilizing Ambassador Animals in Programming” – B Building

8:15am – 11:45am: “ Orienteering/Compass Work” – River Cabin Classroom

12pm – 1pm: Lunch

1:15pm – 5:45pm: All firearms competitions will be held this time frame only. (Top Gun & Combat Course) Sgt. Robert Young (Retired), Criminal Justice Instructor Alamance County Community College, NC (Range) *

1:15pm – 5:45pm: “Cultural Awareness/Cultural Competency” – A Building

1:15pm – 5:45pm: “Bird ing Hike” – Meet in B Building

1:15pm – 5:45pm: “High Adventure Programming & Mountain Coaster– Meet in Courtyard

6pm – 7pm – Supper

7:15pm – 9:15pm: “Capacity Issues–Are We Loving Our Parks to Death” – A Building

7:15pm – 9:45pm: “Leave No Trace Behind”– B Building

7:15pm – 9:45pm: ““Combination Night Hike & Campfire Program”– Meet in Cafeteria

Thursday January 14

7am – 8am: Breakfast

8:15am-11:45am: “Outdoor Safety – Plants and Animals to be Aware of for Staying Safe in the Outdoors” Dick Thomas, High Point Pks. & Rec. Dept., NC – A Building

8:am – 12pm: “Human Trafficking & The Drug Gang Nexus” – B Building

8:15am – 5:45pm: “Wisemans View & Linville Gorge Hike” Meet in Courtyard

12pm-1pm: Lunch

1:15pm – 5:45 pm: “Dealing with Invasive Animals & Plants” Dick Thomas – A Building

1:15pm-5:45pm: “Current Synthetic Opioid Threats & Hazards” – B Building

1:15pm – 5:45pm; “ Fly Fishing Techniques” – River Cabin Classroom

6pm-7pm-Supper

7pm – Until: **AWARDS CEREMONY** – A Building

Guest Speaker; Chet Effler, President N.C. F.O.P. and National Director of Education & Outreach for the National Lodge, Marion, NC.

Presentation of Awards: John R. Byrd Sr. Executive Director

Door Prizes & Group Photo

Friday January 15

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

Check out of rooms by 10am

2027 Session I Adjourned

Additional Information

- ******These classes are for sworn personnel only******
- All trips and classes will have signup sheets at registration. Some trips require carpooling; please bring an agency van if possible.
- All firearms participants should bring at least 150 to 200 rounds of ammunition.
- **Top Gun Award competitors must use your duty weapon (NO TRICKED OUT GUNS)**
- **All shooters shoot at the discretion of the Range Master only.**
- **THE ASHEVILLE AIRPORT AND THE JOHNSON CITY TENNESSEE AIRPORTS ARE BOTH A LITTLE OVER AN HOUR AWAY. NO AIRPORT PICK UP WILL BE PROVIDED.**