



~ Holiday News from the High Country ~ **December 2009**

Watauga County:

Valle Crucis Fireside Tour. The historic community of Valle Crucis invites you to warm up by their firesides on Sunday, December 6th, 2009 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. This tour meanders along country lanes to gift shops, galleries, bed and breakfast inns, restaurants, cabins, and churches where hosts will provide you with refreshments and hospitality throughout the afternoon. This year's stops include several bed and breakfast inns, churches, and other businesses in the Valle Crucis community. Tickets are \$10 each and are available from the Mast General Store.

Come experience North Carolina's **Choose and Cut Christmas Tree** Capital - visit a tree farm and roam across tree-covered hillsides hunting the perfect tree. Choose and Cut in the Boone NC area is the essential holiday family tradition, where young and old alike can enjoy a day on a real North Carolina tree farm. Many farms offer hayrides, farm animals, cookies and cocoa and even Christmas Shops to purchase other holiday gifts. Wreaths and roping are also available to purchase. Many families visit the same Choose and Cut farm year after year, establishing not only long-lasting friendships but also cherished family traditions that take us back to a simpler, slower pace of life.

Ashe County:

Galax Conservatory of Dance and Theatre brings Tchaikovsky's ballet, **The Nutcracker**, to the Civic Center's stage Dec 12th at 7:30pm at the Ashe Civic Center. For more information, call the Ashe County Arts Council at (336) 846-2787.

Enjoy a **Morning with Santa** at the Ashe Arts Center on Saturday, December 5 at 8:30-9:30 or 9:30-10:30 am. Children will enjoy pictures with Santa, story time with Mrs. Claus, Christmas crafts and milk and cookies. Each child will receive a bag of goodies and a Christmas book. The admission is \$2.00 per child. Space is limited, so call 336-846-ARTS to make a reservation.

Avery County:

SugarFest jump-starts the winter season with a weekend of pure winter fun! Sponsored by the Village of Sugar Mountain Tourism Development Authority (TDA) and hosted by Sugar Mountain Resort, SugarFest will be held December 12th and 13th, 2009. The seventh annual two-day festival is packed with a long list of winter activities. Sugar's ice skating rink will be open, and with Mother Nature's cooperation, tubing will be open as well. There will be a snowball eating contest at 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 12th and later, be sure to bring the whole family to watch a thunderous and spectacular fireworks display at the base of Sugar Mountain Resort, Saturday evening at 5:45 pm. SugarFest is a great time to enjoy winter! For more information please contact Sugar Mountain Resort at 800-SUGAR MT.

Bonfire & Hayrides on Beech Mountain Tuesday, December 29th from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Town Hall. Join us for this annual event on Beech Mountain (weather permitting, of course). Enjoy hot chocolate or cider and warm yourself at the bonfire. Hay wagons will take you on a tour of Beech Mountain by starlight! Tune up your vocal chords for some season caroling. Hayrides and bonfire begin at 7 PM and it is FREE!! For additional information contact the Beech Mountain Chamber of Commerce at (828) 387-9283.



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