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Museum of Appalachia Announces 2017 Events

Norris, TN – October 31, 2016 – The Museum of Appalachia is set to host a variety of special events throughout the next year.

Sheep Shearing Day, April 21 & 28, 2017. Students and families are invited to join us as we trim the winter's growth of heavy wool from our flock of sheep. This day of hands-on activities will include demonstrations of carding, spinning, weaving, and other ways that pioneers used wool.

July 4th Celebration & Anvil Shoot, July 4, 2017. The Museum of Appalachia celebrates Independence Day by launching a gunpowder-filled anvil high into the sky. "Anvil shooting" was once a common way for pioneers to celebrate special events.

"Days of the Pioneer" Antique Show, September 15-16, 2017. A premier antique show and sale displaying the finest selection of 18th and 19th century American antiques from over 60 of the nation's premium dealers. The event also features traditional craftsmen demonstrating pioneer skills, mountain music, Revolutionary and Civil War encampments, and more.

Student Heritage Day, October 6, 2017. On Heritage Day, children participate in a plethora of activities, including rag doll making, old-fashioned games, spelling bees, pottery making, weaving, square dancing, and more. Students enjoy a hands-on, educational experience as they learn about Appalachian history & culture.

Tennessee Fall Homecoming, October 6-8, 2017. One of the nation's largest, most authentic music and folk festivals, the 38th anniversary of Homecoming will feature dozens of acclaimed musicians performing all-day on four outdoor stages, as well as evening performances by headlining artists. Tour the Museum's 65-acre farm and village, observe old-time mountain demonstrations, and browse the offerings of heritage artisans and crafters.

A Candlelight Christmas, TBA December 2017. Tour the Museum village by candlelight, enjoy Appalachian Christmas stories, drink hot cider, sing carols in the Irwin Chapel, and more. Families will experience the beauty and simplicity of a pioneer Christmas.

For more information, call 865-494-7680 or visit www.museumofappalachia.org

About

The Museum of Appalachia, a Smithsonian Affiliate, is an internationally acclaimed living history farm/village--home to a unique collection of early pioneer artifacts from the Southern Appalachian Mountains. A non-profit organization, the Museum's mission is to preserve Appalachian artifacts and to cultivate a greater knowledge of, and appreciation for, Appalachian heritage. The Museum is located 16 miles north of Knoxville, one mile east of I-75, at Exit 122.
