

**OUTLANDER NORTH CAROLINA**  
**A FRASER'S RIDGE HOMECOMING ITINERARY**  
**(SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)**

**DAY 1**

**Thursday, September 20:**

- 1) **Noon:** Registration Begins. You may check into your cabin if it is ready or the campground if you are camping.
  
- 2) (a) **Noon to 5:00 PM:** Floating self-guided tour of *Craigh Na Dun Cabin*. Don't miss the Outlander exhibit here and also the Standing Stones. It's the Fall Equinox, so the portals may be open for you to go through.  
(b) **Noon to 5:00 PM:** Guided Tour of Fort Defiance, the home of General William Lenoir, a Patriot officer who fought in the battle of King's Mountain. (Could this be what the Big House looked like?) Fort Defiance, named for a frontier fort that stood nearby, was the 18th century home designed by William Lenoir for his growing family. Construction began in 1788, with William Lenoir overseeing every step of the building process. He completed building the home in 1792. Every aspect of the home was designed and constructed under the watchful eye of William, from the rounded edge of the shingles to the bricks used in the "Winter Kitchen". Each design had a purpose from function to aesthetics. Over 300 original pieces remain in the house. The Overmountain Men mustered on the grounds of Fort Defiance on their way to the Battle of King's Mountain. <http://fortdefiancenc.org/> **\*Note: This tour will be on your own and requires a special pass which you will receive upon arrival at the Homecoming. Fort Defiance is approximately 20 minutes from Whippoorwill Academy and approximately 25 minutes from Leatherwood. Last tour is at 4:00 pm.**  
(c) **Noon to 5:45 PM** - On Your Own To Explore, Relax or Whatever Suits Your Fancy Wanna be like Jamie & Claire? Then take a guided horseback ride (from beginners on up) through the mountain trails at Leatherwood. **(Not included in ticket price).** Or maybe you have your own horse? Leatherwood offers stables for boarding. **(Not included in ticket price.)**  
**\*Note:** Depending on the location of your cabin, it could take you as much as 15 minutes to drive down the mountain to the following event.\*
  
- 4) **5:45 PM to 8:45 PM - Hello The House Reception** (Hemlock Stage)
  - a) **Bafford and Bafford**, a husband and wife duo, will entertain us during our reception with 18<sup>th</sup> century Scottish tunes.
  - b) **Welcome to The Ridge by The White Sow**
  - c) **Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres:**
    - i) Spinach artichoke dip with crackers
    - ii) Sweet potato fries with sauce
    - iii) Chicken wings
    - iv) Spicy Mac-N-Cheese bites
    - v) Fruit Display with yogurt dip
    - vi) Meatballs in savory sauce
    - vii) Coffee, tea and water
    - viii) Cash bar

d) **8:00 PM - 8:45 PM: Becky Phillips from Fort Defiance.** Becky is the director, curator, tour guide, groundskeeper, plumber, electrician and all-around handy woman of Fort Defiance plus her knowledge of North Carolina frontier/backcountry history is astounding. Becky specializes in 18th century North Carolina frontier clothing. If you're lucky, you may find yourself dressed in authentic period clothing as part of Becky's presentation.

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**DAY 2**

**Friday, September 21:**

1) Breakfast on your own at your cabin. Leatherwood does have a restaurant, Saddlebrook Grill, but it can only accommodate approximately 30 people at a time. To save time **and** money, we encourage you to plan on eating breakfast at your cabin, which have fully equipped kitchens.. **Breakfast is not included in ticket price.**

2) **9:30 AM to 3:00 PM - Outlander Day at Whippoorwill Academy.**

**NOTE:**

**Bring an umbrella as this is a rain or shine event.**

**Also, if you are unable to stand for extended periods of time, you may wish to bring a camp chair, towel or blanket to sit on as seating may be limited.**

Whippoorwill Village is a collection of 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> century North Carolina buildings/cabins which have been saved, moved, and restored. The Whippoorwill Academy building was the actual old school house in the Ferguson community. Cabins & Buildings include, but are not limited to, The Daniel Boone Cabin, The Smokehouse, the Blacksmith Shop & Weaving Room, The Yadkin Valley Jail, The Tom Dooley Museum, Wash Building, Daniel Boone Hunting Lodge, The Chapel of Peace, The Visitor Center and the Pickin' Porch.

The Village is opening specifically for our group on this day. Here's what is being planned for us.

- a) Clan Candle Lighting Ceremony (If you know your clan, otherwise, we can all be Frasers.)
- b) Docents in each cabin to talk about the history of the cabins.
- c) The Smokehouse Gallery will house an Outlander Art Exhibit (original paintings, pottery and more) by local artists.

Artwork will be for sale.

d) Videos about the Legend of the Blowing Rock and The Brown Mountain Lights (both of which are NC legends) will be shown in the Old Whippoorwill Academy building, which is an early 20<sup>th</sup> century one room schoolhouse.

e) The Tom Dooley Museum will feature two videos to be shown throughout the day: The Battle of King's Mountain (Will we see this in Book 9?) and The Story of Tom Dooley, a local real-life legend.

f) Daniel Boone Hunting Lodge is the oldest building on the premises and is a cabin that was used by Daniel Boone in the 1700's for hunting purposes. A video about Daniel Boone who would have lived in the area at the same time as Jamie & Claire will be shown in the Lodge.

g) The Reverend David Blythe will portray a Scottish frontier preacher (another Roger perhaps?) at The Chapel of Peace. He will describe the history of the early frontier church as a place of worship and as a courthouse.

h) The Pickin' Porch – Live local musicians will perform here.

i) Matt's Store: If only these walls could talk and tell of the characters who spent time in this old store. The window bars are made from old wagon wheel "treads". The store sells Appalachian toys (all locally made – think the car Roger made for Jemmy.) Local goods on sale such as homemade soaps, jams, jellies, honey and more.

j) Living history interpreters and demonstrators already confirmed to appear include the following:

- i) Appalachian toy demonstrator

- ii) Blacksmith
- iii) Weaver
- iv) 18<sup>th</sup> century cooking demo with 18<sup>th</sup> century recipes
- v) Fiddle Making
- vi) Storytelling
- vii) Basket Weaving

k) Living history interpretations and demonstrations not yet confirmed include the following:

- i) Flint knapping by Native Americans
- ii) Herbalist
- iii) Tomahawk throwers
- iv) Old time woodworker
- v) Quilting
- vi) Guitar making
- vii) Old-time music
- viii) And more

l) Scottish games and fun for all

m) Whiskey tastings by local distilleries, Call Family Distillers and Copper Barrel Distillery (added 3/12/18)

m) **11:00 AM & Noon: 18<sup>th</sup> Century Lunch prepared by Frontier Woman, Dawn Taylor Mathews.** Lunch will be served

on the grounds on a staggered schedule. The 18<sup>th</sup> century menu includes:

- i) Chicken stew with kale, onions, potatoes, carrots & cream
- ii) Oatcakes with homemade goat cheese & fresh herbs
- iii) Apple & Oat Crumble for dessert
- iv) Tea & water

### 3) Optional Activities after you depart Whippoorwill:

- a) **Guided Tour of Fort Defiance, the home of General William Lenoir, a Patriot officer who fought in the battle of King's Mountain.** (Could this be what the Big House looked like?) Fort Defiance, named for a frontier fort that stood nearby, was the 18th century home designed by William Lenoir for his growing family. Construction began in 1788, with William Lenoir overseeing every step of the building process. He completed building the home in 1792. Every aspect of the home was designed and constructed under the watchful eye of William, from the rounded edge of the shingles to the bricks used in the "Winter Kitchen". Each design had a purpose from function to aesthetics. Over 300 original pieces remain in the house. The Overmountain Men mustered on the grounds of Fort Defiance on their way to the Battle of King's Mountain.  
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- b) **Spend time on your own doing whatever you please.** Sit back and relax. Go for a walk. Go fishing. Take a nap. In addition, Leatherwood offers guided horseback riding and bike rentals (**not included in ticket price**).

4) **7:00 – 9:15 PM - Rosemund Lindsay's Beans & BBQ Dinner** (*The Fiery Cross*) – Hemlock Stage

a) **Celtic Connection** has played at the internationally acclaimed MerleFest. Celtic Connection bridges the gap from Celtic to present day from Scots-Irish to Appalachian. We are honored to have them play for us!

b) **Dinner:**

- i) Pit Cooked BBQ Pork served off the grill
- ii) Signature slaw
- iii) Baked beans
- iv) Potato salad
- v) Rolls
- vi) Cobblers or banana pudding
- vii) Coffee, tea, water
- viii) Cash bar

c) **Musings by The White Sow**

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2) **All Day.** A Silent Auction will be going on throughout the day under Leatherwood's Covered Pavillion. Proceeds to benefit Sky Diamond Rescue for Horses & Dogs, a 501(c)(3) charity organization located in North Carolina. Winners to be announced Saturday night after the last performance.. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. ONLY FOUR DAY PASSHOLDERS AND ALL DAY SATURDAY PASSHOLDERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN.**

3) **9:00 AM to 11:45: Speakers, Performers & Presenters** (Leatherwood's Covered Pavillion)

a) **Carson Sailor, Director of the Hickory Ridge Living History Museum in Boone & the Outdoor Drama "Horn In The West"**. Carson will get our day started right with the Outlander "anthem" (*The Skye Boat Song* from the series). Carson will present a costumed interpretation of 18th Century Mountaineers and how their story is echoed in Outlander. He will bring artifacts for you to handle and will present on the real places of North Carolina highlighted in the Outlander book series.

b) **Dawn Taylor Mathews.** In 2009, Dawn Mathews dreamed of making lovely goat cheeses, so her husband bought her a goat. The goat did her plans in when she ate a laurel bush, toxic to goats, and had to be given an antitoxin which rendered the milk and drinkable for two weeks. Her only option? Make goat soap. The Thankful Goat soap and bath products business was born. Their 1/2 acre yard was transformed into a micro farm. May 2016 they sold their house and moved to 15 1/2 acres to build their dream farm. An expert on all things goaty, Dawn will share her experience in 18th century goat soap and cheese making and drop spindle spinning. <http://thethankfulgoat.com/>

c) **Traci Wood Thompson.** Want to learn how to discover your roots? Traci who is a Certified Genealogist and Local History & Genealogy Librarian will show you how with her discussion on Beginning Genealogy.

4) **11:45 AM - 12:30 PM: Lunch.** An optional box lunch provided by Leatherwood's Saddleback Grill (**\$10, not included in ticket price**) or bring your own. Pre-order your box lunch upon arrival on Thursday for Saturday pickup. Your choice of the following menu items include your choice of a drink:

- Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap with chips and an apple
- Grape Chicken Salad on Roll with chips and an apple
- Turkey, Bacon & Ranch Wrap with chips and an apple

\*During lunch, the musical duo, **StrathSpan**, will perform for us, playing Scottish Fiddle and Cello.\*

5) **12:30 PM to 4:15 PM: Speakers, Performers & Presenters:**

a) **Greensboro Scottish Country Dancers.** What is Scottish Country Dancing anyway? Want to learn? Scottish Country dance is the distinctively Scottish form of country dance, itself a form of social dance involving groups of couples of dancers tracing progressive patterns. A dance consists of a sequence of figures. These dances are set to musical forms (Jigs, Reels and Strathspey Reels) which come from the Gaelic tradition of Highland Scotland, as do the Steps used in performing the dances; however, it is NOT Scottish Highland Dancing. Today, the term 'Scottish Country Dance' embraces the social dances of Scotland that have evolved from many traditions and are danced throughout the world by Scots and non-Scots alike. The Greensboro Scottish Country Dancers will be accompanied by our lunchtime musical performers, **StrathSpan**. Audience participation will be included so don't be bashful to get up and do a jig!

b) **Matthew Tooni, Cherokee Indian, Qualla Boundary, Cherokee, North Carolina.** Matthew Tooni is a member of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. He has played an active part in the community as both a storyteller and flutist. Tooni is also part of the Medicine Lake Traditional Dancers, which branched from the original Ravenrock Dance group created by Elder Walker Calhoun. He recently produced an album of flute and storytelling entitled *Through Their Eyes*, featuring the voices of local storytellers, including his brother John as well as their parents, Carolyn and Larch Tooni. Matthew were raised in the Qualla Boundary, the Cherokee territory of western North Carolina; he cites the church as the strongest cultural influence in their household growing up. After taking an interest in Cherokee culture as he became older, Matthew has immersed himself in Cherokee tradition, exploring their history and culture and passing his knowledge onto others through song, dance, and engaging, sometimes hilarious storytelling. Matthew is a former cast member of *Unto These Hills*, the long-running outdoor drama depicting three centuries of Cherokee history, performing key lines in the Cherokee language and contributing flute to the production. "I have found an exceedingly great amount of inspiration from my culture," Matthew says. "Everything that comes from our hearts is genuine inspiration." Don't be surprised if Matthew has you speaking Cherokee and doing a Cherokee dance before he's done!

c) **The Overmountain Victory Trail Association presents the Overmountain Men.** Keeping the story alive! (Will Diana also be keeping the story alive in Book 9?) The OVTA is excited to share with you the story of the Overmountain Men and The Battle of King's Mountain which took place on October 7, 1780. *Outlander* fans and history buffs, get ready to travel back in time (that's fun for any *Outlander* fan) as we meet a few of these brave and patriotic Overmountain Men. Listen to them tell their own personal stories of the march *over and through* the mountains of North Carolina and the subsequent battle which was a defining moment in the war. In fact, Thomas Jefferson himself wrote that the victory at King's Mountain by the Overmountain Men was the "turn of the tide of success which terminated the Revolutionary War, with the seal of our independence." The motto of the OVTA is "To Preserve, Protect, and Interpret the Route to the Battle of King's Mountain." Among their many appearances, the Overmountain Men have taken their riveting story to the new American Revolution Museum in Yorktown, Virginia, and the new Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia. <http://ovta.org/>

d) **Special appearance by Àdhamh Ó Broin (Outlander Gaelic Consultant) and Gillebride MacMillan (The Bard of Leoch).** Although Àdhamh and Gillebride won't be able to appear in person, they will be doing a very special pre-recorded 45-minute Q & A for our group based on questions **YOU**, our very special attendees, submit in advance plus storytelling, Gaelic translation and special singing and music.

6) **4:15 PM:** Go and change into your *Outlander* frontier costume, if you have one, for the Big Celebration.

- 7) **6:30 – 9:30 PM: Jamie & Claire’s Celebration at the Ridge** (Leatherwood Covered Pavillion)
- a) **Dogwood** will be playing Appalachian and Scottish Folk Ballads in a lively colonial tavern-like performance
  - b) **Outlander Inspired Drinks (Hot Buttered Jamie, The Claire Beauchamp, Fairy Pool,etc.) & cash bar begins at 6:30.**
  - c) **Appetizers served 6:30 PM**
  - d) **Dinner on The Ridge Buffet served at 7:30 PM**
  - e) **Storyteller Bobbie Pell, The Moonstone Minstrel, 8:30 PM.** Bobbie is a life-long lover of story, incorporating Celtic folklore, myth and faerie lore into her writings, workshops/courses and storytelling performances. She will take you into the realms of selkies, ghostly apparitions and tales of true love. This modern-day minstrel unites song and story in delightful images and universal themes. Come dream with Bobbie in imaginary lands as she shares original faerie tales, retellings and narrative poems filled with mystery, magic and Celtic folklore!
  - f) **Winners of Silent Auction announced 9:15 PM. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. ONLY FOUR DAY PASSHOLDERS AND ALL DAY SATURDAY PASSHOLDERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN.**

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**DAY 4**

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- 2) **9:00 AM: Sacred Storytelling by Bobbie Pell** - (Covered Pavillion). Bobbie will share the life, miracles and profound impact in Celtic Spirituality through exploring Ireland's most revered female saint, St. Brigid of Kildare. As the patron saint of poetry, smithcraft and healing, her story will be shared using blessings, songs, poems and dramatic excerpts.
- 3) **11:00 AM** – Time to say goodbye to your new friends and the Ridge but the memories and the friendships you've made will last forever! **Turas math dhuibh!**
- 4) **If you haven't done so yet**, you may want to take the Guided Tour of Fort Defiance, the home of General William Lenoir, a Patriot officer who fought in the battle of King's Mountain. (Could this be what the Big House looked like?) Fort Defiance, named for a frontier fort that stood nearby, was the 18th century home designed by William Lenoir for his growing family. Construction began in 1788, with William Lenoir overseeing every step of the building process. He completed building the home in 1792. Every aspect of the home was designed and constructed under the watchful eye of William, from the rounded edge of the shingles to the bricks used in the "Winter Kitchen". Each design had a purpose from function to aesthetics. Over 300 original pieces remain in the house. The Overmountain Men mustered on the grounds of Fort Defiance on their way to the Battle of King's Mountain.  
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**Trip Planning Tip:** If you have time, take a few extra days to tour part of the Blue Ridge Parkway where the views will amaze you. Visit Blowing Rock, Grandfather Mountain, and points between and beyond. You won't regret it! For ideas on places to see and things to do in the North Carolina High Country, check out this website: <https://www.visitnc.com/high-country>.