



Join us for a winter celebration of the Roan Highlands: their balds, rare plants, birds, ancient geology, and most important, their conservation. We'll meet Saturday morning, February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Roan Mountain State Park conference center. Bring the kids!

### **Presentations**

*David Ramsey*, conservationist, photographer, and tireless fighter for the protection of the 10,000 acre Rocky Fork tract-- now a 2,000 acre State Park surrounded by 7,600 acres of U.S. National Forest--will present a program on photography being one of the most important items in the conservationist's toolbox. A native of Unicoi, TN, David was Field & Stream's 2011 "National Hero of Conservation" and a SAHC's Stan Murray award winner. David, whose great great grandfather walked these forest paths, brings a generational love to our time.

*Gary Kauffman* is the botanist/ecologist for the National Forests in NC which covers 1.1 million acres across 4 forests, the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests in the mountains, the

Uwharrie NF in the Piedmont, and the Croatan NF in the Coastal Plain. Gary will speak on the Roan's rare plants in the balds & forests and the threats of balsam & hemlock wooly adelgid, beech bark disease, and non- native invasive plants.

Don't forget to bring the kids. Xtreme Roan Adventures will have a table set up for owl pellet dissection.

### **During Lunch:**

*Amanda 'AJ' Smithson*, Seasonal Interpretive Ranger at Roan Mtn State Park, is a graduate from UNC Wilmington and NC State with degrees in Natural Resource Mgmt and GIS; she will present a program on our forests & fields' edible plants.



### **HIKES**

Hike # 1

*Jamey Donaldson* of the Baatany Goat Project will lead a hike to the alder balds on the Roan. Dress warm for this one!.

*Hike # 2 Marty Silver*, a Warriors' State Park legend with wildlife and children, will lead an animal tracking hike down near the Doe river.

*Hike# 3*

*Frosty Levy*, Professor of Biology at ETSU will lead a walk on winter tree identification down in the park.

### **SCHEDULE**

Meet at Conference Center 9:15AM  
David Ramsey: Conservation 9:30  
Break

Gary Kauffman: Rare Plants 11:00  
Lunch with AJ Smithson: 12:00  
Elizabethton's City Market will present a sumptuous selection of sandwiches for everyone's taste along with platters of cookies and brownies.

### **Hikes**

1:PM Meet at the Conference Center parking area.

For More Information Contact:  
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**RESERVATION FORM**  
**FRIENDS OF ROAN MOUNTAIN WINTER RALLY, SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13TH**  
(Reservation deadline February 9th)

PROGRAM & HIKES # \_\_\_ Adults @ \$5.00ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Children & members of Friends of Roan Free)

Lunches available with pre-paid reservation only. (assorted sandwich platters, chips, cookies, brownies, tea)

Adult Lunch # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ check for vegetarian

Children (12 & under) # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$4.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ check for vegetarian

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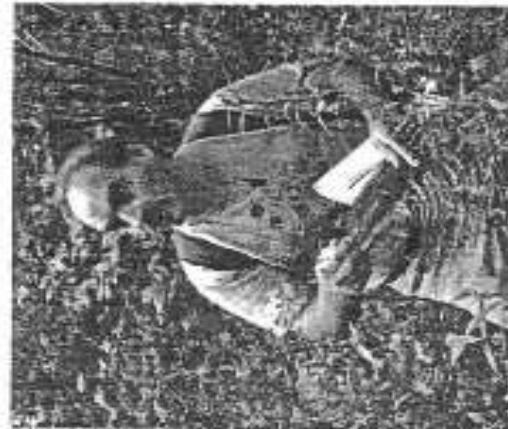
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*Friends of Roan  
Mountain  
Winter Naturalists Rally  
Saturday  
February 13th*



**David Ramsey**  
Southern Appalachians  
Conservationist



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