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Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area
Obed Wild & Scenic River



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Park is Accepting Applications for Food & Craft Vendors for Storytelling Festival. This event is a great opportunity for vendors to sell food and crafts. The festivities will take place on Saturday, September 15. Anyone wishing to set up a booth to sell food, traditional crafts, or do demonstrations of period activities are encouraged to contact Letitia Neal at (423) 569-9778.

Celebrate Labor Day Weekend at the Park. The park will host free events all weekend long including a Bluegrass Music Concert on Saturday, September 1 at 7pm. Great Day in the Morning and the Bluegrass Pilgrims will play at the Bandy Creek Tent Near Visitor Center. Bring your own chairs or a blanket for seating.

Take a Ride on the Ghost Train. The Blue Heron Mining Camp was once a busy place but now spirits of the past fill the air. Enjoy an evening of fun and fright on the Big South Fork Scenic Railway. Train departs from the Sterns Depot on Saturday, September 8th at 7:00 pm. Approximate round trip time is 3 hours. Ticket Fares: Adults \$12.00 and Children ages 3-12 are \$6.00. For more information contact the Big South Fork Scenic Railway at (800) 462-5664.

The Twentieth Annual "Haunting in the Hills" Storytelling Festival will be held Saturday, September 15. This free event will feature storytelling, craft demonstrations, workshops and sales, afternoon storytelling presentations, an open stage for local and student tellers and performances of dulcimer and bluegrass music. The day will culminate with the evening storytelling session of ghost stories beginning at 8:00 p.m. EDT. A series of "not-too-scary" stories will first be presented for the young and faint of heart. These will be followed by very scary stories for those brave enough to stay.

For more information , contact the Bandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275 or visit us at: www.nps.gov/biso

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Photography Exhibit on Display. The results are in and the photos are on display. Don't miss this opportunity to see the stunning photography from our first ever Photo Contest. Congratulations to all our winners. **Tom Wood** received top honors in the landscape and artistic categories. **Hans Christen** for fauna and **Calvin Wenzel** for flora. Four year old, **Nyssa Trinkle** won first prize in the youth category. Runner-up awards were presented to **Tom Wood, Walt Riches** and **Michael Foster**. The People's Choice Winners were **Michael Foster, Laura Kappel** and **John Hatmaker**.

Obed Welcomes the East Tennessee Climbing Association for its 13th annual National Park Service Adopt a Crag event on September 8th. Each year the Climbing Association partners with Access Fund, the Nature Conservancy and the National Parks Service to address a special issue critical to the health and ecosystems of the Obed and Clear Creek River areas. This year, they will be treating the Hemlock trees due to the Woolly Adelgid.

If your group would like to schedule a volunteer event, please contact the visitor. Volunteering is a great team-building activity and really makes a difference in preserving park resources.

For information on events, contact the Visitor Center at (423) 346-6294 or visit us at: www.nps.gov/obed

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Hog Hunting Permits on Sale Now. Hunting season begins September 15th and permits are required in order to hunt in the parks. Permits are available for \$5. A single permit is valid for both parks.

