# CRD Newsletter

Extension Community and Rural Development Events





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## FALL SMOKIES SKI WALKING SCHOOL

September 12 - October 31 Monday Evenings • 5:00-6:00 PM Western Carolina University (Intramural Fields)

### THE BENEFITS OF SKI WALKING?

- The level of fitness you desire go at your own pace.
- Walk with friends and participate in a social event – almost at any time.
- The easiest, lowest exertion and pleasurable activity there is!
- Growing stamina and muscular endurance.
- Increased vitality and energy.
- Decreased stress levels.
- Delight in your improved health!

Autumn leaves are falling down. To the ground. All around! Red, yellow, orange, brown. Autumn leaves are falling down!



## **WALKIE TALKIES**

September 7, 14, 21, and 28 Wednesdays @ 9:00 am

October 12, 19 and 26 November 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 Wednesdays @ 11:00 am

Meet at Deep Creek Picnic Area Bryson City, NC

Walking is a great and simple exercise that's good for nearly everyone.

Walking is easy to do. Moving your body and getting fresh air can help you stay happy and healthy.



Dress in layers and wear comfortable shoes. Weather permitting.



**IN HONOR OF VETERAN'S DAY** *FREE Tree Seedling Give-Away!* 

November 11 10:00 am – Noon Bryson City Veteran's Monument (in front of Old Courthouse/Heritage Museum)

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Mark Watson Park (Constitution Square) Sylva, NC

This Veteran's Day, plant a tree as a memorial to a veteran! Be sure to stop by one of the above locations and pick-up your FREE Norway Spruce Seedling on November 11.

Norway Spruce, the fastest growing of the spruces, develops strong graceful branches that are covered with dark green needles. Ideal windbreaker and supports a variety of wildlife. They are important as winter cover for deer and small game. Song birds and fur bearers also frequent these forest types.



## **Swain Agricultural Fair: A Rootin' Tootin' Good Time** Hannah Styles - hstyles@thesmokymountaintimes.com

On Saturday, Swain County Cooperative Extension and 4-H held the annual Swain County Agricultural Fair at Great Smoky Mountains Event Park on Hyatt Creek.

The event featured music, livestock shows, fun and games for the whole family, and plenty of local vendors. A fan favorite with the kids seemed to be the giant wave water slide and the inflatable obstacle course. There were of animals all plenty around. including rabbits, chickens, goats, and my personal COWS favorite, horses, including a Rocky Mountain gaited horse with a flowing blonde mane.

Walking around to vendor booths, there was a wide array for homemade

products, including hand sewn aprons, one really cool one, featuring the Golden Girls. There was also locally made jams and jellies, handmade quilts, and don't forget the Floatin' Goat Shaved Ice!

The event also held vegetable, flowers, and egg judging, 4-H youth livestock shows, and arts and crafts, as well as agricultural education booths and clogging. There was even a cattle, lamb, and goat costume show! The youth of Swain County and visitors were able to and experience learn about the importance of agriculture and we look forward to this incredible event returning next year!

## **2022 SWAIN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR IN PICTURES**



















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