

# BLUE RIDGE GATHERING 2018 SCHEDULE

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13TH

- Arrive @ Fontana! Check in with Christy or Matt @ cabin #617
- Explore the resort: there is a lake, lazy river and pool, biking and hiking trails, disc golf and more!
  - **Car Wash:** There is a car wash across from the restaurant!

## THURSDAY, JUNE 14TH

- More people arriving @ Fontana! Check in with Christy or Matt @ cabin #617, the pool or one of the events below:
- DISC GOLF
  - **2:00pm:** Meet M@ at the pool!
- BEERFEST
  - To participate, you must be 21 years old + up
  - When: **6:00PM**
  - Where: The lawn outside of cabin #617
    - If you have a pop up tent or camping chair, please bring it!
  - Bring 12 of your favorite beers (or the equivalent in ounces) to share with your BRG friends.
  - There will be BRG tasting glasses distributed to all participants included with your registration.
  - Don't like beer? Bring a bottle of your favorite wine, spirits or non-alcoholic beverage instead!

## FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH

- CHEROHALA SKYWAY RUN led by The Skybridge Captain, Nick Mavroudis
  - **8:00AM**
  - Meet in the parking lot right by the pool to caravan through the Skyway
  - Map is in your registration packet!
- DIPFEST!
  - **6:30PM - 8:30PM**
  - DIP!? WHAT! WHERE?! In my mouth. But first I need you to make it, and bring it down to the fire pit and then give me a chip or cracker like structure to use for shoveling it directly into my mouth. If you're new to this whole dipfest thing, let me explain.. Dip is delicious, everyone loves it and the more of it we have the better. Hot dip, cold dip, sweet or savory.. all are welcome. A wise man named David Putty once said "How come people don't have dip for dinner? Why is it only a snack, why can't it be a meal, you know? I don't understand stuff like that."He would be proud of the display of dip we are going to put on. Please be

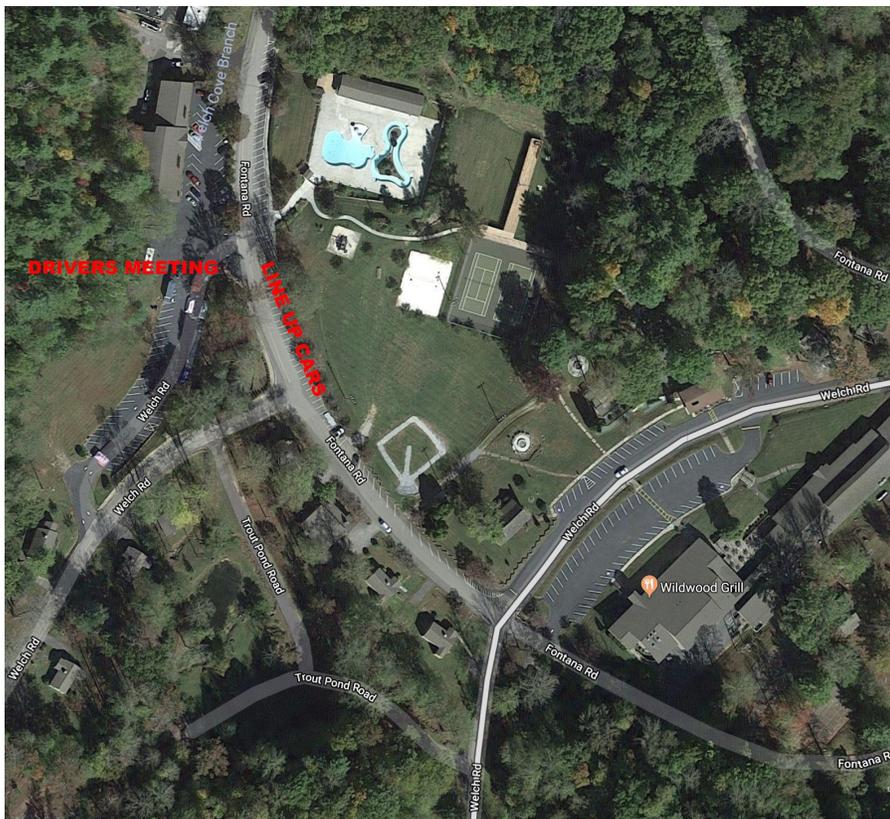
sure to include something to eat the dip with, whether chip, cracker, cookie whatever works with your dip of choice. We don't discriminate, store bought or hand prepared, the main goal is EAT ALL THE DIPS! Index cards will be in your registration packet and pens will be available to label your dips. We also want to be sure any one with dietary restrictions (shellfish, pork, dairy, peanuts, etc) can participate freely as well so please be sure to indicate if your dip contains those ingredients! We will be back at the fire pit #20 again this year, please be sure to arrive by 6pm to get your dip set up to begin to festivities.

- Prepare your dip in your cabin and then bring it to campfire #20
- Bring any tents or chairs that you brought to BRG!
- CLOSING NOTE: You are responsible for your own dishes! Do not leave DipFest without your dishes.

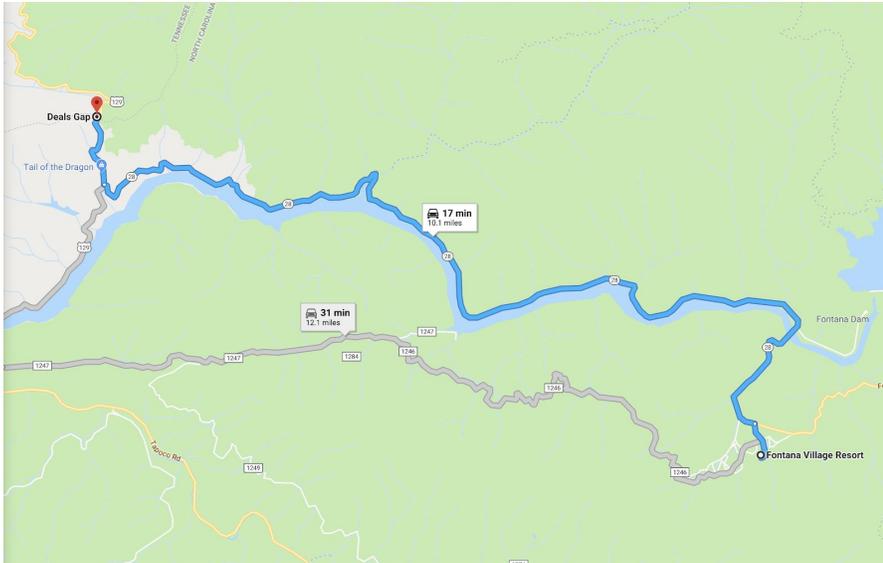
## Saturday, June 16TH

For those arriving Saturday, find Christy or Matt for registration. If you are meeting up with the group on the Dragon, shirts/registration packets will be given to you when we are back @ Fontana.

- DRAGON RUN
  - **9:30am:** Meet in front of the ball field, cars lined up.



- **9:45am:** Driver's Meeting in the parking lot to the left of the General Store.
- **Approx 10:00am:** Caravan Leaves!
  - We are about 20 minutes from the start of the Dragon
  - We will take a LEFT out of Fontana onto 28 North
  - When 28 dead ends, you will make a RIGHT onto US129 North. This is the start of the Dragon.
  - Run the Dragon & meet at Tabcat Bridge on the other side, re-group and then run the Dragon back!



● **DRAGON/CHEROHALA RULES + ADVICE:**

- Consider making your first pass a learning pass.
- **DO NOT DRIVE BEYOND YOUR MEANS! DO NOT CROSS THE DOUBLE YELLOW!**
- This is a **public road** and there are LEOs (Law Enforcement Officers) that patrol the Dragon.
- This is not a racetrack.
- You will get a ticket for speeding, reckless driving, crossing the double yellow and any other reckless behavior.
- Remember that your safety and others' on the Dragon is #1.
- There are very few runoffs and guard rails that line the Dragon.
- The posted speed limit is 30mph.
- Please pull off (when safe + possible) for cars + motorcycles behind you that are wanting to go faster than you.
- There are several Dragon photographers on the mountain. The faster you go past them, the worse the photograph of you they get. The closer you are to the car in front of you, the more crowded the picture of your car they get. Do something stupid or illegal? They'll get that, too.

- LUNCH:
  - **11:30AM/12:00PM:** Lunch at the Dragon's Den Grill (<http://www.dealsgap.com/dragons-den-grill>)
- GROUP PHOTO
  - **1:00pm:** Annual Group Photo at the Tree of Shame!
  - We want everyone to be a part of this, so even if you don't want to run the Dragon, please schedule your time appropriately to make this photo!
  - After the group photo, feel free to run the Gap a few more times, head back to the lazy river @ Fontana or get your car ready for the car show!
- car wash
  - There is a car wash across the street from the restaurant
- LAZY RIVER **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**
  - It's Marc Lewis' birthday TODAY + Ant's birthday TOMORROW, so let's TINK at the lazy river!
- CAR SHOW + GROUP car PHOTOSHOOT
  - **5:30pm:** Car show begins @ the Ball Field!
  - When you pull into the ball field, we will be lining up for a group car photo. We will take a few different angles; aerial, from the top of the hill (1st base) + from the level ground. If anyone wants to park together for the shoot, I suggest arriving together!



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- BBQ + EATS
  - **7:00pm:** Dinner begins!
    - Chicken + Pork BBQ
    - Mac + Cheese
    - Brunswick Stew
    - Baked Beans
    - Bread
    - Cookies for dessert
    - Tea, Lemonade, Coke, Sprite, Diet Dr Pepper + Kids Juice boxes

- Hotdogs for the kids + anyone who wants!
- Solo Cups
- \*Alcohol is not permitted on the ballfield
- Bring your camping chair and any pop up tent or tables you may have stowed away in your car for the week/end.
- VOTING ENDS
  - **8:00pm:** Voting ends! Get your ballots in their individual ballot boxes by 8:00PM!
- AWARDS
  - **9:00pm:** Awards begin :)
  - Anyone who wants to help count votes, **please** lmk!

## [Sunday, June 17th](#)

**HAPPY FATHERS DAY** to all of our wonderful BRG dads. I hope that you had the best weekend and thank you for all that you have done for your families!

This Blue Ridge Gathering is the first BRG in years that my own father was unable to attend. Unfortunately for him, it's also the first year that we are hosting a BeerFest ;) I am very proud of him for tackling the Appalachian Trail with my two youngest brothers, Gene + Nick. They recently crossed the 1,000 mile mark and hiked 4 states within 1 day (40 miles). Hudson, Harlow, Brooklyn + Wyatt will miss their Papa this year, but a **HUGE TINK** to Dad for being a BRG Dad to us all. We'll see him next year!

XoX,  
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