

OVERMOUNTAIN

MINE RESCUE MEET



June 25-27, 2024

Abingdon Virginia



SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER 1 PARTNERSHIP CIRCLE

Overmountain Victory Trail

Stretching 330 miles through four states (Virginia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina) the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail traces the route used by patriot militia during the pivotal Kings Mountain campaign of 1780. Follow the campaign by utilizing a Commemorative Motor Route which uses existing state highways marked with the distinctive trail logo, as well as 87 miles of walkable pathways.

[National historic trails](#) recognize original trails or routes of travel of national historic significance including past routes of exploration, migration, and military action, and require an act of Congress to be created.



Abingdon, VA is the northern trailhead of the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail.

Visit The Abingdon Muster Grounds to walk the first .75 miles of the trail and learn more about the significance of the Battle of Kings Mountain to American history.

The Keller Interpretive Center at The Muster Grounds contains exhibits on the Overmountain Men and Colonial Backcountry history. Plus, check the schedule for historic reenactments and commemorative events.

The Revolutionary War battle of Kings Mountain in South Carolina proved to be a stinging defeat in the British attempt to secure control of the Southern colonies.

How it ended

American victory. The fierce firefight at Kings Mountain pitted Loyalist militia elements under the command of British major [Patrick Ferguson](#) against 900 patriots. The British effort to secure Loyalist support in the South was a failure. [Thomas Jefferson](#) called the battle "The turn of the tide of success."

In context

The siege of Charleston in May 1780 was one of the worst American defeats of the Revolutionary War. Another British victory, in the [Battle of Camden](#), followed in August 1780. British general [Charles Lord Cornwallis](#) dispatched Major [Patrick Ferguson](#) to North Carolina in early September 1780. Ferguson had two tasks: recruit members to fight for the Loyalist militia and protect the Cornwallis's left flank as he attempted to move through the Carolinas. Nicknamed Bull Dog by his men, Ferguson soon came up against the [Overmountain men](#), residents of the Carolina Backcountry and the Appalachian mountain range, and from places that would later become the states of Tennessee and Kentucky. American cavalry commander "Light Horse" Harry Lee called them, "A race of hardy men who were familiar with the use of the horse and the rifle, stout, active, patient under privation, and brave." To the British, however, they were "more savage than the Indians." From the start Ferguson miscalculated his potential foes, brazenly issuing a proclamation for the local patriots to "desist from their opposition to British arms" or he would "march over the mountains, hang their leaders, and lay their country to waste with fire and sword." His scare tactics backfired.

**2024 National Mine Rescue Association Virginia Post 7
Safety Days Training Event**

Southwest Virginia Higher Ed Center at Abingdon, VA

- **Contest June 25-27, 2024**
- **Tickets for awards banquet will be available at a later date**
- **Final Registration and \$1000 fee due by May 15, 2024**
- **Fee covers Mine Rescue, Bench, Preshift and First-Aid Contestants**
- **Include shirt sizes with member names**

TEAM IDENTIFICATION AND INFORMATION:

COMPANY NAME: _____
TEAM NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
TITLE: _____
TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please make checks payable to NMRA POST 7 and mail to address below

Please return registration forms and fee to address shown below:

NMRA POST 7
c/o Sidney Crabtree-Treasurer
3405 Mountain Empire Rd
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

MINE RESCUE TEAM PERSONNEL: (include shirt sizes)

1) _____	6) _____ BRIEFING OFFICER
2) _____	7) _____ PATIENT
3) _____	8) _____ CCA
4) _____	9) _____ ALTERNATE
5) _____	10) _____ ALTERNATE

BG-4 BENCH PARTICIPANT(S): (BG – 4 SENTINEL ONLY)

1) _____	Tester: RZ25 _____	3) _____	Tester: RZ25 _____
	Tester: RZ7000 _____		Tester: RZ 7000 _____
2) _____	Tester: RZ25 _____	4) _____	Tester: RZ25 _____
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BIO-PAK BENCH PARTICIPANT(S): (240 – R ONLY)

1) _____	2) _____
3) _____	4) _____

PRESHIFT PARTICIPANT(S):

1) _____	3) _____
2) _____	4) _____

FIRST-AID PARTICIPANTS:

1) _____	3) _____
2) _____	

TEAM TECH PARTICIPANTS:

1) _____	2) _____
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