

# HORACE KEPHART DAYS

**Friday, May 20, 1 - 5 PM**

**Saturday, May 21, 10 AM - 4 PM**

Join with us in a celebration of the life and works of Horace Kephart—"The Dean of American Campers", author, and a founding father of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Kephart wrote the classic study of Appalachian mountain culture (*Our Southern Highlanders*, 1913) and the encyclopedic guide to outdoor living (*Camping and Woodcraft*, 1917).

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*Kamp Kephart (at the Backcountry Farm)*

Visit with a group of outers in a 1920s demonstration camp. Here, in the woodsmoke, Kephart's camping and woodcraft skills come to life in their proper setting.

***Saturday, May 21 (10 am - 4 pm)***

Kamp Kephart demonstration camp continues at the Backcountry Farm.

***Special presentations in the Schiele Auditorium***

*(10:30 - 11:45 am)*

***Libby Kephart Hargrave***—author and great-granddaughter of Horace Kephart

***Dale Stewart***—well known naturalist, explorer and conservationist

***Joshua Native Kirk***—outdoor skills expert and teacher, TV personality

***"Horace Kephart and the Classic Camping Revival"***

*At the Backcountry Farm (2 pm)*

Special guest David Wescott (author of *Camping In The Old Style*)



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