

# HORACE KEPHART DAYS

**Friday, May 15, 12 - 5 PM &  
Saturday, May 16, 9 AM - 5 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).



***Friday, May 15 (12 - 5 pm)***

*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 16 (9 am - 5 pm)***

Kamp Kephart demonstration camp continues at the Backcountry Farm.

***"The Legacy of Horace Kephart"***

*Special presentations in the Schiele Auditorium (10:30 - 11:30 am)*

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

***George Ellison***—author, Kephart scholar, and biographer

***Bob Plott***—author, Kephart enthusiast, and authority on the Plott Hound

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

*At the Backcountry Farm (2 pm)*

Steve Watts and special guest, David Wescott (author of *Camping In The Old Style*)



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