

YOUR GUIDE TO  
**AMERICA**  
 ★ **250** ★  
**CELEBRATIONS**

LAKE LURE, CHIMNEY ROCK &  
 THE BLUE RIDGE FOOTHILLS

# Welcome

From patriotic celebrations and community traditions to outdoor adventures and small town charm, experience America's 250th anniversary in a place where history, heritage, and hospitality come together.



# Celebrate SOMETHING BIGGER

In Rutherford County, America's 250th anniversary is more than a moment; it's a movement. Across Lake Lure, Chimney Rock, and the Blue Ridge Foothills, communities are coming together to honor our nation's history through events that celebrate creativity, resilience, craftsmanship, and connection.

From Main Street gatherings and outdoor adventures to fireworks over the lake and meaningful tributes, this is a place where history feels personal - and where new memories are made every day.



## Spring Into CELEBRATION

★ **3.1** RUTHERFORD COUNTY  
 4TH GRADE COUNTY  
 FLAG CHALLENGE

A creative competition where students design a flag representing Rutherford County's history, culture & future as part of the America 250 celebration.

★ **3.21** GREATEST AMERICAN  
 CLEANUP RUTHERFORDTON / PURPLE  
 MARTIN GREENWAY / KIWANIS PARK  
[KEEPRCNCBEAUTIFUL.ORG](http://KEEPRCNCBEAUTIFUL.ORG)

Join the community in a countywide effort to keep Rutherford County beautiful while celebrating pride in place.

★ **4.11** PURPLE MARTIN  
 FABULOUS 4-MILER  
 RUTHERFORDTON | 8:00AM

A challenging, scenic race along the Purple Martin Greenway featuring rolling terrain, wooded views, and charming bridges. *Celebrate America's 250th in red, white & blue. Make it a race to remember.*

RACE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

★ **4.11** GREATEST  
 AMERICAN CLEANUP  
 11:00AM

Continue the celebration of stewardship with another community cleanup event.

★ **4.17** MOVIES IN THE PARK:  
 CAPTAIN AMERICA  
 KIWANIS PARK | SUNSET

Bring a blanket and enjoy a patriotic movie night under the stars.

★ **4.22** EARTH DAY  
 CLEANUP EVENT  
 10:00AM

Celebrate Earth Day by giving back to the landscapes of Rutherford County.

## A SEASON OF MUSIC, ARTS & MILESTONES

★ **5.3** A TRIBUTE FOR  
 AMERICA'S 250TH  
 FOUNDATION OF PERFORMING ARTS  
 3:00PM

Presented by the Symphony of Rutherford County, this special show honors America through music.

★ **5.21** SALUTE TO A SMALL  
 TOWN: AN EVENING WITH  
 SCOTTY MCCREERY (POPS)

A night of music and celebration of small-town pride & spirit.

★ **5.23** FIREWORKS AT  
 LAKE LURE BEACH

Kick off the summer with a spectacular fireworks display over the water.

★ **5.23** MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM  
 LAKE LURE | 9:00AM

★ **5.25** MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY  
 POPS | 10:00AM

★ **6.5** YOUNG VISIONS OF  
 AMERICA: PUBLIC ART  
 INSTALLATION RUTHERFORDTON

Local High school students create art installations celebrating America 250 along Main Street.

★ **6.5** FLAG DAY PROGRAM &  
 FLAG RETIREMENT  
 CEREMONY LAKE LURE | 10AM

Meaningful ceremony honoring the American flag.

# Summer CELEBRATIONS

**7.3** 4TH OF JULY - A CELEBRATION LIKE NO OTHER  
LAKE LURE 250TH CELEBRATION

An iconic fireworks display in the region.

**7.3** FOREST CITY OWLS FIREWORKS  
POST OWLS GAME

**7.3-7.4** AMERICAN JET SPORT ASSOCIATION EVENT  
ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Water sport competition & entertainment.

**7.4** 250TH CELEBRATION AND FIREWORKS (MEMBERS ONLY)  
RUMBLING BALD ON LAKE LURE

**7.4** COUNTY FIREWORKS CELEBRATION  
ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**7.4** BIG DAY ELLENBORO PARADE & CELEBRATION

Small-town Independence Day celebration.

**7.4** OVERMOUNTAIN MEN MEMORIAL STATUE UNVEILING  
RUTHERFORDTON | 10:00AM

A historic and meaningful tribute honoring the legacy of the Overmountain Men.

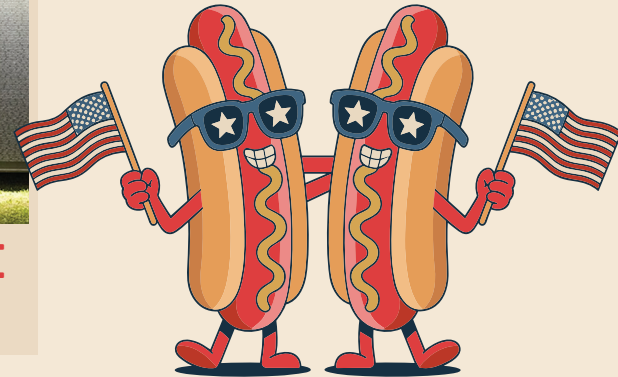
**7.11** REDEEMED STEEL HAMMER-IN  
YELLOW ROSE FORGE | 9AM - 3PM

A celebration of American craftsmanship featuring blacksmithing demonstrations and artisan work. [YELLOWROSEFORGE.COM](http://YELLOWROSEFORGE.COM)



## HONORING HERITAGE & COMMUNITY

# Reflection & Remembrance



## Fall Events

**9.11** MOVIES IN THE PARK: HAMILTON  
RUTHERFORDTON  
An inspiring outdoor showing of the iconic American story.

**9.11** PATRIOT DAY  
POPS | 10:00AM

**9.30** 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMPLETION OF THE LAKE LURE DAM WITH BOAT PARADE 11:00AM  
Celebrate the anniversary of the Lake Lure Dam with a festive boat parade.

**10.17** GREAT TRAILS STATE DAY  
CHIMNEY ROCK STATE PARK  
Guided hikes and outdoor experiences celebrating North Carolina's trail systems.

**10.17** FORGED IN FREEDOM  
CHERRY MOUNTAIN FARM | 9:00AM - 1:00PM  
Celebrate agriculture, craftsmanship, and American heritage. [CHERRYMOUNTAINFARM.COM](http://CHERRYMOUNTAINFARM.COM)

**11.10-11.12** VETERANS DAY SPECIAL  
CHIMNEY ROCK STATE PARK - FREE ADMISSION FOR VETERANS

**11.11** VETERANS DAY CONCERT  
ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**11.11** VETERANS DAY PROGRAM  
LAKE LURE

**11.12-11.15** THE WALL THAT HEALS  
360 PINEY RIDGE RD. SPINDALE  
24HRS/DAY  
A powerful traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

PLAN YOUR VISIT.  
EXPLORE OUR TOWNS.  
CELEBRATE WITH US.

*Rutherford County Courthouse*  
**URNS 100!**

## CELEBRATE HERE. STAY AWHILE.

There's something special about celebrating America's story in a place that feels like home. Here, history isn't just remembered - it's lived. In our small towns, on our trails, around our tables, and in the moments we share together.

This year, as we celebrate 250 years of America, we invite you to be part of something meaningful.



**MAKE MOMENTS  
THAT MATTER HERE.**

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