



# Leatherwood Mountains

Blessed Unions Born in Mountain Splendor

~Get Hitched in Horse Country~



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## **Event Planning At Leatherwood Mountains:**

Leatherwood Mountains would like to congratulate you on your upcoming special Event! This Event Planning Packet is designed to help you with your planning process and inform you of all the wonderful things that Leatherwood Mountains has to offer. You will find ceremony & reception venue information, recommended area vendors, menu suggestions, reunion and corporate event details, and Leatherwood Mountains event policies and additional rental information. Customer service and satisfaction is our priority.

## **A Glimpse of Leatherwood Mountains:**

Leatherwood Mountains is a Premier Gated Vacation Resort & Residential Community centered around the Equestrian and Blue Ridge Mountain Lifestyle. Established in the early 80's, we are located on over 4000 acres of lush Blue Ridge Mountain wilderness and have over 100 private homes.

We provide approximately 40 luxury vacation cabins & delicious meals from our on-site restaurant. A brisk hike or ride on our beautiful mountain trails will give you a chance to experience a piece-of-heaven-on-earth in our luxury resort. Depending on your needs we can also help you plan several excursions such as canoeing, fishing & site-seeing opportunities. Leatherwood offers an on-site swimming pool, tennis and basket ball courts, stocked fishing ponds, children's playground and miles of hiking & riding trails.

Our bright and elegant private homes entice our customers to come back time and again to our Blue Ridge Mountain Paradise. Spectacular views invite you to rise early and sip a cup of hot coffee while enjoying a quiet morning in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Night time will find you gazing at the dark starry sky at night while enjoying the outdoor hot tub.

We offer a full service boarding facility for daily & monthly customers. We also have an extensive riding lesson program as well as a first class guided trail ride service available to the public. Leatherwood boasts an amazing trail system that winds through lush mountain valleys & skirts high ridges. We have close to 100-miles of trails. Our Equestrian facility is home to year round equine events.

## **Get Hitched in Horse Country:**

Get married in Horse Country! Future brides are born with instinctive expectations of what their wedding day will entail. Let the staff at Leatherwood Mountains help you plan the perfect Blue Ridge Mountain Wedding that will be remembered for a lifetime. Breathtaking views and pastoral valleys with grazing horses set the stage for a wonderful wedding experience. Leatherwood offers several flexible wedding options. We can accommodate an intimate afternoon gathering or a weekend-long event for several hundred of your closest friends. You and your guests will enjoy luxury accommodations while taking in the natural beauty of our very special mountain hideaway.

## Ceremony Venues:

**-The Cabin Stage** - The Cabin Stage is a flag stone stage located at the base of the 2-story stone chimney on the original Hendrix home place (now our Welcome Center) built in 1844. The stage is located in the Cabin Meadow- a beautiful, open, creekside pasture surrounded by mountains. This venue is our most popular because it offers an amazing backdrop to exchange your vows. Accommodates 250+ guests.

~100 yards from Elk Creek Lodge ~ Adjacent to tented reception location ~ Chair rental not included ~

~ Web cam can be directed to the stage so others can view your ceremony remotely if you wish~

~Waiting area for Bride & Groom provided ~ Available year round ~

~ Includes ample time to set-up & break-down decorations ~ Includes time for rehearsal ~

\$300

**-The Valley Gazebo** The Valley Gazebo is located in the heart of the Equine Center in our outdoor riding arena. This beautiful venue is perfect for horse lovers and outdoor enthusiasts. It is adjacent to the Covered Pavilion. This venue is surrounded by tall mountains and pastoral grazing horses. A magical place to exchange vows. Accommodates 150 guests

~100 yards from Elk Creek Lodge ~ Next to our Covered Pavilion ~ Chair rental not included ~

~Waiting area for Bride & Groom provided ~ Available year round ~

~ Includes ample time to set-up & break-down decorations ~ Includes time for rehearsal ~

\$250

**Private Rental Home** - Several of our Rental Homes offer an amazing setting for ceremonies with 50 guests or less. The spectacular views from the decks of these private accommodations offer a unique and intimate stage for your Blue Ridge Mountain wedding.

~2-night rental is required for use of home for ceremony~

\$350 Facility Rental Fee for 20 - 50 guests

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## Reception Venues:

**Elk Creek Inn-** This lovely lodge-style building that can be reserved for private receptions and gatherings. The dining room comfortably seats 55 - 75 guests, additional seating can be accomplished by utilizing the covered porches and adjacent rooms. The floor to ceiling windows in the dining room overlook the Cabin Meadow and Stage area.

~ 3500 Square feet of climate controlled space ~ Ample covered porches and screened-in areas ~ Chairs and tables for 55 guests included ~ ~Additional seating and tables available ~ 30' vaulted ceilings in the dining room ~ Ample time to set-up & breakdown ~

4-hour reception \$1150

**The Cabin Meadow -** The Cabin Meadow is beautiful open, creek side pasture in the shadow of the original Hendrix home place (now our Welcome Center) built in 1842. This setting offers a picturesque place to set up a large tent.

~ Includes ample time to set-up and break down ~

~Restroom facilities provided at the Elk Creek Inn building 75 yards from tented location ~

~Guest parking in the Equine Center ~ Tent, chairs, tables and other rental items not included ~

~ Power source provided ~

- hour reception \$750

**Covered Pavilion -** Our Covered Pavilion is a 7500 Square foot open air pavilion that is perfect for barn dances and agricultural based events. This venue is a beautiful structure and has 13-foot ceilings and yew style support beams.

~ Includes ample time to set-up and break-down ~

~Restroom facilities provided at the Elk Creek Inn building 75 yards from Covered Pavilion ~

~Guest parking in the Equine Center ~ Tent, chairs, tables and other rental items not included ~

~Footing provided is a clay & mulch mixture, additional options available~

~Picnic tables available for \$15 per table ~ Power source provided ~

4- hour reception \$850

# Policies and Requirements:

1. Lessee accepts full responsibility for any damage that may occur. This includes any damage to the buildings as well as the gardens and grounds. A credit card shall be given to be used for this deposit. The credit card will not be processed unless lessee fails to a) pay the balance of the rental fee 60 days prior to the event, b) where items done in paragraph #7 are not properly done by the Lessee, c) when damage is sustained to the buildings as well as the gardens and grounds as a consequence of the action or inaction of lessee, persons servicing lessees event, or lessee's guests. Any holdover of the buildings as well as the gardens and grounds beyond the stated time shall for a minimum one hour increment, at the rate of \$200.00 per hour which shall be charged against the credit card given for this contract unless otherwise arranged with Lessor. 50% non-refundable Venue Deposit due upon securing the date. Lessee must pay the balance of the rental 60 days prior to the event date. In the event of a cancellation, Lessee will not be refunded the deposit nor the balance unless Leatherwood Rentals Inc. can reschedule your event date with another customer. Lessee agrees a \$25 fee will be charged for all NSF checks and credit card charge backs.
2. FOOD: Lessee shall be required to use our private catering services unless approval is granted by Leatherwood Mountains Event Coordinator.
3. BAR: No kegs permitted. Lessee is required to purchase Beer & Wine through Leatherwood Rentals, Inc./ Saddlebrook Restaurant. Lessee agrees to protect, indemnify, defend and hold harmless Lessor from any Liability or claims of whatever nature arising out of or in connections with serving or consumption of the said beverage. Lessee, it's agents, servants, employees, or bartenders shall not serve guests and/or patrons alcohol when that person is under lawful age or when the person is intoxicated and his/her judgment is impaired as a consequence of alcoholic consumption. It will be the duty of Lessee to prevent any guest or patron to refrain from driving a motor vehicle if that person has become legally intoxicated by definition/standard of the State of North Carolina. Special ABC permits must be purchased to serve Liquor by the drink.
4. This is a private function. I will not hold Leatherwood Rentals, Inc. responsible for any accidents to persons or property caused by my negligence, intentional acts, or other fault, arising out of my use of Leatherwood Rentals, Inc., Wedding Facilities and further agree to hold the same harmless and indemnify them as to any legal action that may ensue because of my fault.
5. RETURN OF PREMISES: Lessee shall be responsible for all damage caused to the premises as a consequence of its actions, inactions, and or negligence or the actions, inactions, or negligence of its guests, invitees of the occasion and all damages may be assessed against Lessee's credit card. All decorations must be removed or thrown in the dumpster provided (immediately following the event).
6. No smoking inside of the Elk Creek Inn/Saddlebrook Restaurant building. No glue, nails, screws, staples, hooks, hangers, suction cups or tape of any type on walls, floors, ceiling, tables, or any rented items used for decorating.
7. All personal items, food, liquor, props, flowers, etc., that are not the property of Leatherwood Rentals Inc. must be removed from inside and outside no more than 6 hours after event completion, to allow for our early morning cleaning crews. Lessee will not hold Leatherwood Rentals, Inc. liable or responsible if any items left, indoor or outdoor, are missing after the event.
8. No rice, birdseed, silly string, confetti etc., will be used in the Restaurant building or surrounding grounds & gardens. No silk pedals are to be used outdoor on the ground. Please keep children under supervision.
9. Lessee agrees that if their event is booked during the Holiday Season decorations indoor and outdoor will not be removed for their event.
10. No bonfires of any kind can be made anywhere on Leatherwood Rentals, Inc. property. The camp ground is one exception. No fireworks can be used anywhere on Leatherwood Rentals, Inc. property.
11. With the exception of guests entering and exiting the building, doors are to be closed at all times so as not to create a noise problem to adjoining residents, and to insure proper air conditioning and/or heating of the facility.
12. Renter agrees to purchase a liability policy or provide a certificate of liability insurance that names Leatherwood Rentals, Inc. as an additional insured. All beer & wine must be purchased through Saddlebrook Restaurant.
13. Leatherwood will require that all outdoor events also decide on a contingent indoor rain back-up location. Leatherwood reserves the right to make the decision to move any outdoor event indoors. This decision will be made no less than three (3) hours prior to the event begin time/date.
14. The facility space is guaranteed as early as four hours prior to the event start time. If the event representative or event vendors wish to access the space earlier than the contracted time, they will need to speak with the Leatherwood Mountains Event Coordinator. *Day Time Events*: Day-Time Events will cease by 3:30 ~*Evening Events*: Evening Events will need to cease by 11:00pm. At the conclusion of the event, the Event Representative needs to gather and remove all personal items.
15. The Leatherwood Mountains Event Coordinator works on behalf of Leatherwood Mountains. He or she will work with you from the time of contracting up until the day of your event. The Leatherwood Mountains Coordinator will work with you to plan your event but is in no way responsible for anything outside of coordination of the venue.

## **Additional Services & Perks:**

~On-Site Coordinator Included - Leatherwood Mountains Event Coordinator will assist you throughout the whole process including a wedding pre-planning meeting, rehearsal and rehearsal dinner, wedding day coordination and reception. Personal wedding planners are welcome.

~Access to a comprehensive list of reputable vendors for our area.

~Horse for Ceremony or photos- Minimum 1-hour price: \$50.00 per hour

~Lodging coordination and assistance included. We will also reserve blocks of homes for your event if needed. Applicable deposits due.

~Free 1 or 2 hour Trail Ride for Bride & Groom.

~DIY weddings are very welcome and outside catering can be considered.

**~ 15% DISCOUNT AVAILABLE ON COST OF VENUE RENTALS FOR PARTIES THAT BOOK 7 OR MORE RENTAL HOMES FROM LEATHERWOOD RENTALS INC.**

**Leatherwood Mountains on-site Event Coordinator:**

Abbie Hanchey

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**Lodging Contact:**

Sue Bridgers - Rental Manager or Bethany Swaim - Reservations

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## **Suggested Menus & Appetizers:**

Heavy Hors D'oeuvre Menus...

### **Package One**

Fresh Fruits & Berries... Domestic Cheese Tray with Crackers... Raw Veggies with Dips

Choose four of the following:

- Cocktail Meatballs in your choice of Sauces... Savory Stroganoff Style Sauce, Tomato Basil, Honey Barbecue or Sweet and Sour
- Sweet Potato Biscuits with Smoked Turkey and Cranberry Relish
- Chicken and Proscuitto Roulades
- Smoked Chicken and Monterrey Jack Cheese Quesadillas with Salsa
- Seafood Mousse with Assorted Crackers
- Chesapeake Crab Dip with Crackers
- Smoked Salmon Mousse with Cucumber Rounds and Pumpnickel Triangles
- Stuffed Mushrooms
- Warm Spinach and Artichoke Dip with Crackers
- Roasted Garlic and Chick Pea Hummus with Pita Dippers

\$25.95 per person, plus tax and service charge

### **Package Two**

Imported and Domestic Cheeses with Crackers... Fresh Fruits and Berries with Chocolate Raspberry fondue... Warm Spinach and Artichoke Dip with Baguette Rounds

Choice of four of the following

- Carving Station with Roast Pork Loin accompanied by Sweet Potato Biscuits, Tiny Yeast Rolls, Assorted Condiments
- Carving Station with Roast Rounds of Beef accompanied by Tiny Yeast Rolls, Croissants, Assorted Condiments
- Carving Station with Bourbon Glazed Ham, Sweet Potato Biscuits, Tiny Yeast Rolls, Assorted Condiments
- Iced Jumbo Shrimp with Spicy Cocktail Sauce
- Petite Crab Cakes with Stone-ground Mustard Remoulade
- Petite Salmon Wellingtons
- Stuffed Mushrooms—spinach & Feta, Crabmeat, Sausage & Cheddar or Goat Cheese with Chicken, Dried Cranberries, Fresh Basil
- Spanakopita—Spinach and Feta Phyllo Bundles
- Asparagus and Asiago Phyllo Bundles
- Roasted Corn, Red pepper and Black Bean Tarts
- Spinach and Artichoke Empanadas

\$34.95 per person, plus tax and service charge

### Package Three

Fresh Fruits and Berries...to include Melons, Strawberries, Blueberries, Raspberries, Mango, Papaya, Pineapple, Kiwi...with Chocolate Kahlua Fondue and Raspberry- Key Lime Dip

Baked Brie served en Croute...stuffed with Pesto, Sundried Tomatoes...or not! Served with a Variety of Crackers and Flatbreads

Baked Artichoke and Hearts of Palm Spread with Crisp Pita chips

Carving Station—Roast Tenderloin of Beef and Roast Pork Loin with Bleu Cheese Biscuits, Sweet Potato Biscuits, Assorted Condiments

Choice of three of the following:

- Shrimp Shooters—Grilled Jumbo Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce in a Shot Glass
- Rosemary and Garlic Encrusted “Lollipop” Lamb Chops
- Savory Scallops wrapped in Bacon
- Petite Crab cakes with Citrus Salsa
- Curried Potato Samosas
- Beef Wellingtons
- Chicken Wellingtons
- Salmon and Baby Spinach Wellingtons
- Mushroom Caps stuffed with Lobster

\$49.95 per person, plus tax and service charge

### Package Four

Stations, Stations, Stations...

Pick three of the following stations...accompanied by Fresh Fruits and Berries, Imported and Domestic Cheeses with Crackers, Warm Spinach and Artichoke Dip

Carving Station—Your Choice of Roast Pork Loin, Roast Rounds of Beef, Bourbon Glazed or Virginia Baked Ham with Assorted Rolls and Biscuits, Condiments

Mashed Potato Bar—Served in Martini Stems—Mashed Red Skin Potatoes with a variety of add-ins...to include Sour Cream, Butter, Scallions, Crumbled Bacon, Cheddar Cheese, Bleu Cheese, Parmesan Cheese

Low Country Station—Low Country Shrimp and Grits with Turnip Greens...Yum, Yum! Add Pan Seared Crab Cakes, Cooked to order, for an additional \$7

**Pasta Bar—Unattended Station featuring Penne Pasta with a Trio of Sauces... Spicy Marinara, Savory Alfredo and Homemade Basil Pesto... accompanied by Garlic Bread, Red Pepper Flakes, Parmesan Cheese... Make it an attended station with add ins to include Blacked Shrimp, Chicken, Broccoli, Garden Peas, Proscuitto, Roasted Vegetables for an additional \$5**

**Salad Station... served in Martini Glasses... Fresh Salad Greens and Baby Spinach with a Variety of “add ins” to include Grape Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumbers, Shredded Carrots, Dried Cranberries, Dried Apricots, Mandarin Oranges, Crumbled Feta, Crumbled Bleu cheese, Shredded Cheddar, Toasted Pecans and Walnuts... accompanied by our fabulous Balsamic Vinaigrette, Poppy Seed Dressing and Homemade Buttermilk Ranch**

**\$28.95 per person, plus tax and service charge**

**Package Five... Dinner Buffet... includes china dinner plates, salad plates, dessert plates, glassware, coffee cups, linen napkins, table linens... Dinner buffets also include choice of Traditional Caesar or Mixed Green Salad... dinner rolls and sweet potato biscuits with butter... iced tea and gourmet roast coffee...**

#### **Entrees**

**From the Carving Board... choice of Roast Rounds of Beef, Roast or Smoked Pork Loin, Baked or Bourbon**

**Glazed Ham or Roast Tom Turkey**

**Southern Fried Chicken**

**Pan Seared Chicken with Lemon and Capers**

**Stuffed Chicken Breast with Goat Cheese, Dried Cranberries and Fresh Basil**

**Apple and Walnut Stuffed Chicken**

**Roast Salmon with Lemon Pesto**

**Grilled Salmon with Bourbon, Brown Sugar and Soy**

**Lemon Pepper or Pecan Encrusted Mountain Trout**

**Pork Tenderloin with Gorgonzola Mushroom Sauce**

**Smoked Pork Loin with Mountain Blackberry Sauce... \*\*Low Country Shrimp and Grits**

**\*\*Charleston Style Crab Cakes with Dijon Dill Sauce**

**\*\*Seared Scallops in Cajun Brown Butter**

**\*\*Roast Prime Rib of Beef with Horseradish Cream Sauce**

#### **Sides...**

**Creamy Cole Slaw**

**Twice Baked Potato Salad**

**Deviled Eggs**

**Fresh Fruit Salad**

**Baked Curried Fruit Salad**

**Baked Southern Apples**

Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Southern Style Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Mashed Sweet Potatoes with Brown Sugar and Pecans  
Wild Rice Pilaf or Wild Rice with Toasted Pecans  
Penne Pasta with Three Cheeses  
Orzo Pasta with Sundried Tomatoes, Asparagus and Parmesan Cheese  
Sautéed Fresh Vegetable Medley  
Grilled Eggplant with Balsamic Glaze and Feta Crumbles  
Tomato and Bleu Cheese Tart  
Southern Style Green Beans... Scalloped Corn Casserole  
Brown Sugar or Orange Glazed Carrots  
Broccoli Casserole... Asparagus with Sea Salt (add \$2)

One Entrée with Two Sides--\$22.95 per person

One Entrée with Three Sides--\$24.95 per person

Two Entrees with Two Sides--\$27.95 per person

Two Entrees with Three Sides--\$29.95 per person

Suggested appetizers prior to dinner...fresh fruits and cheeses @ \$4.50 per person... Warm Spinach and Artichoke Dip @ \$3.50 per person... Butlered Hors d'oeuvres @ \$4-10 per person...

Prices include Linens, Flatware & china. Additional table decorations & additional displays are available

Menus provided are suggestions only. Custom menus can be provided.

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**Based on 100 person Minimums -**

**Please call for rates for smaller gatherings**

## **The Giddy – Up, Get Away Wedding Package**

Have you ever dreamed of leaving all the hustle, bustle & expense of planning a big wedding behind and just ride off into the sunset with your sweet heart to get married? Now is your chance to hit the trails on horseback with the love of your life & exchange your vows on a beautiful Blue Ridge Mountain Top. The staff of Leatherwood Mountains will see to your every need and match you with seasoned trusty trail horses for a perfect ride up to a beautiful Blue Ridge Mountain Overlook. A two night minimum stay in our vacation rental cabins is required. [www.leatherwoodmountains.com](http://www.leatherwoodmountains.com). This package is suitable for 2-8 people.

**This Wedding Package includes:**

- A private trail ride to your ceremony location, high on the Danl' Boone Trail. The total trip time will be approximately 3+ hours. (2 hours of riding & 1+ hour of ceremony and photography time.)
- Professional wedding photography - approximately one hour of time with our wedding photographer. Photos will include creative portraits and romantic bride & groom shots. You will receive a CD with all photos taken within one week. (Additional time with the Photographer is an add on option.)
- A freshly baked petite wedding cake beautifully decorated and trimmed. The cake may be delivered to the dining room of your cabin or the Sunroom of the Elk Creek Inn, for you to enjoy when you return from the trail. The package includes a cake large enough to serve 2-6 people, and you can upgrade to a larger cake if needed.
- A wedding service conducted by our Wedding Officiant who will properly file your marriage certificate with the court promptly after your wedding.
- A fresh flower bridal bouquet & a groom's boutonniere. Wedding flowers can make a big difference in the "look and feel" of your wedding photos. They add a touch of color, identify the pictures as "wedding photos" and give you something to do with your hands, besides hold the reins. Your choice of colors. They will be waiting on you at the ceremony location.
- Complete Event coordination & witnesses if needed. All you need to do is show up with your boots shined!
- \$1,300 mid-week (Mon-Thurs) - \$1,500 (Fri, Sat & Sun)

**Optional Add-on's to this package include:**

- Additional riders can join you at our regular Trail Riding Rate.
- Additional hours with the Photographer for a customized wedding package that will be a keepsake forever.
- In – Cabin Massage services
- Dining arrangements
- Champagne Toast

## **The True Blue, Get Away Wedding Package**

If a private & tranquil escape with your sweetheart is what you have in mind for a perfect wedding get-away then look no further. The staff of Leatherwood Mountains will see to it that your dreams of a perfect mountain wedding come true. A two night minimum stay in our cabins is required. [www.leatherwoodmountains.com](http://www.leatherwoodmountains.com). This package is suitable for 2- 19 people.

**This Wedding Package includes:**

- A picturesque location to exchange your vows – Pick from one of the following locations: 1) The deck of your private Rental Home, overlooking the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains. 2) The Cabin Stage or surrounding gardens - Located at the base of the massive Flag stone Chimney of our Welcome Center. You are surrounded by the beauty and tranquility of a serene Creekside Meadow. 3) The Valley Gazebo – located in our Equine Center, the horses that fill the surrounding pastures can act as witnesses to your ceremony as you exchange vows in this lovely location.
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