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Friday 8:30	Josh Silverman	Shawl Gap hike	This hike is a part of the PATC CentennialFest 2026-Celebrating 100 Years of Volunteers. You must sign up in advance on Meetup at https://www.meetup.com/patchikes/ . Shawl Gap/Sherman Gap, 8.25 miles, 1800 feet elevation: a loop that begins at Elizabeth Furnace, goes up to the ridgeline via the Botts and Sherman Gap Trails, goes about 2 miles north along the ridgeline to Shawl Gap, and then descends back to Elizabeth Furnace. On the way down we will take in the Pig Iron and Charcoal Trail, which provides an overview of how iron was historically mined and smelted.
Friday 8:30	Susan Collins	Bill Kruszka Overlook on the Massanutten Trail	This hike is a part of the PATC CentennialFest 2026-Celebrating 100 Years of Volunteers. You must sign up in advance on Meetup at https://www.meetup.com/patchikes/ . This is a moderately strenuous 5.3-mile out-and-back hike with an elevation gain of 1325' on the Massanutten Trail (hiking north from parking). Parts of the trail are rocky and steep. We will hike about 1.7-2 mph on average, slower uphill and breaking as needed.
Friday 9:30-3	Howard Davis	Kennedy Peak	This hike is a part of the PATC CentennialFest 2026-Celebrating 100 Years of Volunteers. You must sign up in advance on Meetup at https://www.meetup.com/patchikes/ . Located off the Massanutten Trail in the Fort Valley Area, Kennedy Peak has some of the best vistas in the region with a spectacular 360 view from the fire tower viewing platform on its summit. Planned hike is a 9.5-mile loop using the Massanutten and Stephens Trail with about 1600 ft elevation gain and a few rocky areas. For description visit: https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/virginia/kennedy-peak-trail). Hike should be considered on the strenuous side and come prepared for the weather with no dogs for this hike.
Friday 12:30- 3:30	Jim Fetig	A Sawyer Experience	So you're an A-certified Sawyer looking for hands-on experience under the guidance of experienced Sawyers? Join our PATC President and other experienced Sawyers for some real-world experience. This is in the forest, doing actual work on blowdowns as you find them. Sign up and bring your A card and PPE. NOTE: anyone operating a chainsaw needs to have a valid first aid/cpr cert as well as a saw card. Let us know if you need PPE...we may have limited PPE.

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Friday 12-3	Kristin Kinsey	First Aid/CPR/AED Certification	"PATC is sponsoring two First Aid/CPR/AED training courses at CentennialFest for volunteers who require certification. The course is designed to help non-medical professionals provide assistance in times of crisis and for a wide range of conditions. The course will be completed in two parts: online learning and the hands-on portion at the Fest. The First Aid course will provide some additional hands-on experience for situations hike leaders and sawyer teams might see on the trail. First Aid Training is twofold. First, it helps you recognize the signs that someone actually needs help and, second, it prepares you to respond when minutes matter. Remember, an emergency can happen when you least expect it. While it may be something as simple as properly caring for cuts and scrapes, it can also be a lifesaving tool that keeps someone alive until help arrives. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training. When a sudden cardiac arrest event happens, minutes matter. You will learn simple-to-use techniques and information that can help you save a life. You will learn the CPR steps, including hand placement, compression rate and rescue breathing. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training. You will learn when and how to use an (AED) in conjunction with CPR. Once training is complete, your Red Cross certification is good for 2 years. "Priority is given to hike leaders, trail maintainers, sawyers, and other volunteers who require current certification.
Saturday 9-12	Jim Fetig	A Sawyer Experience	So you're an A-certified Sawyer looking for hands-on experience under the guidance of experienced Sawyers? Join our PATC President and other experienced Sawyers for some real-world experience. This is in the forest, doing actual work on blowdowns as you find them. Sign up and bring your A card and PPE. NOTE: anyone operating a chainsaw needs to have a valid first aid/cpr cert as well as a saw card. Let us know if you need PPE...we may have limited PPE.
Saturday 9-12	Paul Boisen	Crosscut Saw Experience	No experience needed. This will be a crosscut sawyer work trip: a first-time experience for some, and a chance to hone existing skills for others. Unlike the concurrent chainsaw sawyer experience, participants are not required by Forest Service policy to be certified. Long trousers and leather boots are required. Bring your own gloves, helmets and eye protection. Based on the signup, we may be able to provide tools and some extra helmets and eye protection. The organizer has experience leading crosscut crews and training sawyers.
Saturday 12:30- 1:30	Robert Fina	Chainsaw Maintenence	Want to brush up on chainsaw maintenance and chain sharpening? Join PATC C-sawyer/instructor Robert Fina for some hands-on practice. We will have a workspace set up with tools. NOTE: anyone operating a chainsaw needs to have a valid first aid/cpr cert as well as a saw card. Bring a saw, electric or gas, gloves, safety glasses. Limit 8 participants.

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