



2024 REUNION
DELANO KINDRED, INC.
SOULE KINDRED IN AMERICA
MAGGIE VALLEY, NORTH CAROLINA



THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

DELANO DAY! on the *Tennessee Valley Railroad*

Departing from Delano, Tennessee at 1:30 PM, returning at 5:00 PM. Enjoy a 50-mile roundtrip through the beautiful lower Hiwassee River gorge. This 4-hour round trip takes you to the top of the famous Hiwassee Loop, where the tracks cross over themselves as they corkscrew up the mountain near Farner, Tennessee. There are only 6 of these loops in North America and this is the only one East of the Mississippi River.

- Snacks and souvenirs are available for purchase on the train, including drinks, chips, candy, t-shirts, caps, and books.
- Trains have enclosed, climate-controlled cars pulled by a diesel locomotive and restrooms on each car.
- Parking is located at **9406 Hwy 411, Delano, TN 37325** (near the Hiwassee/Ocoee Scenic River State Park ranger office).
- **Please arrive 30 minutes prior to departure time. Delano, Tennessee, is located in the Eastern Time Zone (EDT).**

If you'd like to incorporate Chattanooga as part of your trip, we can arrange for a 9:45 AM departure on the 65-minute roundtrip Missionary Ridge Local ride that travels to the East Chattanooga Depot where the Soule Shop is located and you can receive a tour of the Soule restoration shop. The trip starts at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum: Robert Murray Soule, Jr., was the founding member and President of Tennessee

Valley Railroad Museum. Under his tutelage, the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum became the largest operating railroad museum in the Southeast United States. Let Becket know *immediately* (wbsoule1620@gmail.com) if you are interested in this option: we have been offered special pricing if we book a large enough group far enough in advance!

Supper: Savannah Oaks Winery; 1817 Delano Road, Delano TN 37325 (across the road from the Delano train depot)
(423) 263-1513

NOTE: Delano, Tennessee is about two to two and a half hours from Maggie Valley, North Carolina.

Reunion Accommodations at
Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center
103 Living Waters Lane
Maggie Valley, North Carolina 28751-9582
email: LivingWaters@catholicretreat.org
web page: www.catholicretreat.org
+1 (828) 926-3833

Arrival: Friday, 13 September 2024

Departure: Sunday, 15 September 2024



FRIDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2024

Breakfast on your own (Joey's, rated the third best breakfast in North Carolina, is across the street from the retreat centre).

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Registration, Murphy Garland Hall

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Board of Directors, Delano Kindred,
St Francis Hall

10:30 AM

Depart for Biltmore

The Biltmore House is a Châteauesque-style mansion built for George Washington Vanderbilt II, the youngest son of an American family famous for its wealth, between 1889 and 1895 and is the largest privately owned house in the United States, at 178,926 ft² of floor space and 135,280 ft² of living area. Still owned by George's descendants, it remains one of the most prominent examples of Gilded Age architecture. *George Vanderbilt's guests marvelled at the magnificent residence containing 34 bedrooms, 43 bathrooms, and 65 fireplaces covering four acres of floor space. Vanderbilt travelled the world to furnish his home: art by Renoir, Whistler, and Sargent; exquisite 16th-century tapestries; and 24,000 books in seven languages. This afternoon you can visit more than 60 rooms carefully preserved by Vanderbilt's descendants, rooms appearing as they did a century ago.*



Lunch will be on your own: enjoy the Stable Café for a full meal, or the Biltmore creamery, Biltmore Bake Shop, or the Courtyard Market for a quicker option. *If there is sufficient interest, we can arrange for a wine tasting at the Antler Hill Winery.*

5:00 PM Return to Living Waters

6:30 PM Banquet, J. Arthurs
2843 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC 28751
Speaker: Caleb Johnson

SATURDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2024

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Breakfast, Living Waters

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Annual General Meeting, Delano
Kindred, Murphy Garland Hall

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Soule Kindred, St Francis Hall

11:00 AM Depart for Cherokee

12:00 noon Picnic Lunch at Great Smoky Mountain
National Park (Collins Creek Picnic Area)

1:00 PM Mingus Mill

2:00 PM Museum of the Cherokee Indian, visit to the
Archives of the Eastern Band of Cherokee
Indians. Nearby, you'll find the Qualla Arts and
Crafts Mutual Co-op, the Oconaluftee Indian
Village living history museum, and the
Mountainside Theater, home of the outdoor
drama *Unto These Hills*.

5:00 PM Return to Living Waters

6:00 PM Supper (barbecue), upper pasture, Saint Margaret's
7:00 PM Talk by Becket Soule on *Mayflower*
Descendant Col. William Holland Thomas

SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Breakfast, Living Waters
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Reunion Homecoming Service, Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church



COST:

Registration: \$35 per person

Individual: \$335 (includes room, admission to Biltmore and house tour, banquet on Friday, breakfast, lunch and barbecue supper on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday)

Married couple: \$500 (includes room, admission to Biltmore and house tour, banquet on Friday, breakfast, lunch and barbecue supper on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday)

Early arrival (on Wednesday, 11 September or Thursday, 12 September) and/or *late departure* (on Monday morning, 16 September) available for \$50 additional per room per night.

Friday evening banquet: choice of

- pecan encrusted bourbon chicken over mashed potatoes
- 7oz Prime Rib Au Jus with baked potato
- Vegetarian Pasta with seasonal vegetables and choice of marinara or alfredo sauce

Delano Day: \$75/adult, \$55 children per person [includes train ride and dinner at the winery]