

# Mountain Day GUIDE

## Our Traditions & Distinctions

### Mountain Day: Berry College's Homecoming

Mountain Day is the day for Berry College to celebrate the birthday of its founder, Martha Berry. The first weekend in October is a time for current students and alumni to come together to celebrate Martha Berry and her contributions to the institution. Mountain Day serves as Berry College's version of homecoming and it hosts a variety of events including the talent show, the Mountain Day Olympics, the Grand March which includes a campus wide picnic and a fall carnival called Marthapalooza.

### Martha Berry: Our Founder

Martha Berry (1866-1942) was the founder of Berry College. She began the school as a place for rural mountain boys to receive an education and to pay for that education through work at the school. The original school was founded in 1902 and over the years developed into a nationally-recognized liberal arts college. Relentless in her fundraising for the school and adamantly passionate about education and hard work, Martha Berry created a place of opportunity where students use their heads, hearts and hands to further their academic experience.

### Mountain Day Olympics: Community Life

Students, faculty and staff have a half day off on Friday of Mountain Day Weekend to allow for the Mountain Day Olympics. With a theme provided by Residence Life, each residence hall creates costumes and designs a float that aligns with the theme. After residence halls parade through the streets of Berry, students gather to compete in traditional field games. Students compete in games of tug-of-war, egg tosses, relay races and human pyramids, just to name a few.

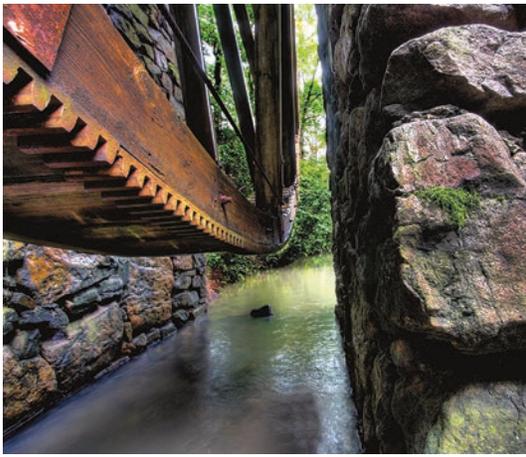
### Grand March: Commemorative Event

The Grand March occurs on Saturday at 1 p.m. All current students gather with their families on Berry's Mountain Campus at the Grand March site. Students wear pink, white or blue depending on their academic year. All students gather at the top of the Grand March hill and march down the hill while family, friends and the Berry College community watch the event. Students walk down the hill first as an individual, and then four more times, each time joining hands with more students. Students finish the march by standing at the bottom of the hill singing the Alma Mater. At the bottom of the hill, student deposit pennies in a basket, symbolizing "giving back" to the school. A picnic is held during this portion of the day.

### Marthapalooza: Fall Carnival

Berry students experience a fair right on their very own campus during Mountain Day Weekend. "Marthapalooza" is the Saturday night activity that is free for all students. Students enjoy carnival rides, play games and experience a bonfire throughout the evening.





# Save the Date!

## Mountain Day Weekend Activities

Friday, Oct. 5, 2018

### 3 p.m. Mountain Day Olympics, Evans Hall South Lawn

Residence halls, commuters, and faculty and staff compete in field day-type events, such as egg toss and tug-o-war, for the title of Olympic Champions. Prior to the games, each team participates in a parade down Opportunity Drive.

### 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Mountain Day Talent Show, Ford Auditorium

\$5 a person, tickets can be purchased at the door. Limited seating is available.

### 7:30 p.m. Berry College Theatre presents *Rumors*, Sisters Theatre

\$6 for student tickets, \$8 for senior citizens, \$12 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased online at [berry.edu/bctc-tickets](http://berry.edu/bctc-tickets).

Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018

### 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bookstore Open, Krannert Center

### 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Martha Berry Museum Open, Oak Hill

In addition to the museum hours of operation, Oak Hill, Martha Berry's home, will be open for tours from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m.

### 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tent Village, Mountain Campus

Visit booths sponsored by student enterprises and the alumni tent, where official Mountain Day t-shirts are available for purchase.

### 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Old Mill Open House, Mountain Campus

