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# THE BEST OF OUR STATE

A weekend celebration of North Carolina music, history, humor, storytelling, art and food.

January 5 – 7, 2018 • Pinehurst Resort  
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## Schedule of Events

### Friday, January 5

- 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. *Our State* welcome and registration  
*South Room – Main Level*
- 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Bouncing Bulldogs – world-class jump rope team from Durham  
*Grand Ballroom – Main Level*
- 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Balsam Range – International Bluegrass Music Association award-winning bluegrass band  
*Grand Ballroom – Main Level*
- 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Ice cream sundae social  
*Grand Ballroom, Foyer – Main Level*

### Saturday, January 6

- 6:30 – 9:00 a.m. Southern-style breakfast buffet  
*The Holly Inn guests eat at The Holly Inn; The Carolina Hotel, The Manor Inn, and Villa guests eat in the Carolina Dining Room and Ryder Cup Lounge. Host will assist you to a table.*  
*Saturday's seminars are in the Grand Ballroom on the Main Level*
- 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Dr. Elliot Engel – humorist, historian, and stand-up scholar – “The Master of Mayberry: The Miraculous, Yet Mysterious, Life of Andy Griffith”
- 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Beverage Break
- 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Thomas Sayre – American sculptor and star of the documentary *Earthcaster*  
Georgann Eubanks and Donna Campbell – creators of *Earthcaster*
- 11:30 – 11:45 a.m. Break
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Victoria Livengood – Grammy Award-winning Metropolitan Opera star – “Dishing with the Dixie Diva”
- 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch on your own (buffet available in the Carolina Dining Room or shuttles will take you to village restaurants)
- 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. Drew Perry – novelist and author of *Our State's* “Adventures with Toad & Wee”  
Elizabeth Hudson – *Our State* editor in chief
- 3:15 – 3:45 p.m. Break
- 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. Phil Ford – former North Carolina All-American and founder of the Phil Ford Foundation
- 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Free time
- 6:00 p.m. Cash bar  
*Outside of Carolina Hall – Downstairs*
- 6:30 p.m. Special Lenoir-Rhyne-sponsored dinner  
*Carolina Hall – Downstairs*
- 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. Carolina beach music performed by The Embers featuring Craig Woolard  
*Grand Ballroom – Main Level*

### Sunday, January 7

- 6:30 – 9:00 a.m. Southern-style breakfast buffet  
*The Holly Inn guests eat at The Holly Inn; The Carolina Hotel, The Manor Inn, and Villa guests eat in the Carolina Dining Room and Ryder Cup Lounge. Host will assist you to a table.*
- 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Jeanne Robertson – award-winning humorist  
*Grand Ballroom – Main Level*

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