

# Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour

Columbus Day Weekend: Friday – Sunday  
October 5, 6, and 7



Beautiful Setting ♦ Beautiful Homes  
♦ Beautiful Cause ♦

## Tickets are on sale now !!!!!

Tickets for the Charity Home Tour are now on sale. \$30 lets you visit eight homes full of innovative ideas that you might be able to use in your own home.

## Join us and Get in on the Fun

We were speaking with a friend earlier this week, and he was telling us of someone who was living at the lake but felt isolated, especially in the winter months when all the summer residents return to Roanoke, DC, Greensboro, etc. So, we called her and invited her to become part of the Smith Mountain Lake Home Tour family.

We invite you to do the same thing. There are always ways that you can become involved, make new friends, and help out other members in our community, all at the same time. It is a win, win, win for all involved. Your involvement can be small or large; it can even be restricted to a few months a year. Please contact us to learn about how you can become part of this incredibly important charity event.

You can start by becoming part of our social media community at: [www.facebook.com/smlcharityhometour](http://www.facebook.com/smlcharityhometour). Please click "Like" and become one our "Followers". You will be the first to know when we post updates about the Tour. If you already are – you know what we mean.

Want more – contact us at our web site or give us a call (see bottom of page).



### 2018 Charities

- Adult Care Center of Central Virginia
- Agape Center
- Bedford Pregnancy Center
- Children's Assistive Technology Service
- Disability Rights and Resource Center
- Franklin County Family YMCA
- Henry Fork Service Center
- SML Good Neighbors
- Roanoke Valley Horse Rescue (Alternate)

### Diamond Sponsors



## Highlighting the home of Anne Carter Grove



Lake Side View

**The Grove home** on the Blackwater River near the 4-H Center is a renovation of the homeowner's parents' home, built in 1968. The open kitchen/great room is highlighted by a stacked stone fireplace with a 200-year-old mantle. Antique furniture, including an updated oil lamp, meets modern style. Interesting local artwork adorns the walls. Original hardwood floors are stained dark. This sleek four bedroom, three bath home has a large sunroom, a downstairs rec room, and an outdoor porch kitchen. The dock was completely redone. A fire pit and outdoor architectural walls were added.

## Highlighting Children's Assistive Technology Service

Children's Assistive Technology Service (CATS) provides for the re-use of pediatric rehabilitation equipment and assistive technology devices in Virginia. CATS serves as a no-cost resource for children with disabilities who need adaptive equipment and whose families have limited resources. The mission of CATS is to provide opportunities for children with disabilities through equipment re-use. Families help families by passing on gently used pediatric adaptive devices and mobility equipment to meet immediate needs at no cost. CATS serves young people with disabilities who reside or receive rehabilitative/medical services in Virginia, and who need assistive technology to assist with mobility, positioning and communication. This includes, but is not limited to, neuromuscular and orthopedic conditions that cause impaired function.



WebSite: <https://hr.atdevicesforkids.org/>



## Our IT Guru – Mike Briggs



I joined the Tour in 2017 as the iVolunteer Administrator. This is the application we use to help the charities track the recruitment process for the people who staff the homes during the event. You may be surprised to hear that in 2017 there were 1,200 half day volunteer slots to keep track of! After being on the board for a few months I heard we were paying a large fee to a consulting company to program our website. I figured I could take this over and save the Tour some money. You be the judge of the quality of the website. <https://www.smlcharityhometour.com>. My title was then changed to Technical Chair.

I moved to Smith Mountain Lake from the San Francisco Bay Area in 2016. My sister, brother, and I have decided to transition into retirement together at the lake. I have a great work from home job as a Software Engineer for Oracle. My wife and I are building a house in Montego Bay, near the community park off Scruggs, and will hopefully be on the Tour in 2019. Stop by and say hello.

## Things to do at the Lake

Whether you are a long time resident here at Smith Mountain Lake, or are new to the area, there are always new things to see and do around the lake. Some cost a few bucks, while many are free. Here are some ideas for activities you might want to try in the next few weeks.

Visit the dam (AEP Visitor's Center). This amazing feat of engineering gives us inexpensive electricity, and a recreational lake to play in as well.

Visit the SML State Park. You might want to go there in the afternoon to cool off, or in the evening the take in "Music in the Park". Maybe you want to take a pontoon boat ride with a Park Ranger to see the wildlife, or learn about the history of the lake, or even to watch the full moon from the lake – these all sound like fun things to try.

Maybe you are into crafts. One example: Southern Roots offers workshops on how to make a bracelet.

If you don't have your boating license, you can take a class to get it. Think of all the fun you can have tooling around the lake on a jet ski, or in a boat, once you know how to do it safely.

One evening, you can even join the Roanoke Valley Astronomical Society at the Discovery Center to do some star gazing.

No matter your age, there is always something for you at Smith Mountain Lake!

Looking for ideas – go to [www.visitSmithMountainLake.com](http://www.visitSmithMountainLake.com). This is the SML Chamber of Commerce web site, and they have lots of ideas for fun things to do. Definitely take a look at their calendar!