

## **Bakers Mountain 10-Year Anniversary Celebration—Bakers Mountain Park Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>—3 pm into the Evening**



Join in on the last of our three-park celebration commemorating the Catawba County Parks Division 10-year anniversary by coming out to Bakers Mountain Park for an evening of family fun and stargazing! We will begin the evening at 3 pm with a History Hike lead by Ranger John Sutton. We will learn about both the geological history of the mountain as well as historical information on folks who called the mountain home and used its resources in the earlier part of the last century. This will be a moderate hike lasting about one and one half hours. Please wear comfortable shoes.

Ranger John Sutton will then head for the top of the mountain around 6 pm for a Night Hike in the forest. We will just make it to the observation platform in time to see the sunset and prepare yourself for a breathtaking view of the surrounding valley! The best part is that the Catawba Valley Astronomy Club will be there with a telescope set up at the top for an even better view of the crisp, October sky! We will then make our way back down the road in the darkness to listen for owls and look for any critters that may be moving about. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight!

At 7 pm as darkness envelopes the surrounding forest, Rangers Frank Porch and Tabitha Hope will entertain us with ghost stories around the campfire! They will spin tales of spooky happenings that are sure to keep us on the edge of our seats and make chills run down our spine while we make s'mores by the fire. If the tales are too spooky you can head over to the telescopes that will be set up near the office to gaze at the heavens and learn more about the night sky from volunteers from the Catawba Valley Astronomy Club! Bring a chair and a flashlight. Contact Ranger John Sutton at [jsutton@catawbcountync.gov](mailto:jsutton@catawbcountync.gov) or call 828-324-8461 to register for any of these special events.