

# HEAVEN'S LANDING



MAY 2017

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# Fast Movers, Heavy Haulers And Owner's Party

June 24<sup>th</sup>



Mark your calendar and make your plans to be here on Saturday, June 24th, 2017 as Honda Jet, Kodiak Quest and Tesla all come to Heaven's Landing! These amazing aircrafts, exotic electric cars, and some great food will be on site from 10 am to 5 pm. Demo flights and rides will be made available to prospective purchasers. Don't miss the opportunity to witness this amazing technology on land and in the sky, all at the most amazing fly-in community in the world!



Tesla will be exhibiting both the X and S models, including the 2.28 second from zero to 60 mph performance of the S model in Ludicrous mode. Be sure to use the headrest, or prepare for some serious whiplash! Nothing on the road accelerates quite like a Tesla!

Quest Aircraft will be exhibiting their latest Kodiak, the new standard in 10 place turboprops. The Kodiak is available in three floor plan options: the Summit with its corporate top-of-the-line look, club seating, and optional game tables. See the Timberline model with its well-appointed seating

and removable carpet, and the Tundra model with an interior that makes conversion from passengers to cargo quick and easy. Configuration options include a straight wheeled version with its optional cargo pod or the composite Aerocet Float Amphibious float plane version. Garmin 1000 avionics and autopilot are standard on all new Kodiak models, and optional TKS, Radar, and air conditioning are also available.

HondaJet is the fastest, quietest, most fuel efficient, and highest flying aircraft in its class. With a totally new clean slate design that features a unique OTWEM (over the wing engine mount) and Garmin 3000 avionics, the HondaJet is the premier single pilot jet platform available in today's private jet marketplace. Honda Jet also has the most spacious cabin in its class, and includes a fully enclosed aft lavatory.

**Don't miss this golden opportunity to get up close and personal with this amazing technology, right here at Heaven's Landing on June 24th. We look forward to seeing you, and hopefully watching you get your demo ride in all three of these amazing new vehicles!**



**OWNER'S PARTY:** After this event, we invite you to join us and meet the owners of Heaven's Landing and your neighbors for a cocktail party into the evening with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments from 6 to 8 pm. Please RSVP with Holly at 706-982-4245 or [holly@heavenslanding.com](mailto:holly@heavenslanding.com)

# Meet the Stapeltons

Mark & Diane Stapleton have just moved to Clayton, Georgia from McKinney, Texas. They have two grown children and two dogs. Pictured below are Jack Bauer, a Yellow Lab, and Sally Ride, a Chesapeake Bay retriever.



They rented in McKinney, Texas for a couple of years and bought a small cabin just south of Clayton. After visiting for several years, they finally moved to Clayton fulltime at the end of April. Mark grew up nearby in South Carolina where he attended college, and spent a lot of time camping and hiking locally in his formative years. Once he brought Diane to the area she was hooked.

Mark is the aviator in the family and always wanted to learn how to fly. Diane's father had numerous airplanes, and so she flew a lot while growing up. Mark started his private training in late October of 2003, but right after soloing found a sarcoma in his left leg. Although he had to stop flight training while recovering from surgery, Mark still managed to complete his training in July of 2004, right before he met Mike Ciochetti at AirVenture in Oshkosh.



Mark has been flying ever since, and got his instrument rating a year later. After that it was time to buy a plane! On one particular day they were flying back from visiting Diane's family in a friend's Cessna 182 with a terrific tailwind. Diane had been reading and looked up and said, "Are we already almost there?" Mark said "Yes," to which Diane replied, "Honey, I think we need a plane that's this fast." Mark thought to himself, "Thank you Jesus!" and subsequently started looking at Bonanzas and Cessna 210's.

The Stapletons ultimately purchased a 1972 normally aspirated Cessna 210 (N4654Q) in 2009, affectionately known as "Karma Blue" after a former pet Golden Retriever named Karma. KB is generally missing two middle seats to enable Jack Bauer and Sally Ride to fly with them. True doggie first class!



is a cast iron sign that Mark's family gave to his Grandfather for Christmas many years ago. When his grandparents died, Mark got the sign and moved it from place to place until they ultimately decided to move to Clayton. The sign has since been refinished and hangs at the end of their driveway. We look forward to seeing it hanging at Heaven's Landing very soon!

Shortly after meeting Mike Ciocchetti and learning how to fly back in 2004, the Stapletons visited Heaven's Landing and have been coming to the area ever since. "We fell in love with Heaven's Landing pretty much as soon as we saw it", said Mark. "We looked at several other airparks, but we kept coming back here. We even came to Mike and Holly's wedding in 2010, and have become close friends. So when we purchased our lot and hangar earlier this year it felt like coming home. We currently live in the cabin that we purchased south of Clayton, but we plan to build at some point in the near future and live in Heaven's Landing fulltime thereafter. Mike jokes that we were his longest running prospects in Heaven's Landing history, so we will try to make up for it by building our home as soon as possible."

"Our friends and family have always inspired us in life.

In our driveway is a sign that says "The Stapletons." It





# Wildflower Walk!

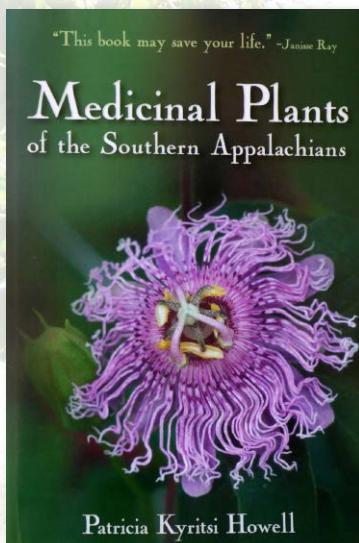
**WITH PATRICIA HOWELL**

We are pleased to announce that, Patricia Kyritsi Howell, local herbalist expert, teacher, author, chef and leading expert in the herbs of North Georgia, as featured in our [February Newsletter](#) is hosting a Heaven's Landing Nature & Wildflower Walk with us on **Wednesday, July 5th at 9 am-12 pm.**

Join us for this fun adventure to expand your appreciation for the flowers, shrubs and trees around Heaven's Landing along with all of the extra purposes they provide to us. Join Georgia's leading herbalist, Patricia Howell, for a look at the medicinal uses the many wildflowers, shrubs and trees of our area gives. You'll learn about how they were used by American Indians and the first Europeans colonists, their important role in saving lives during the Civil War, as well as the latest studies that prove them to be potent sources of healing today.

Patricia is the author of the book *Medicinal Plants of the Southern Appalachians*. She is a practicing herbalist and director of BotanoLogos School of Herbal Studies, Georgia's Premier School of Herbs for over twenty-three years now. It is the only school for herbal medicine in Georgia, and is now located right here in Clayton. She also advises the Atlanta Botanical Garden on medicinal herb programming and leads plant and food-focused tours on the Greek Island of Crete.

Classes that she hosts include: Tincture Making Workshops, Medicine Making Workshops, Herbal Remedy Tincture Workshops, Seminars on Herb/Drug Interactions, Cardiovascular Herbs, How to do an Herbal Intake, Understanding The Five Element Theory, The Art of Herbal Formulations, and more.



**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US ON THIS AMAZING AND VERY INFORMATIONAL ADVENTURE!**

Contact Holly To RSVP: 706-982-5245 or by email [holly@heavenslanding.com](mailto:holly@heavenslanding.com)

Cost of walk is \$30 per person.

Patricia will be bringing copies of her book for us to further explore the amazing plants and all the uses they bring to us!

# TOTAL ECLIPSE AT HEAVEN'S LANDING

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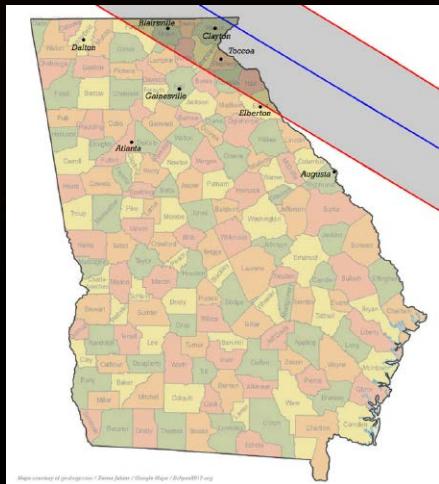
## August 21, 2017

For the first time in 26 years, a total solar eclipse will occur in our great country, and we will play host to the world's eclipse chasers. For those of us who already live here but have never seen an eclipse, this is the opportunity of a lifetime to see the most beautiful thing on the planet right here in NORTH GEORGIA!

Join us at Heaven's Landing to see the TOTAL ECLIPSE from our vast open full view of the sky.

To see the eclipse from the Peach State, the centerline of the path just barely crosses the Northeastern corner of the state, and runs about 12 miles between the borders of TN and SC. Clayton (2m34s at 2:35:45pm) is a nice county seat close to the centerline, and will be a perfect location to view the eclipse. NOTE: You're not going to see it from Athens, Gainesville, Augusta, or Atlanta, as these locations are not in the path of totality. If you want to stay within Georgia to see the eclipse, you will have to come to Heaven's Landing! Here you'll see 2m36s of totality of the eclipse.

We hope you will join us for an afternoon to remember. Contact Holly Ciocchetti for details on the TOTAL ECLIPSE PARTY! 706-982-5245 or [holly@heavenslanding.com](mailto:holly@heavenslanding.com)



Eclipse Path Way

See eclipse information for all Georgia cities and towns in the path of totality!

*Join us at 1 pm  
for a Cook-Out  
And a Grand Ole' Time  
Before the Total Eclipse*

# RABUN GAP NACOCHEE IS OPENING LOWER SCHOOL

The *Evelyne Sheats Lower School* will serve local students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade starting in the 2017-18 school year.

Rabun Gap's Board of Trustees have been studying the possibility of expanding to add a lower school for many years. In 2013, Rabun Gap expanded to include fifth grade in its Middle School, located at the newly established Niles Bolton Middle School Complex. According to the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Margaret Carton, "The tremendous success of the fifth grade program and our thriving Middle School have prompted the Trustees to further the historic mission of the school and reestablish a lower school." The *Evelyne Sheats Lower School at Rabun Gap* will be located in a newly renovated building on the main campus complete with classrooms, common gathering space, and convenient access to an indoor pool, arts studios, playground, and athletic fields.



The new Lower School continues a vision started by Rabun Gap's founder Andrew Jackson Ritchie more than 100 years ago — to bring quality education to the people of the mountains. For decades, Rabun Gap opened its classrooms to the area's youngest children and continued to serve them until a community school was established in Dillard. "Rabun Gap originally served families with children of all ages and thus operated a school to serve all elementary and secondary grades."

It's a mission Evelyne Sheats, the school's namesake, is passionate about. Mrs. Evelyne Sheats is a longtime resident of Lake Burton who considers Clayton home. Originally from Alabama, Evelyne lived in Atlanta with her husband, Lamar, where she raised their daughter Stephanie Sheats Dyer. Mr. Sheats, a highly successful financial executive, looked forward to the day when the two could retire full time to their home at the lake. Upon his passing, Evelyne increased her involvement in the local community including philanthropic and leadership support to important missions such as FAITH and St. James Episcopal Church in Clayton.

In recent years, Evelyne's affection for and commitment to the children growing up in North Georgia has propelled her generous support of The Little School in Clarkesville, Georgia and Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School.

"Children deserve every opportunity to explore, create, and learn about the world," Sheats said. "North Georgia is a lovely place to grow up, and Rabun Gap is a special place to have the best of both worlds-- a caring community with a world-class education program!"

Consistent with the Rabun Gap philosophy, The Evelyne Sheats Lower School will emphasize a traditional curriculum that builds a foundation of skills and knowledge needed for success in Rabun Gap's college preparatory curriculum.



offered in the middle and upper grades. There will be a focus on innovative teaching that helps students develop written voice and mathematical thinking, along with world language instruction in Spanish, French, and Mandarin.

"The rich academic and cultural immersion our Lower School will provide is unmatched in this region," Sgro said. "Students will learn three world languages and have structured interaction with our diverse community — all before they enter Middle School."



Learning will extend beyond the traditional classroom with fine arts — including introduction to vocal music, visual arts, dance, and instrumental music — as well as athletic skills development with swimming lessons for all lower school students. Character development is woven into the curriculum and includes service-learning activities and regular worship services reinforce the school's Presbyterian heritage.

Rabun Gap seeks to have the Lower School be a good fit for busy working families. Students can also enroll in an optional free after-school program and enrichment activities. Bus service is available to nearby communities in Georgia including Clarkesville, Tallulah Falls, Clayton, as well as Highlands and Franklin in North Carolina. Renee Rogers has been named Head of the Lower School. Rogers has been a fifth-grade teacher at the Rabun Gap Middle School and was instrumental in designing the curriculum for that highly regarded program. With an extensive background in early childhood education, Rogers taught gifted and talented students in North Carolina and Ohio before joining the Rabun Gap faculty. She is an independent school graduate, earning her undergraduate degree from Cedarville University and a master's degree from Gardner-Webb University. Rogers lives in Franklin, North Carolina, with her husband Brett and their infant son, Levi.

Rogers has been instrumental in designing The Evelyne Sheats Lower School's innovative curriculum which emphasizes play and discovery, which are learning techniques Rogers uses every day with her Rabun Gap fifth-graders. "Our youngest students will have every opportunity for success and self-discovery at The Evelyne Sheats Lower School. We're committed to grow children developmentally, socially, and spiritually." Rogers said. "I am excited to lead the Lower School and look forward to continuing Rabun Gap's legacy."

To learn more about the Lower School, visit [www.rabungap.org/LowerSchool](http://www.rabungap.org/LowerSchool).

For more information please contact:

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Founded in 1903, Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School is an independent, coeducational college-preparatory school serving students in grades 5-12 for day school and 7-12 for boarding school. The school is expanding to include PreK-fifth grade in a newly established Lower School in fall 2017. Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School combines its strong academic program, mountain setting, and Presbyterian heritage to inspire young people eager to learn and grow. Living our motto, Work Study Worship, our community nurtures and challenges students from diverse backgrounds as they prepare for college and a lifetime of service. Find us online at [www.rabungap.org](http://www.rabungap.org).

We Invite you on a...

# CULTURAL SAFARI EXPERIENCE

Deep in the Heart of Northern Kenya live a beautiful and joyful tribe of people who we would like to share with you! Lionheart Mission Adventures is offering exclusive access to Heaven's Landing members, on a Safari and Cultural Experience like they have never seen before. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the beautifully authentic Kenyan culture.

Lionheart Ministries works to help provide sustainability sources for the tribes people to help their future be better than their past. We work to teach skills and build micro-businesses that help them feed their families and cover their very basic needs of living that last for future generations without destroying their culture that is so precious.

One of the most successful micro-businesses we have helped build is the lodging and campground. Located in one of the most beautiful areas of northern Kenya, the tribes people work diligently to help, serve, cook, and give us a cultural experience we will never forget! Enjoy the adventures into their world, sharing in their singing and dancing ceremonies, climb atop the mountain, go on Warriors walks, visit with the people, and go on Safari. Learn about their culture while teaching a little about ours.

The Lodging at Camp Sabaché holds 22 people comfortably with more space available down in the campgrounds. There is an amazing chef on site who prepares a beautiful display for the guests along with on property camp staff provides any needs. The money raised here at the camp helps provide food and clean water for the tribes people who live in the surrounding bush. It helps us build wells, schools, create new businesses and help to fund many projects and programs that LionHeart Ministries has in place to help these beautiful and peaceful people.

We book Mission Trips and Safari & Culture trips. If you are interested in either one, please let us know. We would love to bless your life while you help bless theirs. The next trip is in June. If you would like to bring a team, family, or company retreat contact us and we will create options for you. If you would like more information, Angie Radford 706-982-0413, [lionheartmissions@gmail.com](mailto:lionheartmissions@gmail.com)



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# 1/2 MILE SHOOTOUT AT HEAVEN'S LANDING RESULTS

## SATURDAY CLASS WINNERS • SPONSOR DIVISION

**Fastest Overall Domestic & RWD** - Lsxperts - C6 Corvette - Chris Abeln - 207.56

**Fastest Overall Exotic/Import and AWD** - Fastlane Import Auto Repair - 2009 Lamborghini Gallardo Built by Dallas Performance, LLC - Jason Bergstrom - 207.18

**Fastest Naturally Aspirated** - Vengeance Racing - C5 Corvette Z06 - Eddie Blackwell - 179.28

**Fastest 4-Door** - Four Horsemen Racing - Cadillac CTS-V Wagon Built by Horsepower Solutions - Josh Spence - 173.21

**Fastest Heavyweight** - VanDrake Racing - Jeep SRT-8 Built by Vision Performance - Benjamin VanHook - 174.28

**Fastest Manual** - Vengeance Racing - C5 Corvette Z06 - Norm McClung - 188.91

## PRIVATEER DIVISION

**Fastest Overall Domestic & Heavyweight** - Jeff Hagaman - Cadillac CTS-V - 202.15 - CTS-V World Record!

**Fastest Overall Exotic/Import & RWD** - Pedro Malagon - 1994 Toyota Supra - 196.50

**Fastest AWD**: Kirk Eisenla - 2015 Lamborghini Huracan - 191.16

**Fastest Naturally Aspirated** - Joshua Bauer - 2006 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 - 167.28

**Fastest 4-Door** - Dane Barnum - 2012 Cadillac CTS-V - 160.14

**Fastest Manual** - Ahmad Eied - 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Built by Mayhem Motorsports - 184.72

## SUNDAY CLASS WINNERS • SPONSOR DIVISION

**Fastest Overall Domestic & RWD** - ARD Motorsports - Dodge Viper RT/10 - Chris Anderson - 222.11

**Fastest Overall Exotic/Import & AWD** - Katie Arlt Realtor- 2015 Lamborghini Huracan Built by Dallas Performance, LLC - David Pearlman - 208.91

**Fastest Naturally Aspirated**: Vengeance Racing - C5 Corvette Z06 - Eddie Blackwell - 180.28

**Fastest 4-Door** - Four Horsemen Racing - Cadillac CTS-V Wagon Built by Horsepower Solutions - Josh Spence - 175.37

**Fastest Heavyweight** - VanDrake Racing - Jeep SRT-8 Built by Vision Performance - Benjamin VanHook - 179.56

**Fastest Manual** - Shine Auto - 2015 Dodge Viper T/A 2.0 Built by Nth Moto- Dan Fox - 195.82

## PRIVATEER DIVISION

**Fastest Overall Exotic/Import & AWD** - Charles Wang -  
2013 Nissan GT-R - 192.3 MPH

**Fastest Overall Domestic & RWD** - Brian Tooley -  
2009 Chevrolet Corvette ZR-1 - 197.71

**Fastest Naturally Aspirated** - Michael Reger -  
2008 Chevrolet Corvette - 161.05

**Fastest 4-Door** - Dane Barnum -  
2012 Cadillac CTS-V - 161.75

**Fastest Heavyweight** - Hunter Leigh -  
2013 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 - 170.58

**Fastest FWD** - Charles Bryan - Nissan Juke - 108.43

**Fastest Manual** - Ahmad Eied - 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Built by Mayhem Motorsports - 184.88

[Check out all the Pictures we took on Facebook:](#)



## Raising Money for the CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

The Smokies GT Group is a private not-for-profit group of Porsche GT4/GT3/RS/R/918 owners who organize two annual events, our main one being in the Spring. While the purpose of the event is fun and driving, we hold activities which raise awareness and funds for the **Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF)**. Three years ago we started off as a group of four individuals and we now have over 180 active owners.

Our events kick off in Atlanta and the activities include track, airfield (Heaven's Landing), and road driving in the Smoky Mountains of TN, NC, and GA. Our group is informal and has a strong element of friendship and social interaction with like-minded individuals. Our spring 2017 event was fully subscribed with 70+ drivers (most with guests) attending. The cars ranged from GT4's right through to 918's and the elusive 911R. Due to the collective efforts of all who participated and supported us, our Spring 2017 event raised \$120,000 for the CFF. Our group is run on a 100% voluntary basis and ALL of the surplus money we collect, after venue and food expenses, goes towards the CFF. [Check out the Video](#)

We are thankful to all the organizations who came forward in offering sponsorship, items for auction, or general support. The CFF is present during our spring event and thus ensure that contributions go to directly benefit their cause.

Our wish is that all those we interact with become involved with our group, be a part of our journey, and support our charitable cause (CFF).

**Fighting for a Cure for Cystic Fibrosis** will become as rewarding and important for you as it is for us!

We are happy to provide anyone with references and credentials about our group. [organizers@smokiesgt.com](mailto:organizers@smokiesgt.com)

For More Information please check out our website :

[www.smokiesgt.com](http://www.smokiesgt.com)



# HEAVEN'S LANDING

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CONCIERGE SERVICES

Heaven's Landing Concierge Services is on call for our truly unique and mobile owners. The Heaven's Landing staff is pleased to provide clients with a vast array of services.

Please call the office at 706-212-0017 for pricing information and other consultations. Please note that due to offering a vast array of services to our owners, all requests for assistance will be billed at a pre-arranged fee.

Some of our commonly requested services include the following:

- Interior Cleaning
- Holding Postal Mail
- Personnel Landscaping
- Pressure Washing
- Scheduling Party Staff
- Transportation Needs
- Window Washing
- Receiving Furniture, Appliances, and Packages
- Alarm/Security Checks
- Receiving Service
- Lot and Yard Maintenance
- Tree Removal
- Maintenance Services
- Shopping
- Gutter Cleaning

## Quick Links:

- Weather Link — Stay up to date on the Clayton, GA conditions and forecast from [NOAA](#)
- Heaven's Landing Facebook Page — ["Heaven's Landing Residential Airpark"](#)
- Rabun County Tourism Development Authority — [ExploreRabun.com](#), (706) 212-0241.
- Marina and Boating Information — [Anchorage Boat Rentals](#) at (706) 782-5193
- Local Events and Information — [Rabun County Chamber of Commerce](#) at (706) 782-4812 and [Rabun County Visitors Bureau](#) at (706) 212-0241.
- Facebook "Likes" — Exploring the back woods: [Waterfall of Western North Carolina](#), [Waterfall and Back Roads of North Georgia](#), and [The Wayward Traveler](#)

## Airfield Fuel Prices

### Self Serve Pumps

AV GAS \$3.99 / gal\* JET A \$2.99 / gal\*

\*Prices Subject to Change. Prices as of December 2, 2016