

OVERVIEW

Appalachian State University football had a second-straight relatively light day of practice on Friday as the Mountaineers prepared in earnest for Saturday's Fan Fest at Kidd Brewer Stadium. Friday marked the next-to-last two-a-day practices of Appalachian's grueling fall camp.

HIGHLIGHTS

- As has been the Mountaineers' routine throughout fall camp, Friday's morning practice was primarily dedicated to walking through special teams formations and situations. The session was Appalachian's shortest of the year to date, lasting less than an hour, and was conducted in helmets and shorts with no contact.
- Like Thursday, the afternoon practice emphasized mental preparation over physicality. The Mountaineers were on the field for over two hours but the vast majority of that time was spent on individual and group drills as opposed to full-team 11-on-11 work. The Apps donned helmets, shoulder pads and shorts for the next-to-last practice of the week.
- A fun moment occurred at the end of the day when, following the 22nd and final period of the afternoon practice, the Mountaineers surrounded Jerry Moore and chanted his name in an effort to convince the 24th-year head coach to forego post-practice conditioning. While this method has been known to work occasionally in the past and Moore appeared to be amused by the effort, he didn't budge. However, he left the door open for his players to potentially earn the reward in the near future, telling them "maybe next week" as they lined up to run.

WHAT'S UP NEXT

Appalachian holds its fourth intrasquad scrimmage of the preseason on Saturday as part of its annual Fan Fest at Kidd Brewer Stadium.

**APPALACHIAN STATE FOOTBALL FAN FEST PRESENTED BY CAROLINA WEST
WIRELESS**

Saturday, August 18 • Kidd Brewer Stadium

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4 p.m. — Gates open and traditional family-friendly Fan Fest activities begin. Activities include: Mountaineer student-athletes and coaches signing autographs and taking pictures with fans, face-painting by Appalachian cheerleaders, inflatable rides for kids and access to the Kidd Brewer Stadium playing field.

6 p.m. — Appalachian State football holds its final intrasquad scrimmage of the preseason.

8:30 p.m. — NEEDTOBREATHE performs. A nationally acclaimed Southern rock band from Possum Kingdom, S.C., NEEDTOBREATHE is touring nationwide on the heels of their latest album, *The Reckoning*, debuting at No. 6 on Billboard's top-200 chart. NeedToBreathe has sold out venues such as Nashville's Ryman Auditorium and Chicago's House of Blues and scored an impressive number of placements in blockbuster films and numerous primetime television shows, including *P.S. I Love You*, *Desperate Housewives* and *The Biggest Loser*.

TICKETS

- Admission to the entire Fan Fest event, including the scrimmage, on-field activities and NEEDTOBREATHE concert is FREE for Appalachian State football season-ticket holders and Appalachian students.
- General-admission tickets for non-season ticket holders cost just \$10 and can be purchased online by clicking [HERE](#), by phone at (828) 262-2079 (Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.), in person at the

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Appalachian athletics ticket office, located in the Holmes Center (Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.) or at the Kidd Brewer Stadium Ticket Plaza on Saturday afternoon.

NOTES

- Tailgating will be permitted throughout the day (including during the event) in the following parking lots: Champions, Raley, Greenwood, Stadium and Rivers Street Parking Deck.
- Fans will be permitted to come and go as they please throughout the event. When exiting Kidd Brewer Stadium, fans will receive a wristband for re-entry.
- Appalachian State player autographs will be split into two sessions. The Mountaineer offense will sign autographs from 4:00-4:45 p.m., followed by the Appalachian defense from 4:45-5:30 p.m. (times subject to change).

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