

David Benham, Keith and Kristyn Getty to Help Launch First-Ever Backyard Movie Night

Well-known Christian author-speaker David Benham and gospel music artists Keith and Kristyn Getty will help launch a one-of-a-kind, nationwide, backyard movie event—capturing the imagination of thousands of lockdown-weary American families.

The first-ever backyard movie night and campout—organized by boys’ adventure group Trail Life USA ()—will take place Saturday, May 16, with tens of thousands of participants across all 50 states connected by a real-time video link right in their own backyards.

“This is the perfect occasion to watch a great movie with a message and make memories together with your family,” said Mark Hancock, CEO of Trail Life USA, a Christian adventure movement that has more than 30,000 members in 830-plus troops in every state. “We’ll be showing the inspirational movie *The Pilgrim’s Progress* that reflects Trail Life USA’s core values of character and adventure.”

Benham, bestselling co-author of *Whatever the Cost* and *Living Among Lions*, will emcee the event—which follows Trail Life USA’s first-ever National Backyard Campout on April 17, when more than 6,000 self-isolating families across all 50 states took part in a “virtual” campout at home.

The Gettys, best known for the modern hymn *In Christ Alone*, will kick off the virtual movie night with an online musical performance, streamed live into backyards across the nation.

America’s Night to Make Memories

"We're all tired of being stuck inside our homes, and we're desperate to get out and breathe the fresh air again," said Hancock. "We're inviting all families, everywhere, to join us on this special night, roast some marshmallows over your backyard campfire, look up at the sky, and make memories."

The backyard movie night aims to encourage every family to get together for a memorable evening—even if they don't choose to camp out.

"This tedious lockdown doesn't have to get the better of us," Hancock said. "We can turn this around to make some of the very best memories ever."

Trail Life USA has set up a secure online portal for families to share their own pictures and campfire video clips in real time with others self-isolating with their families across America.

With showings starting at 8:45 p.m. in each local time zone (ET, CT, MT, PT), Trail Life USA will livestream *The Pilgrim's Progress*—produced by Revelation Media—that tells the story of one man's perilous and adventurous journey to reach heaven. It's based on the classic novel *The Pilgrim's Progress* written by John Bunyan, which is the second bestselling book of all time, surpassed only by the Bible.

Any family can register for the backyard movie night on Trail Life USA's website (www.trail-life.com) where they'll receive a free movie link and also find camping tips, outdoor recipes and activity ideas contributed by thousands of Trail Life USA volunteers across the country.