



The Big Dave

Memorial Meat Retreat

Honea Path, SC
Oct. 8-10, 2026



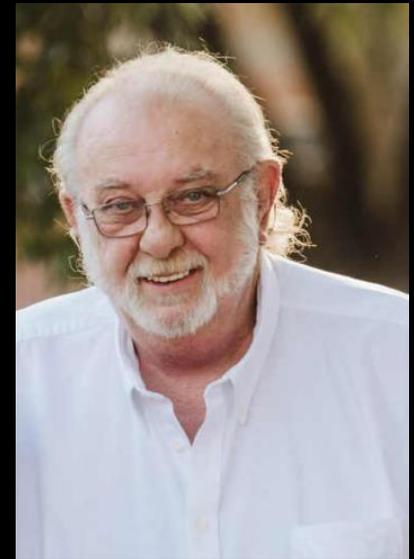
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WELCOME !

Who was Big Dave Watkins?

Big Dave was a longtime IO pro staffer and a legendary retreat cook! Big Dave's life was profoundly impacted by an IO retreat in 2007 when God moved Big Dave to serve...and serve he did. Having the gift of hospitality, he made every man on the retreat feel special through his homemade cooking, heartfelt conversation, and authentically caring about those around him.



Big Dave was promoted to Heaven in early 2026 and his earthly contributions to the Kingdom will never be forgotten.

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DETAILS

- At his core, Big Dave was a meat hunter and often said “ya can’t eat horns!”
- Therefore this retreat, which he rarely missed, is focused on harvesting does and pigs for the table and the freezer....just as Big Dave would have it!





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Memorial Meat Retreat

Retreat includes: 3 days, 2 nights lodging

All meals included

This is an archery retreat (bow or crossbow)

Cost: \$425 per man

Cost DOES NOT include SC Hunting Licenses

<https://www.dnr.sc.gov/purchase.html>



DETAILS

- You will need to bring your own bow or crossbow.
- We will mostly be hunting out of stands over corn, some stands have food plots.



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- We will only be hunting for does and pigs on this retreat....and the property has a high concentration of both does and pigs.

LIMIT: 1 doe and unlimited pigs for the retreat. However, landowner may allow additional does to be taken at his discretion.

Absolutely NO bucks will be harvested on this retreat for any reason.

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DETAILS



Button Bucks

- If you shoot a button buck on this retreat, you must pay the \$500 fine.
- Payment will be collected before you leave the retreat.

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MANHOOD DISCUSSIONS

- During our time together, we will gather as a group to conduct our “Manhood Discussions”
- These discussions are simply an authentic and transparent conversation about what it means to be a Christian man.
- Topics may range from hunting, work, and fatherhood, to leadership, sports, and everyday life.
- These are Not Bible Studies, They’re Not Devotions and They’re Not Sermons.
- Every father and son on the retreat is respectfully expected to be present for these discussions.



Packing Lists

MANDATORY

- Valid SC Hunting License
- Bow/crossbow
- Towel / Scent-free Soap
- Flashlight with Batteries
- Cooler to transport meat home
- Sleeping Bag and Pillow
- NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED

SUGGESTED

- Comfortable boots are strongly suggested
- Rain/snow/cold weather Gear
- Camera
- Binoculars
- Cushions to sit on
- Thermacell

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Thursday, Oct. 8

- 1:00pm -Arrive at the Camp
- 1:30pm –Welcome and Safety Meeting
- 2:00pm – Hunt
- 7:45pm –Dinner and Manhood Discussion

Friday, Oct. 9

- 5:00am –Light Breakfast
- 5:30am – Hunting
- 12:00pm -Lunch, Nap, Socialize
- 2:00pm- –Manhood Discussion
- 3:00pm –Hunting
- 7:45pm –Dinner



*Schedule times are approximate and very flexible

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Saturday, Oct. 10

- 6:00am – Hunt
- 10:00am – Clean Up and Depart for Home





Driving Directions

As we draw closer to the retreat, an exact address will be provided, but for planning purposes, you must be near Honea Path, SC at 1pm on Oct. 8.





Our Policy:

REFUNDS PLEASE READ:

- We grant refunds up to 60 days before the retreat. We will subtract 3% to cover card fees incurred by the ministry when you booked.
- No refunds will be given within 60 days of the retreat. If you have to cancel, we will use your fee as a scholarship for another man who can't afford the full amount.

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Our Policy:

BALANCE DUE

- Any outstanding or remaining reservation balance is due at least 14 days prior to the retreat.
- All retreats must be paid in full before any hunting takes place.
- To make final payment, go to the donation page on our website. Put retreat name and date in the comment box.

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**As Iron Sharpens Iron, so One Man
Sharpens Another.**

Proverbs 27:17

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Got Questions?



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