



## FBINA Alumni Experience

Connection • Reflection • Shared Challenge

Virginia Triple Crown | Appalachian Trail | October 9–11, 2026



Join fellow FBI National Academy alumni for a purpose-driven weekend in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. This experience is designed to strengthen professional relationships through shared challenge, meaningful conversation, and time in a demanding natural environment. Over the course of the weekend, participants will complete approximately **18 miles** on the Appalachian Trail while connecting with peers who share a commitment to leadership, service, and growth.

### Lodging

Hampton Inn – Salem  
450 Litchell Rd., Salem, VA  
24153  
540-389-2424  
Group rate: **\$134/night** (single or double, plus tax)  
Reserve by **September 11, 2026**

### Experience Highlights

- McAfee Knob, Tinker Cliffs & Dragon's Tooth
- Structured yet informal peer connection
- Shared challenge and reflection
- Designed exclusively for FBINA alumni



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# Detailed Weekend Itinerary

## Friday | October 9, 2026

Participants will travel from their home locations to Salem, Virginia. Ride sharing will be coordinated among guides and attendees as appropriate. Hotel check-in at the Hampton Inn (450 Litchell Rd., Salem, VA 24153) is planned for approximately 1700 hrs. Pizza, salad, and beverages will be provided in the hotel lobby at approximately 1830 hrs, providing an opportunity for informal connection and orientation. Lodging arrangements and expenses are handled individually by attendees.

## Saturday | October 10, 2026

### **McAfee Knob to Tinker Cliffs – Appalachian Trail**

Participants will complete a challenging point-to-point hike of approximately 12.7–13.5 miles with roughly 2,828 feet of elevation gain. Breakfast begins at 0530 hrs, with departure from the hotel at 0615 hrs. Transportation to the trailhead will be finalized once participant numbers are confirmed. The group will hike south to north, taking time at McAfee Knob and Tinker Cliffs for rest, reflection, and group photos. Return to the Andy Layne Parking Lot is expected no later than 1600 hrs. An optional group dinner is planned at Mac & Bob's (316 E Main St., Salem) at 1800 hrs. Meals and beverages are the responsibility of each attendee; a 20% gratuity applies due to the group size.

## Sunday | October 11, 2026

### **Dragon's Tooth – Out and Back**

Following breakfast at 0600 hrs, participants will check out of the hotel and depart at approximately 0715 hrs for the Dragon's Tooth trailhead (approximately 18-minute drive). The hike covers roughly 4.6 miles round trip with approximately 1,256 feet of elevation gain. Time will be taken at the summit for views and a final group photo before returning to vehicles and departing for home locations.