

SOUTHEAST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

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BOARD MEETING NETS ACTION!

The Highlands Camp & Conference Center Board held another long, productive session on Feb. 23 at the home of Jack and Vicki Gray(NW-Atlanta).

Among other things the Board:

.Authorized a request to the Veatch Program to draw \$35,000 of the \$100,000 loan.

.Decided procedure for the "Name the Camp" contest.

.Authorized a contract for a layout of the camp kitchen and purchase of selected equipment.

.Approved the summer staffing plan.

.Set rates for spring and summer programs

.Approved employment contract with our co-directors, Mo and Larry Wheeler.

.Decided to offer each society one free weekend for a couple to use for that society's fundraising efforts-in thanks for the broad support being given.

.Set the following dates:

FUND RAISER'S CELEBRATION	May 24-26
HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY DAY	June 7
CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER	
ANNUAL MEETING	Nov. 8-9
LIFE MEMBERS RETREAT	Nov.27-30

Details of several of these decisions are provided elsewhere in this newsletter. The Board's next meeting is March 29-30 at the Camp.

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Love and thanks for the great response to the Camp & Conference Center name contest! Entries came from all of our SE states and, would you believe, Pennsylvania, Washington and JAPAN. Often included were suggestions for logos, mottos and songs as well as lots of good ideas and good feelings...creativity sounds here in the tri-district!

The committee narrowed the entries to 11 finalists(2 tied for 10th).The final ballot will be mailed to all who have pledged as of 3/1/80.

Many thanks to the participants and the committee members!! Shirlee Gaines Edwards

Directors' Corner

The Board asked us to pen a column as a regular part of the newsletter. We're delighted to do so. There's so much going on right now as we prepare for the GRAND OPENING.

--Steve Carter, camp maintenance manager, arrived the weekend of 3/1 to take-up permanent residence. Hooray!

--Formal work weekends have started again. Groups coming this spring...Tuscaloosa, AL, Charlottesville,VA, Deland,FL,Blacksburg,VA, Auburn, AL, Atlanta,GA(3 societies),Charlotte, NC, Melbourne, FL and Boone, NC. Want to join us? Give us a call(404/299-2677). We have jobs of all kinds for all ages(kids, too) and for all weather.

--Others are coming for programs...Raleigh,NC & Atlanta,GA(UUCA) will hold Board retreats. Knoxville,TN plans an all-church retreat. There are still openings. If you or your group wants to come, call us for details and rates. Weekdays are also a possibility.

--Good News! The water(both hot & cold) is now running and Steve promises to keep it running. For those of us who have gone without water for many weekends, this is a great step forward.

--Our summer program schedule is now complete; you should receive our brochure by 4/1.We're excited about the program variety and the quality of leadership. We hope you will plan now to join us and other UUs on our mountain.

--We'll generally be in Atlanta during the week and in Highlands on weekends. We'll move to the camp for the summer on 6/1. In a year or so, we'll decide whether to move up and join Steve and Evelyn Carter year round.

--We've bought our 1st vehicle, a Dodge maxivan which will be a tremendous help for both equipment and people moving.

If it sounds like alot is going on, IT IS! We're excited by it all and look forward to seeing many of you soon on top of the UU mountain.



MO
LARRY

YOUR BOARD..UP CLOSE

Who are the people representing your interests in this most exciting joint district venture? Each newsletter to come will bring you background and tidbits about your board members. You'll likely find them a talented, diverse, committed, energetic group of individuals. For starters, we'd like to introduce the Wheelers, Mo & Larry, our co-directors, and "ex-officio" board members.

Mo Wheeler/Larry Wheeler
-UUs for 13 years, last 9 in Atlanta. Prior affiliations in Westport, CT & Needham, MA.
-Reside with son Brian, age 13, and beagle, Honey, ageless, in Clarkston, GA (temporary camp operations hub).

"Visionaries" is one of the many words that might be used to describe our co-directors. Their UU group focus involvement began in Needham when they organized and ran a 6-week cooperative vacation for their fellow church members. In Atlanta they helped design the extended family program, one of the 1st in the country. Then on to SUUSI where they taught workshops and ultimately became its directors for 2 years. Evolving with their commitment was a strong (should we say intense) desire to establish a place, a camp, a center belonging to UUs, where we could gather year-round for learning, caring, solitude and celebration. The camp and conference center feasibility committee emerged in 1977, logically chaired by Mo and Larry.

Mo and Larry's summer activities over the years led each to recognize they wanted to be part of a UU camp/conference center on a full time basis.

The Director's position calls for one person but the energy Mo and Larry are putting in at this time more than exceeds that of 1 person. Mo and Larry applied jointly for the job, to be called co-directors, because it was to be a year-round position where their many talents and experiences could be utilized; it meant they could truly make the life style change they sought; and because they like working together.

Recently Mo completed a long sought PhD in counseling psychology. While sharing director duties with Larry, she is able to pursue consulting, presently in Atlanta-perhaps later in North Carolina.

Larry, a MBA in marketing, was employed as a district sales manager with General Foods, Maxwell House division. After 13 successful

years at GF, he decided to accept the camp/conference center challenge fulltime.

If you haven't met Mo, Larry or Brian in person, stop by and do so. Any doubts you may have had about this venture will be quickly dispelled when you learn first hand how this dream became reality.

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CAMP FUND RAISERS ALIVE AND WELL...

Active fund drives are underway (or completed) in 10-12 UU societies in the Southeast. The results are most encouraging. As of this writing, total pledges equal \$150,000.00, with a number of important additional pledges promised. The first "draw" on our loan from the Veatch* Program, in the amount of \$35,000 has been requested.

The canvass organization is now complete. Fund raising coordinators have been recruited for 92 of our 104 societies. (Did you know we had that many in the tri-district area?) Most of the coordinators have been trained. Current plans call for the major push to occur in March and April for most of our societies.

*Veatch Program is a funding source available through the North Shore Unitarian Society, Plandome, Long Island, NY. Approval for loan requests are voted on by the congregation. Their loan to the C&CC of \$200,000 is one of the largest ever granted.

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SUMMER CAMP STAFF SOUGHT--It's not too late!

Applications are still being taken for the following positions:

Cook
kitchen assistants
maintenance assistants
waterfront director
horse director (with horses)

Call the Wheelers for job description and application. Deadline--March 25!

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BE AWARE/SPREAD THE WORD

The 2/15/80 issue of UU WORLD listed the camp in the Thomas Jefferson (TJ) district rather than the tri-district area which includes Florida, Mid-South as well as Thomas Jefferson.

UU CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER...a site for all seasons

If you thought fall and winter sounded great, just look what spring and summer have in store...spectacular mountain beauty, cool air, fellowship with other UUs, and outstanding programs! Here's the line-up:

FUN FOR ALL AGES

- June 1-7 WORK WEEK - Join other UUs in spiffing-up our camp for the first summer season; reduced rates. Steve Carter, Maintenance Manager.
- June 8-14,
June 15-21,
and
Aug. 3-9 EXPLORING OUR NEW LOCATION and the surrounding National Forests - crafts, athletics, swimming, hiking, singing, and more fun for all ages. June coordinated by the Wheelers; August coordinated by Mike and Terry McGee.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- June 22-28 Ages 14-16 - Rev. Bob Karnan.
- June 29-
July 12 Ages 8-10 - Pam Phelps and Jan Machler.
- July 13-26 Ages 11-13 and 14's not yet in high school - Pam Phelps & Jan Machler.
- Aug. 17-23 Liberal Religious Youth (LRY): Continental Conference.

ADULT PROGRAMS

- June 22-28 LOOKING, LISTENING: Exploring Nature and Me - A quiet week of nature activities. Watch the cycle of life as it happens, exploring within, without and with each other. Nancy Suda, Nature Director.
- June 29-
July 5 ODYSSEY FOUR: The Path of Spiritual Discipline - A new UUA Adult Program, embracing meditation and personal journal-keeping. Rev. Leslie Westbrook, Rev. Scot Giles.
- July 6-12 WEATHERING: Reflections and experiences on growing older, more solid, and well worn with use. Rev. John Buehrens.
- July 13-19 SOUTHEASTERN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL. Focus on skills and information necessary for leadership in UU societies: communication, organization, finances, programming, recruiting and growth. Rev. Todd Taylor, Eleanor Artman, Carolyn Taylor.
- July 20-26 DISCOVERY II: A week of discovery and re-discovery; an opportunity to know yourself better, to resolve and/or understand your conflicts and resentments, to identify and understand your wants. Dr. Ted Machler, John Phelps, Marge Link.
- Aug. 10-16 THEOLOGY THROUGH BIOGRAPHY: Thoreau, Eliot, Kafka, Schweitzer, Camus, and Merton. Rev. David Rankin.
- Aug. 10-16 A WEEK OF ADVENTURES: White water canoeing and rafting, rock climbing, scuba diving, backpacking, and other Adventures. Nancy Suda, Nature Director; Dr. Jake Haun.
- Aug. 24-30 R & R - FOR ADULTS ONLY: Enjoying the environment and our mountain in a relaxing atmosphere--do your own thing! Ed Ice.

WATCH FOR BROCHURE COMING SOON!!!

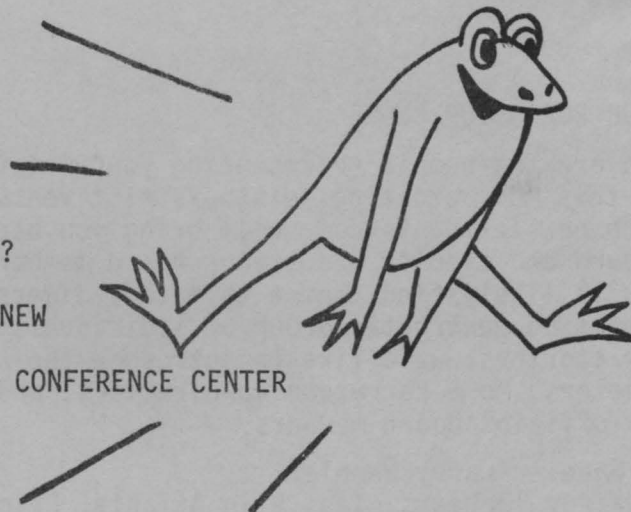
WHAT ARE ALL THE UU KIDS SO EXCITED ABOUT??

The FIRST summer camp program ever at the NEW

SOUTHEASTERN UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

near Highlands, North Carolina.

Read further to learn more...



WHEN: Session I June 29-July 12, 1980 For 8,9 & 10 year olds
Session II July 13-July 26, 1980 For 11,12,13 & early 14s
not in high school

Maximum enrollment is 120 per session.

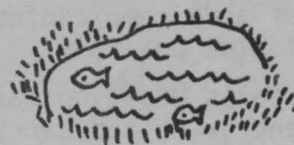
WHAT: Here's just some of the things we'll be doing...
Swimming, canoeing, hiking, arts 'n crafts, rock-hounding,
fishing, nature study, eating, sports and games, picnics,
tubing, camping-out, plus activities you'd like to do we
haven't even thought of yet.

WHO: Directors are Pam Phelps and Jan Machler, both from Florida,
both with lots of experience with the kids program at SUUSI.
There will be college age senior counselors and high school
age junior counselors with 2 counselors per cabin of 8.

HOW: Total cost per child per 2-week session is \$275. Second
child in the same family is \$250.

Fill-out and send the slip below for details and application to:

Pam Phelps
2812 Vann Circle
Tallahassee, Florida 32312
904/385-5260



YES, I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT UU SUMMER YOUTH CAMP '80!!!

Send information and application to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ UU Society Affiliation _____

Child(ren') age(s) _____

DON'T DELAY...SIGN-UP TODAY!

"CAN I JUST GO UP THERE FOR A FEW DAYS?"

A frequent question being asked the Wheelers..
Yes, you can go up for a few days--when
there's no program or when space is available
which won't interfere with the program. Go
up to relax or to work. Contact the
Wheelers ahead of time for rates and details.

Daytime visitors are always welcome. No
need to call ahead, and there's no charge.

Come on by, ya here?!

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COUPLE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND PLANNED

Faith and Roger Comstock will lead a Couple
Enrichment Program(CEP) weekend at the
Camp & Conference Center May 16-18. This
program, under UUA sponsorship, provides
couples with an opportunity to explore
together the joys, needs and expectations
each bring to their relationship. It is an
occasion to learn more about the ways part-
ners relate and communicate their values
and lifestyles, and the societal and
personal pressure that impinge on their
interactions together. Participants
learn techniques designed to help them
confront and appreciate differences, ex-
plore and express them openly in a posi-
tive atmosphere, and work towards finding
ways to accept and bridge them in a
mutually satisfying manner.

The CEP is a 43 hour experience(Friday evening
through Sunday afternoon)involving 15-18
couples. There is an opportunity for limited
group interaction to practice communication
skills, ask questions and to socialize, but
the primary workshop activities are conduct-
ed between partners, and their privacy is
protected. The of \$130 per couple includes
6 meals each and lodging for 2 nights.

The program is designed for normally func-
tioning couples seeking to build a better
relationship. It is not helpful to
couples seriously considering the pros and
cons of separation. Marriage is not pre-
requisite for participation, but the
couple should be in a on-going committed
relationship. Persons in therapy should
consult their counselor on the advisabil-
ity of participation.

Contact the Comstocks for more informa-
tion at 979 Springdale Rd. NE, Atlanta,
Ga. 30306, 404/373-8320.

WISHES AND NEEDS!!

During the next few months we'll be purchas-
ing many items for the camp. If you can
donate anything on the list, please call the
Wheelers so someone won't go out and buy it.
Should you have something you think we could
use which isn't on the list, call us. We're
always interested in leads for good buys.

Household
furniture
beds
curtains
kitchen appliances
dishes
silverware
pots 'n pans

Health Center
examining table(2'x6'x3')
gooseneck lamp
otoscope
ophthalmoscope
blood pressure cuff
ambu bag
woods light
alcohol burner
lock chest
basins

Program
canoes
sports equipment
small sailboats
kayaks

Maintenance
truck/4-wheel drive
tractor/attachments
chain saw
lumber
plumbing supplies
electrical supplies
woodworking tools
arc welder
drafting table
drafting machine
picks 'n shovels
radio arm saw

*YOUR DONATIONS ARE
TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

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DISCOVERIES...

Exploration of the area surrounding our
UU mountain has brought discovery in stages.
Christmas Day the Wheelers and Bob Clabeaux
of Deland,FL, located a 30' waterfall just
off the edge of the property in the National
Forest. Then Walt Pirie,Blacksburg, VA and
the New Year's group discovered that another
waterfall could be seen from the first one.

Recently, the Wheelers, Catherine & Jack Hart,
Dundannon, VA, and Glendia Manka, Clayton,
GA, followed the streams to where they met-
at the foot of another 60' drop! It was an
incredible sight--especially covered with
ice!



FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO JUST JOINED US--
Here's a little background...

For many years, SE UUs have had a dream about a recreation place they could call their own. In 1977, the Board of SUUSI decided to do something about it. They financed a feasibility study to determine if people really cared about an active summer program and whether we could afford it. A formal market study indicated UUs definitely would support such a project.

With this input, the SUUSI board, representing all 104 societies in the tri-district area of the SE, purchased an existing camp near Highlands, NC and created a corporation to run it.

The venture has excited national interest among UUs. It is looked upon as one of the best ways to promote a sense of family among UUs in different locations, and it will thus be a major contributor to our national extension goals.

About the camp, itself...it is situated atop a 4200 foot mountain. Formerly Camp Highlander for 14 years, it contains 30 buildings. At the base of the mountain are three small lakes, stables for 24 horses and two tennis courts. On top are 20 cabins, a modern 6-bedroom lodge, a large dining hall and recreation building, a tower, a crafts building and several others.

The camp overlooks 10,000 acres of National forest. Glen Falls, a 75 foot waterfall is within hiking distance. The area boasts of numerous other waterfalls and natural attraction.
It is a spectacular site!

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