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WE'RE GLAD WE KNOW SUUSI!!!

Congratulations to Summer Institute on another exciting program and your over-the-top attendance of over 1,000. We wish you all a wonderful week!

If you're reading this at SUUSI and want to know more about *THE MOUNTAIN*, Mo and Larry Wheeler will be giving slide show presentations Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Come and find out what *THE MOUNTAIN* is all about and celebrate with us our success and fellowship.

SPEAKING OF SUUSI. . .

Why not stop by on the way home! It's **Meet You On *THE MOUNTAIN*** time—August 1 & 2. Take some time to assimilate the happenings of SUUSI week...catch your breath before the last part of the trip home...extend the wonderful spirit of Summer Institute for a couple more days! **Meet You On *THE MOUNTAIN*!**

Cost of Room — \$13 or \$15/person/night
ages 18+, half of that for
ages 13-17, ages 12 and
under free.

Cost of Food — \$12/person/day ages 13+,
\$9/person/day ages 8-12,
\$6/person/day ages 4-7,
ages 3 and under free.

Registration — \$4/person/day (maximum \$10/family/day)

Life Members 50% discount applies to room.

DIRECTIONS: *THE MOUNTAIN* is 4 miles south & west of Highlands, NC, on Rt. 106 (GA 246). Take 81 to 40 to 23/441. At Franklin, take 64/28 (scenic route) to Highlands or 441 to 246 (flatter route).



DIRECTORS' CORNER

Mo LARRY

We are so pleased with the way summer is going—we want to share with you some of our excitement! We have been full for the first few weeks of the summer! Our Religious Education Program was a huge success and gave us a lot of practice with small children (20 of the participants were under age 6. . .) The 4th of July Celebration was attended by over 170 people, both campers and weekend visitors. Our Sr. High Camp tripled last year's attendance and both Youth Camps have been almost full. It's been a rewarding, although tiring, first half of the summer.

One of the refreshing things about being on *THE MOUNTAIN* this summer is the beauty of the flame azalea, mountain laurel and rhododendron. They have been at their most spectacular, and we are appreciating why this camp was originally named "Camp Paradise."

Another joy has been the increasing attendance at our Sunday services. We have had from 45-125 people enjoying our various ministers of the week. We feel especially good about our new friends from Highlands who have been attending the services.

July seems to be a little less frantic than June, and August's **Fun For All Ages** programs still have plenty of space, so don't let our initial fullness scare you away. **Labor Day Weekend** is filling up fast, however, so get your reservations in soon. We are already making preparations for the **Great Pig Roast and Crafts Fair**. Hope to see you all before the summer is over!

14 Atlanta Black Children Attend Youth Camp

Through the efforts of the Social Concerns Council and its Director, Betty Frey, and David Rankin, minister of the UU Congregation of Atlanta, 14 children from Atlanta's black community were sent to *THE MOUNTAIN* for the two youth camps.

Through the generosity of many UUs, both in Atlanta and around the country, almost \$4,000 was raised to support the project. *THE MOUNTAIN* waived room fee for these youngsters, which enabled more to be sent to the programs. All enjoyed themselves and were warmly welcomed into the camp community.

NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

The nominating Committee (Stephan Papa, Margaret Ann Link and Richard Speck) announce the following nominations:

For the one open Trustee-at-Large position on the Board, the following four people:

LARRY LANDRUM is a professor of economics at Virginia Western Community College and an active member of the Unitarian Fellowship in Blacksburg. He has served on its board, program committee and as its vice-president. He is on the Nature Staff of SUUSI and on the board of the Virginia Trails Association. He also has a real estate investment firm and has been actively involved in helping *THE MOUNTAIN*, recently having blazed a new trail from the stables to Abes Creek Waterfall.

SUE MALE is the incumbent Trustee-at Large who is seeking re-election to the Board. She served as chairperson for *THE MOUNTAIN* fund-raising drive in the Thomas Jefferson District. Sue is currently working on a B.S. in Urban Planning. She served on the staff of SUUSI was a delegate to many General Assemblies, and was President of the T.J. District for two terms. She also served in several positions, including President and RE Director in the Tullahoma, TN Unitarian Fellowship. Married to Don Male; together they have five children.

DICK MULFORD lives in Decatur, Georgia and is an active member of the Northwest Congregation in Atlanta. He has served on its Board and as its President. Dick has been a member of the UUA's Continental Planning committee and its nominating committee. He has been a UU for a long time and has been President of congregations in Hollywood and Studio City, California, as well as the Pacific Southwest District.

JOHN PHELPS is Staff Director of the Committee on Rules and Calendar of the Florida House of Representatives. He served on the committee which developed the Long Range Plan for *THE MOUNTAIN* and is currently a member of our Financial Stability Committee. John also served as co-leader for the Discovery I workshop at Valle Cruses and the Discovery II and Rockhounding workshops held at *THE MOUNTAIN*. He has also participated extensively in work weekends at *THE MOUNTAIN*. John is an active member of the Tallahassee Church where he is serving on the Ministerial Search Committee.

For the Nominating Committee the following four people (three to be elected):

BEVERLY BOOTH FILLIPPI is past president of the Florida District. She is on the SUUSI Board and has been active in summer programs for many years.

ALICE LINGSWILER is the out-going D.R.E. of our Miami Society and chairperson of the Religious Education Committee of the Florida District. At General Assembly '81, Alice was elected to a 4-year term on the Nominating Committee of the UUA. She is presently working as the nurse for the summer camps at *THE MOUNTAIN*.

MARGARET ANN LINK has served as President of the Raleigh Fellowship, President of the TJ District and as a Trustee of the SUUSI Board. She is presently a member of the Commission on Appraisal, a continental committee of the UUA, and is on *THE MOUNTAIN'S* Nominating Committee.

RICHARD SPECK has served in many capacities at the Birmingham church. He represented his congregation for 4 years at the Mid-South District Annual Meeting. Richard is currently on the Nominating Committee of *THE MOUNTAIN*.

All members of the *Highlands Camp and Conference Center* will have an opportunity to vote by mail in September to elect one Board Member-at-Large and three Nominating Committee Members.

"Summer On A Mountain" Program Off To An Exciting Start!

Twelve youth are living on *THE MOUNTAIN* this summer and learning about the many staff jobs and activities that take place to make *THE MOUNTAIN* a home for all. The group has decided call themselves **ASCENDERS**:

All
Summer
Campers
Enjoying
Nature's
Delights &
Experiencing
Re-Creation

The group includes: Shane Benedict, Becky Clark, Rene Cline, Beth Elliot, Krystin Greenwood, Joey Grist, Todd Hornberger, Cathy Lee, Meredith Machler, David Minter, Brian Wheeler and Christie Wheeler. Welcome to our *Mountain Family*!

BOARD MEETS ON THE MOUNTAIN

THE MOUNTAIN Board meets less frequently now, but when we do the agenda is full. A busy agenda at the May 30th meeting resulted in the following:

- * Learned from the Treasurers that we weathered the winter in a solvent condition, although it was tight. \$30,000 was borrowed from members to help with the March mortgage payment.
- * Heard from the Wheelers that registrations are coming in very well for summer programs. Space remains available for family and adult programs in July and August.
- * Recognized Larry Wheeler for his election as UUA Trustee from Florida/Mid-South.
- * Approved several small new building projects:
 - Contruction of one adirondack style shelter on the North slope to test the concept for use with youth programs and for "rough" accommodations. If satisfactory, the Long Range Plan calls for building 4-6 cluster of adirondacks.
 - A study of the sewage situation.
 - Renovation of the nature office and storage facility to become staff housing.
 - Insulation of the north and south walls of the dining hall for year round operation.
- * Approved a plan for a fund drive to cover the initial stages of the Long Range Plan, including the items listed above. The goal of the drive is \$150,000—\$180,000. More information to follow.
- * Developed a plan for evaluation of this year's programs.

The next regular board meeting is planned for September 26-27 at *THE MOUNTAIN*. All board meetings are open to members and friends.

—Roger Comstock

THERE'S STILL SPACE IN AUGUST

There's **Fun For All Ages** during August on *THE MOUNTAIN*. Activities include an all day white water rafting adventure, hikes to waterfalls and mountaintops, tubing and rock sliding in nearby rivers, gem hunting, New Games, folk singing with Lee knight, horseback riding, swimming, canoeing, crafts, volleyball and much more. Planned activities and a nursery will be available for youth during parts of day. For more information see the blue

summer program brochure or call Mo and Larry Wheeler at *THE MOUNTAIN*.

All of the August weekends still have space, too. The costs are given on page 1 of this newsletter. Won't you join us for a day or a few days to find out what the magic of *THE MOUNTAIN* is all about!

SENIOR HIGH CAMPERS WORK ON PLAYGROUND FOR THE MOUNTAIN



HORSEBACK OVERNIGHTS AVAILABLE

One of the exciting activities offered at *THE MOUNTAIN* this summer is overnight camping trips on horseback. These trips include a total of 8 miles of riding on a gravel road through beautiful National Forest land, a one night campout amidst huge pines on the banks of a clear mountain river and campfire activities. Participants also return from their trip more experienced in horsemanship and camping. We teach you to be responsible for your own needs and the needs of your horse!

Overnights will be held on weekends when there is enough demand. Scheduled trips will be held on the following dates: Weekends—July 25-26, August 1-2, Sept. 5-6, and Weekdays—July 28-29, August 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, and 25-26.

To register for overnights or for more information, contact Sally Gaines at *THE MOUNTAIN*. Spaces are limited, so write or call, soon!

NAME OUR NEW FILLY CONTEST

THE MOUNTAIN stables announces our first contest! A **Name The Filly** contest! We have a beautiful three week old female baby without a name. She is brown in color and full of spunk and mischief. Names should be submitted to "**Name the Filly**" at *THE MOUNTAIN* address. One name will be chosen from ten semi-finalists by the owner, John Duncan. The winner will receive an afternoon of **free riding** at *THE MOUNTAIN*!!! Good Luck! (The filly in the photograph already has a name.)



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