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SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS LOOKING GOOD

Apparently a lot of you think that *Mo and Larry* have put together an attractive selection of programs for the summer. They report that current registrations are well ahead of 1980, although all programs still have space available in them.

The Youth Program Directors have sent out many applications and want to encourage parents to register their children early. For applications, write:

14 - 16 year olds: June 14 to 27

Walt & Alicia Hodges
150 Little John Trail, NE
Atlanta, GA 30309

11 - 13 year olds: June 28 to July 11

7 - 10 year olds: July 12 to July 25
Pam Phelps
2812 Vann Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32312

For adult and family programs, see the summary on page 2 and obtain a brochure from *Mo and Larry* by contacting them at *THE MOUNTAIN*.

Forecasts call for another hot, hot summer! Mother Nature offers fresh, cool air at no extra charge at our UU Mountain retreat. See inside for more details.

Pledge payments, donations and gifts are cheerfully accepted. Mail to:

Don Osgood
3818 Beya Way
Doraville, GA 30340

YOUR SPRING CLEANING CAN HELP US

We know just what to do with your old dressers, small bedside tables, lamps, toasters, rugs or carpeting, blankets, washer and dryer, etc. They can find a nice new home on *THE MOUNTAIN*. Let *Mo and Larry* know what you're willing to donate and if you can't get it to *THE MOUNTAIN*, they may be able to help.

DIRECTORS' CORNER

Mo
LARRY

We can hardly wait for the summer to start! Our staffing is completed; programs and vacation registrations are coming in daily; and the beautiful pastel colors of early May foretell the summer ahead. We will be glad to be moving back to *THE MOUNTAIN* for the summer.

Construction is currently underway to make staff quarters more comfortable and the Program Center more accommodating for the Summer-on-a-Mountain teenagers. The work week participants will have plenty to do!

Now is a good time to start thinking about a trip to *THE MOUNTAIN* this fall for a church retreat, personal vacation, or maybe a business meeting (yes, we do welcome outside groups). Particularly good times to consider are the months of September and November—and anytime during the week when rates are approximately 20% cheaper. We also still have some space during the peak of the Fall colors in October. Just drop us a note or call us at *THE MOUNTAIN* and reserve your space.

But, why wait until fall? We've got the whole summer ahead of us, and we hope that many of you can find time for one or more visits to our beautiful mountain top. What you'll experience is nicely put by this Thomas Starr King quotation which came to us courtesy of Pat Bowen, minister of the South Bend, IN church:

"There is a serenity that comes only in the high hills, there is a force of peace, a center where the human heart gathers its strength. When I am beset, I seek the mountain—to wonder at it."

P.S. We just received our Summer Institute Brochure and Jake Haun and his hard working staff have done it again—a super program, scheduled July 26 - August 1 at Radford, VA. If you didn't receive a brochure, your church or fellowship should have extra copies.

You've arranged fun, events, escapes and activities for the kids for the summer... Now it's your turn... Treat yourself to a week or a few days in the beauty of the Highlands of North Carolina... with yourself, your family or other UUs... living and learning together at *THE MOUNTAIN*. Take a look at the summer line-up!

FOR ADULTS:

- May 31-June 6 — Work Week - *Steve Carter*
June 7-13 — Exploring Nature — *Nancy Suda, Rev. Pete & Mary Leta Tolleson, Bob Merkel*
June 7-13 & June 14-20 — Creative Writing — *Elizabeth Bowne*
June 14-20 — Holistic Health in Your Life — *Otto & Ruth Dahlke*
June 21-25 — Religious Education (4 days) — *Corelyn Midelfort, DRE*
June 28-July 4 — Understanding the Religious Experience — *Rev. Vern Barnet*
July 5-11 — Transformations — *Diane David & John Jones*
July 5-11 — Your Creative Self — *Rey & Lynn Baumel, Evelyn Carter, Lee Knight, Tony Shibona & Carol Ann Taylor*
July 12-18 — Don't Take Science For Granite — *Bob Almeder & Jack Hassard*
July 12-18 — Exploring Personal Boundries — *Carole Light & Kathryn Van Der Heiden*
July 19-25 — Strategizing Social Advocacy — *Loretta Williams*
July 19-25 — Rockhounding — *Ted Machler & John Phelps*
Aug 23-29 — Theology Through Biography — *Rev. David O. Rankin*
Aug. 23-29 — Adventure Week — *Nancy Suda & Jake Haun*
Aug. 23-29 — Especially For Women — *Rev. Linnea Pearson*
Aug. 30-Sept. 5 — Arts & Crafts — *Kadi Paull, Ginger Rankin & Evelyn Carter*
Aug. 30-Sept. 5 — Gonna Build A Mountain — *Steve Carter*

FOR ALL AGES:

- June 21-27 & Aug. 30-Sept. 5 — Relaxation and Retreat
July 26-Aug. 1 — Fun For All Ages I — *Rev. John Buehrens & Rev. Mary Nelson*
Aug. 2-8 — Fun For All Ages II — *Tom & Barbara Greenspon*
Aug. 9-15 — Fun For All Ages III (Especially for Single Parent Families and Singles) — *Jack Hassard & Jean Highsmith*
Aug. 16-22 — Fun For All Ages IV — *Rev. Mike and Terry McGee*

SPECIAL GIFTS HOPED FOR

Mo and Larry report that in response to the last newsletter's article, three rocking chairs have already been donated along with 1/2 a sound system.

What they hope to receive by June 1 either in the form of the items themselves or cash toward the purchase thereof (All are tax-deductable, of course):

2 sound systems — capable of functioning as PA systems and for records and tapes (\$500 ea.)

Solar Heating for Dining Hall water heaters — a well thought out plan by *Ken Wheeler* of Northwest Atlanta — currently being installed. (\$1800 - \$2000)

16MM Sound Projector and Screen (\$700 - \$800)

Work Tables and Card Tables — for program use (\$300 total)

Rocking Chairs — for cabin porches. Give one or many (\$40 - \$50)

Contact *Mo and Larry* if you're interested. They intend to mark all donated items with the names of the donors. Just think — your own rocking chairs, a sound system with your name on it, etc!

IF NOT A WEEK, THEN A WEEKEND

Want to come early for a program, or stay late after one, or maybe you can't get away for a whole week? Well plan a summer weekend at *THE MOUNTAIN*.

We have some weekends when special things will be happening like the *Stress Reduction Program* — May 29-31; July 4th celebration — July 1-5; Meet Me On *THE MOUNTAIN* (on the way to SUUSI) (and on the way back home) — July 24-26 and July 31-Aug. 2; and the *Labor Day Arts and Crafts Fair & Pig Roast* — Sept. 4-7.

Other weekends *THE MOUNTAIN'S* staff will still be available for swimming, boating, horseback riding, nature trips and entertainment.

To register, just follow the instructions in the 1981 Summer Brochure and send it off. If you don't have a brochure, we'll send you one. Life Members, don't forget, your 50% room discount applies for all weekends.

THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF BUSY VOLUNTEERS

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be 2-3 weeks away from the beginning of our Summer Program—and much will already have been accomplished, thanks to several different work groups: 30 from Asheville who washed windows, cut firewood, organized our scrap wood and lumber and helped construct our solar heating system at the dining hall; two groups from UUCA, Atlanta—40's/50's with their semi-annual lodge cleaning and making more curtains; Ens and Outs for continued work on the Abes Creek Trail; Northwest Atlanta, working on a cabin; Boone, NC helping to prepare a staff cabin for remodeling; Franklin, NC as a group helping Norfolk, VA to refurbish cabin 7; and the busload from Richmond, VA for too much work to imagine. Still to come are Charlotte's "39 and holding" group and the Sr Hi youth group from UUCA, Atlanta. Much thanks to all of you and the many individuals not mentioned.



As always, there is still plenty to do—we start the summer with a work week. People will be here from Friday, May 29 to Saturday, June 6. We can use more help—come for a day or two or for all eight days. The prices are right!! No registration fees and no room charges—just pay for meals. Also there will be plenty of time to enjoy all *THE MOUNTAIN* has to offer—the full staff will be here to help entertain you when you're not working. So fill out a registration form now and mail it to us. If you don't have one, just pick up the phone or drop a card to *Steve Carter* at *THE MOUNTAIN*!

"Can I Stop In (stay the night) During The Summer Without Being In A Program?"

Yes, you can—as long as space is available—first preference for space is obviously given to program attendees. But we often anticipate having extra space available, so determine when you want to visit and call *Mo and Larry*. They'll work out the details with you.

ARTS AND CRAFTS PEOPLE PLAN FOR LABOR DAY

Our first annual Arts and Crafts Fair during Labor Day weekend last year was very successful. This year we want it to be an even bigger event.

We have space in our craft building for about 16 artists to display, demonstrate and sell their work. Any artist who participates in the fair on Saturday and Sunday will receive free room for the weekend. The camp takes only 10% of your total sales.

What a great way to meet other IUJ artists and give your work public exposure! Contact *Evelyn Carter* at *THE MOUNTAIN* for details.

A LOOK TOWARD OUR FUTURE

The Long Range Plan for *THE MOUNTAIN* is now complete after untold hours of work by our very able LRP committee. You'll be hearing more in the coming months of what the needs and goals are and how you can participate.



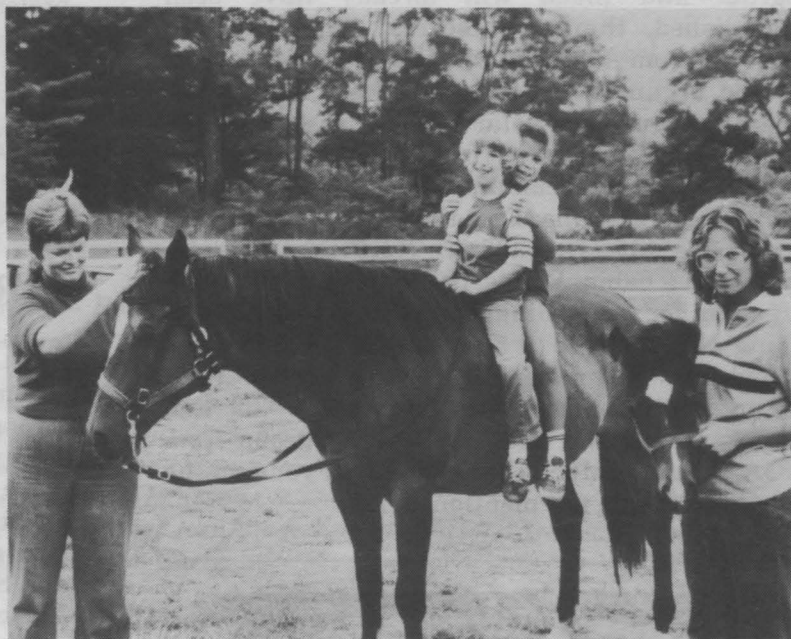
MOUNTAIN HAS OWN HORSE PERSON

P.S. — Campers Ride Free

This year *THE MOUNTAIN* will have its own Staff Person to coordinate the horse program. *Helen Geltman* promises to have available a variety of horses, classes to teach the basics of riding and care of horses, new trails and more. Also, arrangements have been made to include horseback riding as an integral part of the youth camps—at no extra charge!

Helen has a varied background in horsemanship. She was a driver of horsedrawn carriages in Central Park, groomed at a Standardbred race track, spent time at the American School of Dressage, worked at the Riding Center in Ohio, attended clinics by the former assistant to the coach of the German Olympic Equestrian team, she was certified at Chef Center for Riding for Handicapped in Michigan and taught riding for the handicapped for one year at a riding center in Ohio.

We welcome Helen to our staff.



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