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CU₂C₂ To Meet At The Mountain

The Council of Unitarian Universalist Camps and Conferences (CU₂C₂) will hold its annual meeting at THE MOUNTAIN, Nov. 11-14. The Council is made up of representatives of the 23 UU camps, conference centers and institutes throughout the United States. Mo Wheeler is Moderator of the Council, which meets annually to exchange information, engage in joint publicity ventures, and promote the camps and conferences. Eugene Pickett, President of the UUA, will be the theme speaker.

Overheard at Summer '82 Youth Camp . . .

At the closing circle of the 7-10 year old camp. . .when asked to express what camp had meant to them. . .

A nine year old boy, "When I first came here I didn't know anybody. And now I know *everybody!!!*"

And from an eight year old across the circle, "I *second* that emotion!"



A quiet moment, a closing circle at the end of a busy day at camp.

Plan Ahead For 1983

Now is not too early to begin making plans for you, your family or friends, or a church or fellowship retreat to come to THE MOUNTAIN in 1983. Rates for 1983 Winter, Spring and Fall will remain at the 1982 levels! Now more than ever THE MOUNTAIN can be the place to be in 1983. Contact Mo and Larry for more details.

Directors' Corner

Mo
Larry

It was a great summer! The evaluations from participants were distributed for analysis, and we have received feedback from the Board which we'd like to share with you. . .

THE MOUNTAIN's administrative, maintenance and program staff received rave reviews. The crafts, nature, whitewater and recreation programs received consistently high ratings. Evening programs received the most suggestions for improvement, focusing on the need for more music and more getting people together.

This year, for the first time, programming for youth attending THE MOUNTAIN with their parents was offered during times when our youth camp was going on. This was quite successful, with only a few problems in scheduling of child care for very young children. The youth who attended as day campers were easily integrated into the camping experience, and many plan to be back next summer as campers.

When asked what most influenced people to come to THE MOUNTAIN, program content received the highest scores. And with good reason—almost all of the programs received excellent ratings.

The evaluations suggested that the best way to tell people about THE MOUNTAIN is: first, the brochure; second, word-of-mouth; and third, through slide presentations. So tell your friends about THE MOUNTAIN in person or through your local newsletter—your enthusiasm is our best publicity! Slide presentations are available upon request.

According to those who came to THE MOUNTAIN this summer, prices are "about right"—82% of the respondents thought so. By far, most thought meals were a bargain, given their high quality.

Suggestions for improvement included giving more advance information about dressing for the cold and about the lack of privacy. There were lots of requests for more towel/clothes hooks and especially a clothes dryer. We'll have one for sure by next summer!

The facility itself received excellent ratings as well. People do appreciate all the hard work that has gone into making THE MOUNTAIN comfortable and attractive. Although the attention to safety in carrying out programs was appreciated, the safety of the tower and the road up THE MOUNTAIN was questioned by many. Our access for the handicapped was also questioned, but perhaps those people missed cabin 7, with its ramp and modified facilities. Of course, there's still much to be done such as paving for wheel chair access to various buildings. But we're working on it!

Elsewhere in this newsletter, we have included some of the positive comments from evaluations. They warm our hearts and help us renew our dedication to the ideals THE MOUNTAIN represents. Thank you!!

Mo & Larry

A Project Is Hoping

Each newsletter we are going to feature a project in need of your help. They will be ones which very much need to be done, but for which we are not budgeted. Won't you consider adopting this month's project?

The project which needs your special attention is our solar energy project, which will provide us with hot water in the kitchen and reduce our electricity costs during the off-season. The project has had a life of struggles, which Maintenance Manager, Steve Carter, has handled very well. Currently the system is set-up and working, providing 40 gallons of pre-heated water. But now the project needs a special caring hand—one that holds a check for \$1,000 to finish the part of the system that will allow us to expand the number of holding tanks of pre-heated water to capacity. Giving this project a helping hand will result in even greater energy savings over the years. The solar energy project is hoping . . .

SKI/SKI/SKI/SKI/SKI/SKI/SKI

THE MOUNTAIN has three ski slopes within a 45 minute drive: Scaly Mountain (just down the road), Sky Valley and Sapphire Valley. From mid-December through mid-February, the machine made snow slopes offer a chance for many of us to learn how to ski or to improve our skills.

We have special weekends set aside for skiers during which we'll be bringing lunch to Scaly Mountain so you can spend the entire day on the slopes if you want. They are January 21-23, January 28-30, February 4-6, and February 11-13.

Use the form in this newsletter to register. The costs of skiing at Scaly Mountain on weekends and holidays are:

	Adult	Student	12 & Under
Lift Tickets	15.00	15.00	8.00
½ Day	10.00	10.00	6.00
Rental Equipment	12.00	12.00	7.00
½ Day	8.00	8.00	8.00
Group Lessons (1½ hrs.)	8.00	8.00	8.00

If you have interest in cross country skiing or in a trip to one of North Carolina's larger ski slopes, each about a 1½ hour drive, indicate that on your form.

A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words And Thank You's

Few of us go to THE MOUNTAIN without at least one camera in tow. Likely you've taken pictures that are similar or have duplicates of some great MOUNTAIN shots. Would you be willing to share them with us for use in our publicity? Black and white are preferable, but sharp color photos are most welcome. Send or give them to Mo and Larry. And again, thanks.

The Editor

Announcing . . .1983 Summer Programs

Plan NOW to send your youth to one of THE MOUNTAIN's 1983 Summer Camp Programs. A major change in 1983 is the 2 week program which includes the age range of 7-13 year olds. Each of the camps is set up to allow either a 2 week or 4 week choice:

14-17 year olds

Senior High Camp June 19 to July 2

Work/Adventure Camp July 3 to July 16

11-13 year olds July 31 to August 13

7-13 year olds July 17 to July 30

7-10 year olds July 3 to July 16

Two other important programs have been scheduled thus far:

3rd Annual Religious

Education Conference June 26-July2

2nd Annual

Leadership School July 17-July 23



Summer '82 Youth Campers rest a moment before continuing trail walk.

Camperships For 1983

This past summer THE MOUNTAIN provided 6 Camperships to deserving youth who otherwise could not have attended youth camp. We hope to expand the program in 1983 and hope you will mail a contribution to THE MOUNTAIN CAMBERSHIP FUND.

Also, some churches and fellowships have started their own campership funds to either match what THE MOUNTAIN's FUND makes available or to send youth on their own. We hope you'll consider establishing and contributing to such a fund.

Either of these campership funds will help young people strengthen ties with UUism and gain outdoor experiences otherwise unavailable to them. Please help these youth to spend two weeks in camp with us in 1983.

A Time For Strokes . . .

It's been over 5 years since the dream of a retreat for Unitarian Universalists in the Southeast was first dreamed. In 1979, THE MOUNTAIN was purchased. Since then thousands have come to THE MOUNTAIN for a few days, weeks or months, some for just a few hours. They have left part of themselves with us . . . they have taken a part of THE MOUNTAIN with them.

No summer since we began has been as full as this one - of people and programs and experiences. Summer '82 evaluations were overwhelmingly positive. Here's just a sample . . .

"The quality of life as humane, caring and beauty-loving is obviously the model on which this camp is organized. You create this quality in every aspect of the camp from buildings to programs. The achievement is not accidental. Your staff is well chosen for their belief in this ideal and for their practical abilities to make it a reality . . . You are to be congratulated especially for your encouragement of the intergenerational experience

and for your skill in bringing so many different ages together for mutual satisfaction and learning. I gained a lot from this."



"We have taken many wonderful vacations but we all agree this was the best ever. The warmth and personalities of the people involved, both staff and those attending, made the place. We especially appreciated the way the staff related to our children and the way other adults attending would include our children in their games and conversations. THE MOUNTAIN has changed my outlook toward people and activities and, hopefully, has increased my resolve to slow down and reorder things."

"I particularly liked the feeling of flexibility within a structure; the feeling that the staff was more concerned with people than programs but that programs were important; the obvious before-hand planning for safety; the feeling that the staff respected the varying abilities of individuals. I liked the "good manners" modeled by the staff. Thanks so much for making this a most enjoyable, educational and worry-free week!"

"The whole experience is excellent . . . THE MOUNTAIN engenders reflection and contemplation. It is this quality that lifts it above our daily lives both symbolically and literally. It is the atmosphere for translating the abstraction of ideals into the reality of action."

"The Staff seems much more than mere workers or functionaries. They have a genuine interest in and are part of the guest community; an unusual unity among guests and staff."

and last . . .

"I think the attitude of everyone on the staff was so warm and accepting. They all made you feel as if you had been a close friend for a long time."

A Host Of Dreamers . . . nearly 300

Charter Life Members of

THE MOUNTAIN

Their names appear on a beautiful cherry wood plaque made by Steve and Evelyn Carter to honor Charter Life Members of THE MOUNTAIN. All are included here to let you know who these wonderful people are.

Jake Haun, Jr.
 Jake Haun III
 Harvie Haun
 Frank Haun
 Carole Light
 Mo Wheeler
 Larry Wheeler
 Brian Wheeler
 Faith Comstock
 Roger Comstock
 Ben & Shirlee Edwards
 Howard & Marjory Lambert
 Emily Adler
 Kay Montgomery
 W.E. Stephens
 Jan & Ted Machler
 Barbara & Dick Boyce
 Pam & John Phelps
 Richard Lee
 Margaret Ann Link
 Jane & Bill Upshur
 Margrit Nash
 Jack & Vickie Gray
 Rosemary Burns
 Sue & Don Male
 Charles & Arlene Wollmer
 Walt & Alicia Hodges
 Myles Smith
 Arthur & Myrtle Lockwood
 Bob & Donna Zurcher
 Walt Pirie
 Stanley Birch
 Barbara & Ronald Buck
 Don Marshall
 Bob & Evelyn Winchester
 Robert & Lucy Clabeaux
 Larry & Juana Mae Long
 Charles Courtois
 Jim & Barbara Coe
 Al & Ione Hayden
 Polly & Charlie Smith

Ed Ice
 Marjorie & Patty Schwarze
 Bill & Kay Cherry
 Doris Zeiler Kimbel
 Carl & Elizabeth Pirkle
 Grace Koza
 Donald Chery, Jr.
 Larry Landrum
 Robin Scheib
 June Preston
 Mildred Higgins
 Ted Danielson
 Bob & Bill Sax
 Lou & Marge Glanzman
 Glenda Cowart
 Rey & Lynn Baumel
 Don & Betty Hostetler
 Phyllis Sweeton
 C. Waverly Parker
 Bob & Terry Karnan
 Angie Johnson
 Mary Nell McLaughlin
 John D. Rowland
 Gordon Love, Jr.
 Carroll Payne
 Jean & Roger Johnson
 Hoyt & Liz Goodson
 Roberta & L.B. Hopkins, Jr.
 Philip Dow
 Albert Gruensfelder
 Betty & Jim Miller
 Bob & Joan Ritter
 Frederick Westover
 Walter & Elizabeth Carter
 Diana & Alan Johanson
 Walter & Glendia Manka
 Carolyn Pratt
 Jim & Smitty Hooper
 Robert & Kelly Fields
 Mary Ann & Godfrey Oakley
 Jack & Zeba Schmitt

Dorothea Minskoff
 Willard Frank, Jr.
 Mary Scripp
 Harriette Glasner
 Helen Arndt
 Marcia Bystrom
 Victor & Diantha Paré
 Susan Nickerson
 Hilda Ratner
 Joe & Joan Moore
 Jean & Robert Wells
 Eloise Mitchum
 Frances & Howard Boozer
 Wally & Lynn Klarman
 Harry & Leslie Donavon
 Judith Bonner
 Rey & Jennie Hyde
 Mark C. Zeiler
 Memorial Fund
 Betty Frey
 Billie & John Elsea, Jr.
 Lillian Wheeler
 Michael Kami
 Norma Halley
 James Ivan Taylor
 Arlyne & Irving Goodwin
 Dan Pichulo
 Karen Mitchell
 Bill & Barbara Gannett
 Susan Thompson
 Dick & Mary Ann Ely
 Wolfram Petrich
 Lisa Lupton Goddard
 Neal & Dianne Resch
 Milton & Betty Rahn
 Marita Garin Schroder
 John & Anne Mason
 Brenda Minter
 Sharon & Bob Drew
 Lisa Holt
 Sylvia Dahl

George & Ann Ragan
 Larry & Maethel Shindelman
 Persis Penningroth
 Sonya Prestridge
 Tom Wakelyn
 Charles & Virginia Dickson
 Elaine & James Stauffer
 Sadie Johnson
 Alice Lingswiler
 Meta Jones
 Theresa Brichetto
 J.P. & Judy Newell
 Gene & Barbara Klein
 Anne Felts
 Kate Couch
 Jim Coogler-Betty Henderson
 William Gooch, Jr.
 Joan Wamsley
 David & Nilsa Lobdell
 Richard Speck
 Mary & Murray Evans
 Robert McDonald
 Bill & Annette Lewis
 Mag Potashnick
 Elizabeth Cooper
 Elinor McCandless
 Sophronia Ward
 Todd & Carolyn Taylor
 Ruth Dahlke
 Matt & Allie Gooding
 Bruce & Sandy Kirkman
 Dick & Marion Mulford
 Gene Burr
 Edmund & Merlin Miller
 Mary Arndt
 Joyce & Philip Elliott, Jr.
 Ellen Stewart
 Marjorie & Joe Felmet
 Knob & Mary Jo Knobel
 Suzanne Wright-Tom Redd
 Janice & Donald O'Connell

Ken & Lorraine Wheeler
 Harold Johnson
 Louis Bregger
 Donna & Robert Jaric
 Walter & Marcia Jenison
 Felix & Louise Mitchell
 Robert Shaklee
 Elizabeth Williams
 William & Carolyn Brown
 Lee & Marion Leiserson
 Margaret S. Coale
 Audrey Brodhag
 Dee Montie
 Audrey & Herb Burt
 Maxim Tabory
 Bill & Harriette Hance
 Dian & Geoffrey Canright
 Lilo Strauss
 Marion Sangree
 Jill Hott
 Tom & Ingrid Hogan
 Jack & Sue McAndrew
 Bob & Carolyn Milner
 Pat & Ed Mercer
 Elliot Cramer
 Cecile Keller
 Nancy Wylie
 David & Anna Smillie
 Charles & Carolyn Lamb
 Gilbert & Rita Lange
 Charles & Susan McDuff
 William & Gay Gauch
 Robert & Juanita Polk
 John Norris
 Lynn Bailey-Brian Moores
 William Ball, Jr.
 Malcolm & Audrey
 McClinchie
 Karen Hawkins
 Jack & Pickett Stein
 John & Mary

Mac & Lucy McDonald
 Phil & Betsy Sterner
 Nancy Heath Suda
 Jim & Wendie Highsmith
 Graham & Carol Henderson
 John Wallace
 Sam & Carol Camp
 Catherine Hart
 Ed & Anne Heath
 Michael & Chris Kayes
 Merrill & Charlotte Palmer
 Paul Smith

Alice C. Young
 Robert & Josephine Birdsall
 Stephen & Evelyn Carter
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 K.C. Reddy
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 Mary Lou Skinner Ross
 Sue Folk
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 Elvin & Nancy Hilyer
 Don Elkins

Bud & Mary Louise Evans
 Albert & Linda Neumann
 Charles Breland
 John Buehrens
 Sally Bellamy
 Robert Cowgill
 Lee Young
 Penny & Jeff Raney
 William Buckley
 Joe Williamson
 John Ross

Phillips Hamlin
 Barbara Farrell
 Manley & Elissa Allen
 William & Joan Trathen
 Ray Hubbard
 Sybil & Tom Ackerman
 John Vacher
 Brendan Pirie
 Bill & Mary Nelson
 Ray Rutledge
 Muriel Rutledge

Heidi-Lyn Priegel
 Enid Sheppard
 Andre & Brigitte Nahmias
 Ruth Gogel
 Jerry & Pearla Wall
 William & Lucia Pulgram
 Vincent Meade
 Robert & Reed Walsh
 Jack Hassard
 Charles Langan
 John Durham

And The List Goes On . . .

Life Members are continually being added to THE MOUNTAIN family. Since the Charter Life Memberships were closed, the following people have made a commitment to THE MOUNTAIN by becoming life members:

Susan Barrow
 Patricia Bowen
 Ann H. Carter
 Doyle Chadwick
 Karen Chandler
 Thomas & Shaelagh
 Murphy
 John & Merridy Pitts
 Mike & Linda Plummer
 Christine Robinson

Oddy Curtiss
 Susan Deaver
 John S. Griffin
 Janet & Tom Harvey
 (Position of RE
 Director, Asheville)
 Phyllis & John Sharpe
 Richard Smith
 Lewis Walker
 Jim & Ann Wallace

Bob & Anne Hornberger
 Perry & Helene Johnson
 Charles Kahn
 Mary Lyle
 Jane Moser
 Ellen Heath
 Karen Woolhouse
 Henry & Virginia Sayles
 Charles & Agnes Sanborn
 Russ White

The following have purchased their second or third life memberships:

Manley & Elissa Allen
 John & Rosemary Burns
 Lucy Clabeaux
 Roger & Faith Comstock

Heather Donavon
 Madelynn Ely
 Kelly & Bob Fields
 Walt & Alicia Hodges

Annette & Bill Lewis
 Marge Link
 Martin Nash
 Bill & Mary Nelson
 Jim & Wendie Highsmith

(An additional plaque will be made to honor these new life members.)

The Memorial Life Members Plaque is hanging in the Dining Hall and includes the following names:

Paul W. Penningroth

Palmer C. Pratt

Mark S. Wheeler

Share The Dream . . .

Won't you join with these MOUNTAIN supporters in sharing the dream?

You can make the dream a reality by becoming an annual or life member . . . Your name will be included on a plaque, as well. Give yourself the satisfaction of knowing you are a part of one of the most exciting adventures in UU history.

If your name is already listed inside, you can still do more. As you can see, many are obtaining second life memberships . . . often for a spouse, child or grandchild. One family even purchased a third life membership for the RE Director position in their church! What a creative way to help THE MOUNTAIN and your church or fellowship. Other possibilities could be to have Life Memberships for a Minister or President, with the privileges reserved for the incumbent in those positions.

During the next year, our goal is to obtain at least 130 new life memberships and 140 second, third, or fourth life memberships. In addition, we hope at least 300 families will join us as annual members.

The goal is to raise \$400,000 in pledges by giving as many people as possible the opportunity to share the dream of THE MOUNTAIN. The money raised will be used to help retire our mortgages.

New life memberships can be paid for in 3 ways:

\$1600 in 1 year

\$400 a year for 5 years

\$200 a year for 12 years

Second or additional life memberships can be paid for in 2 ways:

\$1000 in 1 year

\$240 a year for 5 years

Annual memberships are a minimum of \$35 a year, or \$100 for a Contributing Annual Membership, or \$200 for a Supporting Annual Membership. Patron memberships are \$5,000-\$10,000 or more.

Jake Haun and Nancy Suda are heading the overall Fund Drive. Margrit Nash of Atlanta is coordinating the Membership phase with these area coordinators:

Manley Allen - Georgia—Mid-South

Doyle Chadwick - Tennessee & Western North Carolina—TJ

Karen chandler - Eastern North Carolina—TJ

Ruth Dahlke - Virginia—TJ

Bob Drew - South Florida

Angela Forbus - Alabama—Mid-South

Allie Gooding - South Carolina—TJ

Smitty Hooper & Mary Knoke - Northern Florida

Annette Lewis & Lee Young - Middle Florida

Larry & Tricia Stultz - Mississippi & Coastal Area—Mid-South

The Area Coordinators are enlisting help from local coordinators in each of our churches and fellowships. We hope you will help them in your local society by becoming a member of THE MOUNTAIN family and by assisting the drive in your local group.

Other phases of the Fund Drive and individuals working on them are:

Deferred Giving - Edmund Cannon

Records Systems - Ed & Anne Heath

Gifts of Time - Steve Carter

Annual Memberships - Lynn Bailey

Codicil Club - Don Male

Special Gifts - Larry Landrum

Donation Recognition - Walt Pirie

Ministerial Coordination - Chris Robinson

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS EXPECTED TO BE FULL

Judging from the increase in attendance over the past three years, the Christmas holidays should be a busy time at THE MOUNTAIN. Won't you be part of our Christmas family? Help trim the tree and wait expectantly to see if it will be another White Christmas. Or come for a few days between Christmas and New Years - enjoy this beautiful season on THE MOUNTAIN - star-gazing, hiking, skiing or sitting with others by a warm fire. Or join us for our family celebration of the New Year. Those who were there will never forget the New Year's Eve when a rainfall miraculously turned to snow at the stroke of midnight! Don't miss out on this special time at THE MOUNTAIN.

Registration Form*

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Number of Adults _____

Number of Children _____ Ages: _____

Will arrive on _____, with _____ the first meal we plan to eat at THE MOUNTAIN.

Will depart on _____, with _____ the last meal we plan to eat at THE MOUNTAIN.

Cost: Room - Adults \$15/day (winterized space); ages 13-17, \$7.50; ages 12 & under free.
(Life Members 50% off room rates.)

Board - Ages 13 & up: \$12.50/day; ages 8-12: \$9/day; ages 4-7: \$6/day; ages 3 & under free.

Enclosed is \$10 PER PERSON deposit (non-refundable 4 weeks prior to arrival). We realize we need to be annual** or life members in order to use the facility at this time (unless it is our first visit).

*Please use this form for all registrations at THE MOUNTAIN - i.e. Christmas, weekends, ski specials . . .

**Minimum \$35 donation, tax deductible.

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As The End Of 1982 Approaches . . .

Don't forget that your contributions to THE MOUNTAIN are tax deductible. Include us in your end of year plans.

Also, a new tax regulation permits camp expenses as deductions as child care expenses if camp is used as a substitute for child care when both parents are working. Consult your accountant or IRS office for specifics.

Summer Job On A Mountain???

Be one of the lucky people who spend their summer on THE MOUNTAIN, making it possible for other UUs to come and enjoy its beauty and all that's available. Use your talents in maintenance, food service, youth activities, nursing, music or many other areas as a member of the Facility Staff (ages 18 and up) or the Youth Camp Staff (Junior Counselors - incoming high school seniors and at least 16 years old; Senior Counselors - ages 19 and up). Write to Mo and Larry Wheeler expressing your interest in a staff position.

Yes, We're Open Year Round!!!

And winter is an especially beautiful season on THE MOUNTAIN. With leaves off the trees, you have an even greater awareness of being on the top of a mountain. Colder weather brings clearer skies for star-gazing, and hiking in the winter provides a new view of the woods and waterfalls. Machine-made snow on nearby slopes provides another choice of an enjoyable activity - skiing. An occasional snow storm lets young and old enjoy the beauty of the white wonderland which THE MOUNTAIN becomes. Our snow plow and sander help us keep the road clear, but if you're still nervous about that last climb of the trip, we'll gladly meet you at lower elevations.



Walt Hodges, a Summer staff regular, enjoys beauty of surrounding area.

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