

# the mountain

## HIGHLANDS CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

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### SALLY'S DECK A REALITY

For several years many people have talked about building a deck on the side of the Lodge. Finally last fall, our own Sally Bellamy, who runs the camp store and is our social hour hostess, decided to do something about it. She said she wanted an outdoor place for social hour and would guarantee the necessary funding for it.

Upon the occasion of her 70th birthday last fall, her children contributed \$70 each to help the project along. Since then MOUNTAIN guests of all ages have signed on with similar contributions so they could also become "Sally's Children."

The initial drawings of the deck were done by Mo Wheeler and Scott Nutting and refined by John Hutchison and Steve Carter. Then Atlanta UU and Architect Lee Cook took over and we were ready to go.

The deck is now in full use and being enjoyed by all. To Sally AND her many children THE MOUNTAIN says a great big THANK YOU! Your spirit and commitment are what has made our beginning years so exciting.



### YEAR ROUND POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Maintenance, kitchen, computer, office. Salary range \$6,000-\$12,000 plus room, board, and benefits. Make this wonderful UU retreat center your home. Contact Directors Mo & Larry Wheeler.

### DIRECTORS' CORNER

LARRY

MO

As our summer draws to a close, we find ourselves reflecting on what really makes a summer "happen" at THE MOUNTAIN. As Directors, we are usually the ones on the receiving end of compliments about how wonderful someone's visit has been and how great the youth camps are. We'd like to pass the compliments on to our staff.

Even though it has been our busiest summer, this year has been in many respects our easiest as Directors. Our staff has made that possible by doing their jobs and then some! This year we've had over 60 people filling our various staff positions, almost half of them in the Youth Camps. Over 1/3 of this group has been at THE MOUNTAIN in some capacity for 3 or more years, and for more than 2/3 this was at least their 2nd year. When you add about 15 newcomers, it makes for a great combination!

So, for all of you who have complimented us on the good times you've had here at THE MOUNTAIN, we're pleased to accept those compliments on behalf of the more than 60 people who REALLY make THE MOUNTAIN happen. We understand the sacrifices many of them make to be here year after year and how incredibly they give of themselves to make THE MOUNTAIN the special place it has become for so many. Thanks guys!



### LOBSTER LOVERS UNITE!

Sept. 14-16...a weekend to remind you that the joys of summer are not quite over. We'll fly in fresh lobster and there'll be steaks for those who don't know a good thing when they see one. Add \$10/person for the first lobster or steak and \$5 more for the second. Specify quantity of each.

## MOUNTAIN BRIEFS

### ELECTION INFORMATION/ANNUAL MEETING

A separate mailing will soon be sent to all members of THE MOUNTAIN giving background on our candidates for the At-Large Board of Trustees position and for the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in being considered for one of these positions, contact Alice Lingswiler, 10335 SW 42nd St., Miami, FL 33165, (305) 221-0843.

The election will take place at the Annual Meeting, November 2-4. Plan to attend and get together with other MOUNTAIN members. Life Member rates apply to ALL attendees!

### CABIN PORCHES FENCED IN

At the request of several parents with smaller children, the Maintenance Staff has attached lattice fencing around the railings of cabins 3 and 4 so that little ones won't fall off the porches. If any of you want this added security, please request these cabins on your next visit to THE MOUNTAIN.

### WHEELERS NOW PERMANENT RESIDENTS

Following Brian's high school graduation this June, Mo, Larry, and Brian moved all their belongings to THE MOUNTAIN and now are comfortably settled into their home on top of THE MOUNTAIN. Being here full time will make their lives and the year round operation of THE MOUNTAIN much simpler. Brian will be going to the University of Virginia in the fall.

### REMEMBER TO BUDGET FOR 1985 CONFERENCES

THE MOUNTAIN will once again offer its Leadership School and two Religious Education Conferences in the summer of 1985. Remember to have your church or fellowship budget to at least defer expenses for key leadership to attend these important conferences. If you need specific information on costs, check with THE MOUNTAIN. Also, why not put a camper-ship at THE MOUNTAIN in your budget and help those who couldn't otherwise afford to attend camp.

### SUMMER AND ELDERHOSTEL LEADERS NEEDED

If you have the background and interest to lead a workshop next summer at THE MOUNTAIN or for an ELDERHOSTEL program in the fall, winter, or spring, contact THE MOUNTAIN. Tell us what you can teach, a little about your background, and when you might be available.

## SPECIAL FALL AND WINTER DATES

### OKTOBERFEST

October 5-7 - A party weekend with German food and music; separate festivities for children. Doyle Chadwick and Harry Savage will host.

### OUR FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

Nov. 2-4 - A great time for Annual and Life Members to get together and find out what is happening at THE MOUNTAIN. Hikes, parties, and Life Member rates for ALL!

### THANKSGIVING

Nov. 21-25 - For Life Members only. Special invitations will be mailed in September.

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S

Dec. 21-Jan. 1 - Come before, for, or after Christmas and stay for the New Year's celebration. A great way for singles, couples, or families to spend the holidays.

### SKI WEEKENDS

January-February - Come ski with us at Scaly Mountain on machine made snow.

### OR COME ANY TIME

The Dining Hall is now open 365 days a year and THE MOUNTAIN is a great place to get away from it all.

### TO REGISTER

Send your name, address, phone number, first and last meals you plan to have with us, type of accommodations preferred, and a \$10 per person deposit to: THE MOUNTAIN, 841 Highway 106, Highlands, NC 28741. For more details call (704) 526-5838.

## ELDERHOSTEL AT THE MOUNTAIN

ELDERHOSTEL is a network of over 700 colleges and other educational institutions which offer special low cost (\$190/week), academic programs for older adults. Most programs are limited to 45 people. ELDERHOSTEL welcomes those 60 years of age and over, or those whose participating spouse or companion qualifies.

ELDERHOSTEL fits in well with the educational goals of THE MOUNTAIN, and we encourage you to consider the many interesting and inexpensive programs offered this fall and winter. Write THE MOUNTAIN for a description of courses offered.

To be added to ELDERHOSTEL's mailing list, write them at 100 Boylston St., Suite 200, Boston, MA 02116.

# Share the Dream!

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES GROW TO OVER \$700,000!

In 5 years over 400 dedicated people have pledged Life Memberships which total \$723,000.

We are proud to announce that we now have 23 Patron Memberships of THE MOUNTAIN - those who have pledged at least \$5000. They are:

Jake Haun  
Dick and Mary Ann Ely  
Ed and Anne Heath  
Carole Light  
Sally Bellamy  
Jo and Bob Birdsall  
Roger and Faith Comstock  
Susan B. Deaver

Michael and Linda Plummer  
Larry and Juana Mae Long  
Walt Pirie  
Myrtle and Art Lockwood  
Sophronia Ward  
Mo and Larry Wheeler  
Walt and Alicia Hodges  
Leslie and Harry Donavon

Barbara and Ronald Buck  
Margaret Schilling  
Harold and Margaret Johnson  
Lee and Marion Leiserson  
Annette Van Howe  
Brydie Palmore  
Margaret Ann Link

We also have 14 new Life Members since our last newsletter:

Mike and Ellen Lappa of Atlanta, GA  
Becky Evans of Richmond, VA  
Linda Berger of Atlanta, GA  
Pat Gnagey of Highlands, NC  
Laury Christie of Columbia, SC  
Ben Bivins of Tallahassee, FL  
Mike and Terry McGee of New Orleans, LA

Molly Wilcox of Atlanta, GA  
Mary Rosa of Boston, MA  
Don and Jan Osgood (2nd LM) of Atlanta, GA  
Bob and Dixie Haywood of Pensacola, FL  
Joan Parker of Atlanta, GA  
Maurice and Geni Schwartz of South Bend, IN  
Garry and Becky Tisdale of Alexandria, LA

BUT - THE NEED CONTINUES

\$700,000 may seem a lot (and it is), but much of it is in pledges, and our annual mortgage payments total over \$90,000!

THE TIME IS NOW

THE MOUNTAIN's fall mortgage payment is due September 30. Those of you who could make extra payments now or catch up your pledges would greatly help THE MOUNTAIN.

And those who are thinking of becoming Annual or Life Members, why not do it now. Send a payment with your pledge if you can.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:

- \$1600 within a 12 month period (\$133.33/mo.)
- \$2000 - \$400/year for 5 years (\$33.33/mo.)
- \$2400 - \$200/year for 12 years (\$16.66/mo.)

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- \$200 - Supporting
- \$100 - Contributing
- \$ 35 - Minimum

I know THE MOUNTAIN can use MY support, but why else should I become a Life Member?

- \* To help contribute to the growth of Unitarian Universalism.
- \* To insure that THE MOUNTAIN will be around to serve future generations.
- \* To take advantage of a tax deduction.
- \* To receive a 50% discount on room charges when you visit on a non-program basis.
- \* To be able to join other Life Members for the special weekends set aside just for them.

## I WANT TO SHARE THE DREAM... Here's How I'll Help...

### ☐ Membership:

- ☐ Patron
- ☐ Life
- ☐ Second Life
- ☐ Supporting
- ☐ Contributing
- ☐ Annual Minimum

### Payment Plan:

- \$\_\_\_\_\_ in one payment
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ a year for \_\_\_\_\_ years
- To be paid ☐ Monthly ☐ Annually
- ☐ Quarterly ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of first payment \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Society \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE DON'T WAIT...

SEND THIS CARD TO  
*the mountain* TODAY!!!

## NEW MOUNTAIN "SPIRITS" NAMED

The "Spirits of THE MOUNTAIN" were again recognized this year at the close of Senior High Camp. These individuals are selected as best representing the goals of the Youth Program at THE MOUNTAIN by fostering the "spirit" of family and community.

Shown in the picture are Walt and Alicia Hodges and GRADUATING SPIRITS Joey Grist and Ken Korte-meier - Marietta, GA; Karen Parker - Raleigh, NC; Chris Purcell - Lawrenceville, GA; Margaret Bivins and Rene Cline - Tallahassee, FL; and Peter Benedict - Knoxville, TN. CONTINUING SPIRITS Paul Allen - Dunwoody, GA; Marie Cardinal - Dallas, TX; Heather Elliott - Atlanta, GA; Jen McDearman - Memphis, TN; Adam Schwartz - South Bend, IN; and Kief Morris - Greenbelt, MD. NEW SPIRITS Peter Morgan - Knoxville, TN; Helen Ward - Blacksburg, VA; David Auburn - Jonesboro, AR; Holly Becker - Charleston, WV; and Wendy Flerx - Columbia, SC.

In addition to the honor of being chosen, the "Spirits" travel to THE MOUNTAIN in November to participate in the key planning for the following Senior High Camp. They also come early to Camp to finalize last minute details. Congratulations to all the "Spirits" and to Walt and Alicia for another super Senior High Program.



## MOUNTAIN WISH LIST

We're hoping to obtain a new 15 passenger van this year. It's often to your tax advantage to purchase a vehicle and lease it at a nominal cost. Check your accountant and let us know.

We always can use good vacuum cleaners, cribs, blankets, linens, lamps, sofas, chairs, tables, etc. Check with us about what you might donate. We might be able to help with transportation of your item if that will make it easier for you.

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