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# COMING EVENTS . . .

# YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING February 28 - March 2

This weekend course will teach skills to improve interpersonal relationships, become more effective leaders and win the cooperation of children and teens. RE Directors, RE Teachers, Youth Group Leaders, prospective Counselors and concerned parents will all find this workshop invaluable. Scholarships are available. Pamela Phelps, MOUNTAIN Youth Camp Director, will lead this workshop.

## WOMEN'S BACKPACKING WEEKEND March 21 - 23

Led by Allie Gooding of Clemson, SC, the weekend will begin with an organizational meeting on Friday night and an easy overnight trip leaving Saturday morning. Rental equipment is available from THE MOUNTAIN and all food for the trip will be provided.

Space is limited, so register soon. Be sure to specify any equipment you will need.

## EASTER WEEKEND March 28 - 30

Over 70 UUs from all over the Southeast have already made reservations for our annual Lobster Lovers Easter Weekend. The addition of Halley's Comet makes it even more fun. Make reservations now for a great early spring celebration.

# CHRISTINE ROBINSON ELECTED TO MOUNTAIN BOARD

Members of THE MOUNTAIN elected Christine Robinson of Columbia, SC to fill the Board Member At Large position on THE MOUNTAIN BOARD. The election was announced at the November Annual Meeting.

A UU Minister in Columbia, Christine has served on the Board as SUSSI Representative and has been active at THE MOUNTAIN for many years.

PLAN NOW FOR SUMMER VACATIONS - SEE PAGE 3

# DIRECTORS CORNER

LETIER

This is the first full winter for most of us living here at THE MOUNTAIN. We have found that winter is a kaleidoscope of impressions - foremost is the wind. Then mix cold, sun, guests, snow, smiles, skiing, frozen waterfalls, a full Dining Hall on weekends followed by Staff only on weekdays.

Our winter staff is a grand group - some young, some graying - individualistic, yet relying greatly on each other. Full of fun, music and play, yet willingly working long hours when necessary. Much of the work is "behind the scenes" - in the kitchen, cleaning cabins, planning trips, answering inquiries - all to insure that your next visit is the best yet. THE MOUNTAIN is people and the winter staff particularly are very special people. COME SEE US!

Ed Heath

# SENIOR HIGH ARTS & SCIENCES CAMP NEW FOR 1986

This summer, THE MOUNTAIN will offer a new camping experience for Senior High (ages 14 to 18) youth.

The one week Arts & Sciences Camp to be held June 15-21 will provide an opportunity for development in the areas of arts and/or sciences while discovering the uniqueness of THE MOUNTAIN. Campers can choose from a variety of daily workshops that bring them together as a group while also allowing development of individual potential. Workshops to be offered include: painting, photography, nature study, chorus, dance, rockhounding, jewelry making, astronomy, geology, forestry, wood sculpture and natural history. Evening activities will include guest speakers, performers, group entertainment, rap sessions and star gazing.

Watch for further details and registration information in our Summer 1986 Brochure or call THE MOUNTAIN for further information and early registration.

# SPRING AT the mountain

For a different vacation in 1986, come to a Spring Program on THE MOUNTAIN and enjoy a week during one of the most beautiful times of the year. Our fun-loving Elderhostel guests make this time of year even more special. Hikes, field trips and evening programs, too.

#### MARCH 16-21

APPALACHIAN FOLK HISTORY - Customs, traditions, stories and music of the people of Appalachia. A local storyteller and folk singer will perform and lead discussion.

GEOLOGY-READING ROCKS AND MEASURING TIME - A hands-on study of geological features in the vicinity of THE MOUNTAIN.

FROM PICASSO TO POP - Illumination of the swift changes in personal vision of the contemporary artists from Picasso to Pop.

#### MARCH 23-28

HUMANITY AND NATURE ALONG THE BLUE RIDGE DIVIDE -Natural history and the human impact on forest and landscape of the Southern Appalachians, including lectures, field trips and hikes.

DISCOVERING YOUR CREATIVE SELF AND BODY - Hand Letterpress Printing, Patchwork Applique and Quilting, and Yoga.

METEOROLOGY WITHOUT MATHEMATICS - Learn why the wind blows, why it rains or doesn't, and what causes storms.

#### MARCH 30-APRIL 5

EXPLORING NATURE - Through the writings of Lewis Thomas and Annie Dillard, explore the natural world and develop ideas and techniques for observations of nature that will apply to the country or the city.

HUMANITY AND NATURE ALONG THE BLUE RIDGE DIVIDE - See March 23-28 for description.

FIT AS A FIDDLE - Develop an individualized fitness program.

#### APRIL 6-11

STARS IN YOUR EYES - AND TELESCOPE- Elementary introduction to the stars and planets. Ideal week for viewing Halley's Comet.

WILLIAM BARTRAM'S AMERICA - Journey into the past, learning about the Cherokees, very early pioneers and the many wonders that Bartram discovered during his 1776 travels.

APPALACHIAN FOLK HISTORY - See March 16-21 for description.

## APRIL 13-18

WHO-O-O IS THAT IN THE TREE? Learn to identify birds through sight or sound and learn about their territorial behaviors and habitats.

APPALACHIAN FOLK HISTORY - Se March 16-21 for description.

AMERICA THROUGH BRITISH EYES - How the USA has looked to British observers over the past 150 years.

#### APRIL 20-25

TO SEE THE WORLD IN A GRAIN OF SAND - Learn about the geology of the Appalachians specifically and the earth in general.

WILLIAM BARTRAM'S AMERICA - See April 6-11 for description.

SHAPERS OF AMERICAN VALUES - A sociological approach to US History. How some of the lasting effects of the frontier, slavery and immigration help explain what happened to the American Dream.

### APRIL 27 - MAY 3

APPALACHIAN FOLK HISTORY - See March 16-21 for description.

BIRDS OF THE MOUNTAINS - Learn to identify birds by viewing them through binoculars and by hearing them.

DEVELOPING YOUR SENSES AND CREATIVITY - Soapstone Sculpting, Quilting, Photography, and Lip Reading.

#### MAY 3 - 9

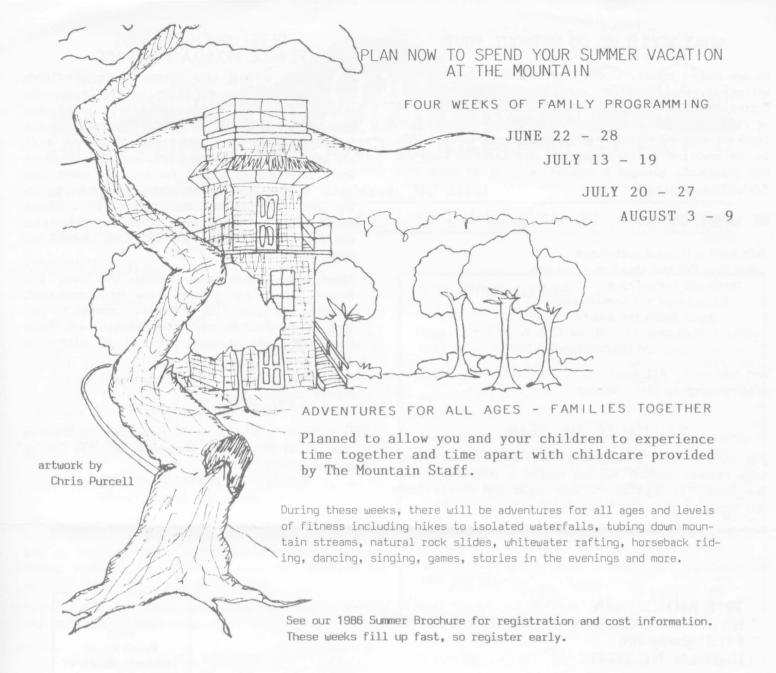
LIFE ON A LITTLE KNOWN PLANET - Explorations of selected topics in natural history by means of discussion, walks, observations and collections.

CHORAL SINGING - Learn about the music you have been singing all your life - sight singing, ear training, and music theory.

SHAPERS OF AMERICAN VALUES - See April 20-25 for description.



To register for a Spring Program, send a \$30 per person deposit along with name, address, phone number, arrival and departure times to THE MOUNTAIN.



# A MILESTONE THE FIRST CHARITABLE TRUST

June Cravens Sholin of Marietta, GA, one of our most recent Patron Life Members, has become the first to establish a charitable trust of which THE MOUNTAIN is the beneficiary. With this generous gift to THE MOUN-TAIN's future, June receives the recognition of membership in the Codicil Club with thanks and our deepest admiration for her loyalty and friendship through the years.

A Charitable Trust involves placing a principal sum in trust and receiving the interest for the donor's lifetime. Any members who wish to follow June's example can receive information from the Development Office. A Trust Committee composed of legal and financial expertise has been formed to administer these trusts.

## AND THE IMPROVEMENTS GO ON ...

THE MOUNTAIN Winter Staff has been busy making major improvements in our facility.

Cabin 7, our handicapped cabin, is now fully winterized and ready for year-round occupancy. The dining hall roof insulation has been completed, making cold mornings much warmer in the eating area and kitchen. Also added to our insulation list is the roof of the Lodge which was found to have only one inch of poor grade insulation.

Now that we have taken care of staying warm, "The Mountain Construction Company" will move on to rebuilding the dock at the lower lake and completing finish work on the inside of windows in the dining hall and lounge.

All of these projects were made possible by designated gifts. If you would like to help us complete specific projects, contact the Development Office or the Acting Director.

# WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT YOU?

We are always amazed, touched and pleased when w≥ receive offers of assistance of various types from members. During the past year or so we have recorded 280 offers of financial assistance, including 59 statements of intention to name THE MOUNTAIN as beneficiary in wills. This is in addition to 28 members of the Codicil Club who had previously pledged a cumulative total of more than \$200,000.

# WE WISH, WE WISH, WE HAD ...

Twin beds with good mattresses New toys for our children - any age Cribs and Porta-Cribs Table Lamps and Bedside Lamps Board Games for Adults High Chairs Desk for the Development Office

And lots more. All donations are tax deductible. We can often arrange to pick items up. Give us a call.

# AUCTION OF THE YEAR

The sixth annual Thanksgiving "Your Lost Is Our Found" Life Members Weekend Auction netted a whopping \$1,520. Our thanks to auctioneers Wink Lucas and Alexis Jones and organizer Christine Lucas for an outstanding job.

# DEVELOPMENT FLOODS PLAGUE MOUNTAIN OFFICE

It will be a long time before the great floods of '85 and '86 are forgotten in the Development Office. Jake Haun returned from a trip December 28th to find that a water pipe had frozen and burst flooding the two downstairs rooms of his home which are used by the Development Office Staff. Mountain Staff responded to a call for help and spent many hours mopping up. Aside from Jake's patience, the main loss was stationery stored in a closet just below the burst pipe. Heaters, shop vacs and fans are doing the job of drying carpets and pads.

Flood waters again swept through the house just a week later, when a water line joint separated, flooding the upper floor. It was a credit to Jake that all he said on the latter occasion was "Goodness gracious! Whatever shall I do with this dam(p) house?"

# THE WINNER IS .....

Pete Tolleson of Swannanoa, NC whose name was drawn as winner of the Oddy Curtiss Sculpture "Children Are Fun". Congratulations, Pete!

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