



# MOUNTAIN MATTERS

THE MOUNTAIN -- HIGHLANDS CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

A Quarterly Newsletter for Members of The Mountain  Winter 1990

## MOUNTAIN MEMBERSHIP MEANS A LOT!

With any membership you get:

- A substantial discount on lodging.
- Subscription to *Mountain Matters*.
- A vote for at-large members of the board of trustees.
- An invitation to members' Memorial Day Weekend.

With Life or Patron membership you get all of the above plus:

- 50% discount on room charges for yourself and your immediate family during non-program times.
- An invitation to Thanksgiving Life Member Weekends.
- A place on the list of life members in the dining hall.
- A beautiful enameled pendant (Patron members.)

*Please Join Today!*

## BE A MOUNTAIN MEMBER - CONTINUE TO RECEIVE *MOUNTAIN MATTERS*!

We're making a change. After this issue *Mountain Matters* will be sent to Mountain members only. We will continue to mail two program guides per year, with all program and MountainCamp descriptions and registration information to the entire mailing list. But, news and detailed information about what's happening at The Mountain will be published in this quarterly newsletter, *Mountain Matters*, which will be sent to annual and life members.

Not only will this cut down on our mailing costs, but perhaps it will encourage you to stay in touch with what's going on at The Mountain and support it with membership. Membership income goes to repay our mortgage, pay for our new waste water treatment plant, pay back our bond holders and more. Please consider adding The Mountain to your list of yearly contributions - it means a lot! And it's tax deductible.

We hope that if you are not already a member, you'll send us a check right away so you can continue to receive *Mountain Matters*, take advantage of discounts on lodging, and be a part of a growing number who care enough to contribute and help The Mountain thrive.

### I'D LIKE TO BECOME A MOUNTAIN MEMBER.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Patron Life Member (\$5000 over five years)  
☐ Life Member (\$1600 in one payment or \$2000 over 5 years)  
☐ Emerson Society (\$1000 annually)  
☐ Founders' Society (\$500 or \$365 annually)  
☐ Sustaining Annual Member (\$200 annually)  
☐ Contributing Annual Member \$150 annually  
☐ Supporting Annual Member (\$125 annually)  
☐ Family Annual Membership (Mom, Dad, kids under 18 \$100)  
☐ Dual Annual Membership (\$80)  
☐ Individual Annual Membership (\$40)  
☐ check ☐ Visa/MC # \_\_\_\_\_ exp. date \_\_\_\_\_



## RILEYS ARE FIRST TO ADOPT A CABIN

The Clara Barton Infirmary is winterized thanks to the generosity of life members **Marge and Ed Riley**. It has been rewired, insulated and painted. The newly completed facility can now be used for guests in the spring, fall and winter as well as an infirmary for MountainCamp. The Riley's contribution is part of the new **Adopt-A-Cabin** program which will allow most of the buildings at the Mountain to be refurbished and winterized over a three year period. Further information about how you or your church or fellowship can adopt a cabin will be mailed soon.

## EUGENE BURR OF KNOXVILLE TO DESIGN NEW LODGE

**Gene Burr**, A.I.A. of Knoxville has been chosen to design the new Lodge. Gene, well known in the Knoxville area for his work with historic preservation, has been involved with The Mountain for many years and is a life member.

Preliminary concept drawings will be presented to the board of trustees at the January board meeting, and construction should begin on the new facility by March or April when the ground thaws. The building will be designed to both meet the need for meeting space and lodging and to blend well with the environment and

with current buildings.

The Mountain staff is planning a "barn raising" with volunteer help during the spring and summer to help construct the new building. If you are skilled at carpentry, or have other construction experience and would like to donate some time to the new building, please let us know.



## MOUNTAIN EXPLORER TOURS TRAVEL WITH FRIENDS FROM THE MOUNTAIN

Please send me detailed information about:

\_\_\_Galapagos - a ten-day natural history trip departing April 26, with a three day extension trip to the Equadorian mountain town of Otavalo, famous for its marketplace.

\_\_\_March 17-24 sailing trip to the Bahamas for MountainCamp staff and any former Mountain staff members or friends.

\_\_\_Costa Rica - a ten-day natural history trip departing November 2.

Mail to Mountain Explorer Tours, The Mountain, 841 Highway 106, Highlands, NC 28741, or call Carol Graves at (704) 526-4505.

## BOARD AND LIFE MEMBERS HONOR ROGER, MO AND LARRY

Thanksgiving Life Member Weekend and 10th Anniversary Celebration provided the perfect setting for honoring the three people whose efforts were outstanding in getting The Mountain started and giving it a firm foundation.

Jim Littlefield, current board president, presented **Roger Comstock** (The Mountain's first president) and **Mo**

and **Larry Wheeler** (first co-directors) with inscribed, framed photos of scenes from The Mountain.

Photographs of each of the honorees, with a description of each of their contributions, are hanging in the dining hall along with a copy of a letter of recognition and congratulations from Bill Schultz, president of Unitarian Universalist Association. The photos will be moved to the new Lodge upon its completion.

"This is the first step in honoring those who have done so much for The Mountain," says Jim Littlefield. "We plan to continue this process to include others who have made contributions of energy and skill in developing our Mountain."

## AUCTION NETS \$5000 FOR ASCENDER HOME

Thanks to the hard work of **Melanie Sullivan**, auction chairperson, the incredible persuasiveness of auctioneers **Wink Lucas** and **Allie Gooding**, and a very generous audience of Mountain members, the 10th Anniversary Auction brought in \$5000.

The auction included more than 60 items, some from famous UUs and other liberals such as Alan Alda and Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward, others from UU craftspersons and Highlands businesses.

Income will be used to help in remodeling the Program Center for the Ascenders and guests.





## CODICIL CLUB - A BEQUEST TO THE MOUNTAIN

Many of our members have joined the Codicil Club, thus allowing The Mountain to be remembered in their wills. It's a lasting legacy that can be an outright gift of a certain dollar amount, specific securities, a share of your estate, or a residuary bequest of that portion of your estate remaining after the payment of specified amounts to other qualified beneficiaries.

Your attorney can help you make a bequest to the Mountain. If you are interested in suggested language for a codicil, please call the development office, (704) 526-4505.

## ELDERHOSTEL BEGINS AGAIN IN MARCH

The Mountain's Elderhostel programs for people age 60 or older begin in March and run most weeks through the middle of June. If you would like information about these highly popular programs, please write to **Elderhostel, 80 Boylston Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02116** for a catalog. Contact Shelley Denham at The Mountain if you want to apply for a scholarship.

## MOUNTAINCAMP '90 DATES AND RATES

(Watch for the MountainCamp brochure in late January that will give detailed information about each camp along with registration forms.)

- June 9-16** Counselor Training  
**June 17-30** Senior High Session \$567  
**July 1-14** Build an Adventure \$567  
 Ascender Program \$326 (must attend Senior High Session)  
 Discovery (Jr. High) Session \$567  
**July 15-28** Greater Adventure for ages 11-13.  
 Beginning Adventure for ages 7-10 \$544 ea.  
**July 29-August 11** - same as July 15-28

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board of Trustees Meeting at The Mountain January 12-14  
 Junior High Work/Ski Weekend January 19-21  
 Senior High Work/Ski Weekend February 9-11

**Half price lodging rates** are in effect during January and February for people who drop-in at The Mountain. So, come stay with us if you want to come to ski or just to get away for awhile to enjoy the beauty of The Mountain in winter

## MOUNTAIN REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ evening \_\_\_\_\_  
 Program \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit \_\_\_\_\_ (\$35/weekend; \$100/week)

Arrival day and date \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated time of arrival \_\_\_\_\_  
 Departure day and date \_\_\_\_\_ Number of nights \_\_\_\_\_  
 First meal: B L D date \_\_\_\_\_ Last meal B L D date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you want to rent sheets and towels @4 per person? ☐ rent ☐ bringing own  
☐ Check enclosed ☐ VISA/MC # \_\_\_\_\_ exp. date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you a ☐ life member ☐ annual member ☐ non member?

Lodging choices are on a first come, first served basis.

**High Season (Mar. 16-Nov. 30)** **Low Season (Dec. 1-Mar. 15)**  
 \$17 member, \$23 non member \$15 member, \$21 non-member  
 (cabin rental is \$120 per night in high season, \$100 per night in low season)

Meals are \$16 per day for adults (\$3.50 breakfast, \$5 lunch and \$7.50 dinner). Youth 10-17 pay 50% of adult lodging and meal prices; age 4-9 pay 25%; age 0-3 are free.

Planned programs involve a fee, the amount depends upon the program.

Names of adults in party	Names of youth	youth age	sex
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Dietary Needs (vegetarian?) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$20 of your \$35 deposit may be refunded with three weeks or more notice.  
 A \$15 service charge is added to all returned checks.





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## WANT ADS

Real Estate available near The Mountain. Call Mo Wheeler (704) 526-9561 or Jake Haun in Virginia (703) 459-2300

Wanted: heavy-duty flat bed truck with 4-wheel drive for The Mountain maintenance team. Call (704) 526-5838.

## ASK ABOUT OUR WORK/ EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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## LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS AT THE MOUNTAIN

**JULY 7 - 14**

**ROGER COMSTOCK, DEAN**

**AUGUST 11 - 18**

**MARY LOUISE DeWOLF-  
HURT, DEAN**

## CONTEMPLATION AND ACTION: AN ADVANCED LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

**REV. LIZ McMASTER,  
ROGER COMSTOCK,  
REV. BILL GARDINER**

**AUGUST 25 - 31**

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