



MOUNTAIN MATTERS

SPECIAL CALENDAR EDITION

THE MOUNTAIN • HIGHLANDS CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

NEW DISCOUNT POLICY FOR LIFE MEMBERS!

Please see inside for new discounts for Youth Camp, and all programs!

ANNUAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are solicited for **Trustee of The Mountain Board** and **Nominating Committee members**. Each position is for a three-year term following the annual meeting in May, 1992. Each candidate must be a **current member of The Mountain**; s/he may be nominated by **any member** or by a congregation.

Each **Trustee** is expected to attend four or more weekend meetings of the full **Board** per year as well as being active on committees and participating in various **Mountain** functions. Policy-making, planning, financial or personnel management, or other experience is an asset.

The **Nominating Committee** elicit nominations, review qualifications, and make recommendations to the **membership** on candidates, according to the By-Laws.

Elections for these offices will be held during the **Annual Meeting** at the **Memorial Day Weekend Program**.

Nominations with identifying data must be postmarked **by April 15** to: Rev. Frances West, 705 Superior Avenue, Decatur GA 30033, (404) 325-1764

1991/92 Board of Trustees:

Allie Gooding, President	(at-large*)
Wink Lucas, Vice Pres.	(SUUSD)
Betty Green, Secretary	(FL District)
Randy Whitt, Treasurer	(appointed)
Dr. Carole Light	(MS District)
Rev. Liz McMaster	(at-large)
June Cravens Sholin	(appointed)
Phil Sterner	(TJ District)
Bob Whitney	(at-large)

*term expiring May, 1992.

EMPLOYMENT NOTE

We're looking for one experienced year-round Head Cook with excellent taste. Call Richard now! Send resumé.

Dear Friends:

"**The Mountain** has made a difference in my life." This was said by many of our 4700 guests, who came for a day, a weekend, or a week. As you know, this is a great place for people to learn how to build and live in community with one another. How exciting for those of us who work here to be a part of this truly magical place!

We were able to complete many improvements in 1991: the lower floor of our 12-bedroom lodge, communication/data systems upgrades, cabin and trail maintenance and enhanced **customer service** routines. Because of these, we were able to serve **more people better**: 3 large weddings, 24 congregational retreats (including groups from many Southeast congregations, as well as Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, and New York), and several conferences, among them Womenspirit, the annual meeting of the Western N.C. (environmental action) Alliance, and the continental UU annual meetings of CUUPS and CU2C2 (camp/conference center directors). And always very important, our **youth programs** remained strong and our **food was great**.

We're anticipating another exciting year in 1992. In response to your requests, we've created a **new** department called "**Adventure Education**" to give a better array of outdoor activities; we're introducing a **new one-week camp** for younger, **first-time** campers, and we've added a week to our ever-popular "Build An Adventure" program for **high-school** age campers. We're also committed to developing an **Earth Education/Environmental Stewardship** center. We hope you will be a part of one or more of these exciting ventures. The first edition of our **calendar** is enclosed for easy reference.

We've also changed our pricing philosophy somewhat for 1992. Although there have been some increase in costs, reflected in selected price increases, we are also establishing new **package rates** for most weekend and weeklong programs, more extensive **discount** opportunities for our **members**, **seasonal rates**, and sensitivity to **housing** arrangements. We believe that most members will be able to enjoy **The Mountain** in 1992 for nearly the same cost - or often, at **lower cost** - than in 1991!

We hope that you'll find programs that will interest you in the enclosed schedule or in later brochures and the program guide supplements which you'll receive during this year. We know 1992 will be a year of wonderful opportunities for our members, but be sure to register as early as possible so that we can see **you** this year.

Also, please take time to review the **member policies** printed on the back of the calendar. This is the most complete statement that our Board has published in several years, and it will be useful to **you and to your friends** who may be interested in our facilities and programs.

Thanks to all of you for your commitment of time, energy, and financial support to **our Mountain community**.

Tom Warth, Executive Director

Special Mountain Development Program Begins March 21!

The Board's new Mountain Development Team of Life Member Manley Allen (recently retired from a successful business career) and Patron Walter Hodges (former Board President) are aggressively assisting our Staff development officer (new Life Member Joe Tomczyk) in formulating a strategy to more effectively work with our congregational Mountain representatives and other volunteers to "make the Mountain ours," to replace commercial debt with member "bonds," and build a more stable financial foundation for the future building renovations and enhancement of our physical facilities over the next few years.

As you will see from the enclosed calendar, these efforts will have a ceremonial beginning in a nation-wide evening program to be held in your neighborhood on March 21. Watch your mail, and talk to your Mountain rep as we make plans for this big event! You won't want to miss this party!

NEW 1992 RATE GUIDE

Membership discounts: Life Members and Members of the Sustaining Circle of Friends are entitled to significant discounts for non-package program lodging according to the schedule of member benefits.

All current Life Members are entitled to a 5% discount on total charges (excluding store purchases) whenever other discounts are not applicable.

	Low Season Rates (November 1 - March 1)		High Season Rates (March 1 - November 1)	
	Couple	Single	Couple	Single
Accommodations				
Lodge/private bath	\$ 50	\$ 30	\$ 60	\$ 35
Modern cabins				
private bath (2-3 adults)	\$ 43	\$ 25	\$ 52	\$ 30
shared bath (4 or more)	\$ 34	\$ 20	\$ 43	\$ 25
Rustic cabins				
shared bath	\$ 17	\$ 10	\$ 26	\$ 15

Children under age 18 occupying the same accommodations with accompanying adults pay only for linens, meals, and program fee.

Linens will be provided to all guests for the duration of their visit at a cost of \$5.00 per person (including all children occupying beds.) As a member benefit, any current member may choose to bring all towels and sheets to avoid linen costs.

Program fees: Standard onsite programs require a minimum charge of approximately \$5 per person per day. Special programs and services will require additional fees. Group package rates may be available; please call our office for details.

Meal rates:	Adult (ages 18-59):	\$20 per day
	Youth (ages 10-17):	\$15 per day
	Child (ages 4-9):	\$10 per day
	Infant (age under 4):	no charge



Summer Youth Program 1992 (by age group)

NEW FIRST-TIME CAMP (GRADES 1-3)	August 2-8	\$ 285 per camper
Family opening circle (required)	August 1-2	\$ 29 per adult
Family closing circle (optional)	August 7-9	\$ 49 per adult

This program is designed especially for the initial away-from-home experience at lower cost. Experienced pre-school owner Dr. Pam Phelps (our 1980-90 camp director), will work with the whole family on opening day to ease the transition to our camp program. At week's end, in the fullness of the completed camp experience, you are invited to join our closing circle.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM: JULY 4TH WEEKEND July 3-5 (Details TBA)

At the close of Senior High Camp and the opening of the MountainCamp we will be providing special weekend activities for the whole family.

Mountaincamp I (Grades 2-3) & Mountaincamp II (Grades 4-6)	July 5-18	\$ 570 per camper
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Age groupings are maintained in separate cabins and activities for our two-week camps which aim for optimal personal development/growth experiences for cooperative living, self-reliance, and stimulation by offering challenges at levels designed to assure individual success. Swimming, lake rafting, tubing, arts & crafts, waterfall picnics, nature and adventure hikes, etc., for the younger group are supplemented by an overnight low-impact camping experience (to highlight special Earth-awareness workshops), canoeing lessons on flat water, and other more challenging activities for the older group.

Junior High Camp (Grades 7-9) July 19-Aug.1 \$ 595 per camper

Great adventures await this energetic age group: whitewater rafting, beginning rock-climbing, team-building initiatives, and backpacking hikes to overnight camping are featured activities. With peer-group concerns so important, we work to better cooperation and group problem-solving skills.

Senior High Camp (Grades 10-12) June 21-July 4 \$ 595 per camper

This challenging and growth-inspiring high adventure experience provides a solid base for social, emotional, and physical maturity. Multiple levels of activities are offered for the novice as well as the more-experienced camper including all levels of canoeing and rock-climbing instruction, a night hike to an overnight campout, Earth-awareness workshops, and team-building initiatives with an optional ropes course, etc. Supervised evening activities are planned by **Spirits**, teens chosen from 1991 campers.

Build An Adventure (Grades 10-12) July 5-25 \$ 800 per camper

This year a small group of campers will experience the special bonds of the intensity of an environmentally-conscious service project at **The Mountain**. The typical canoeing, rafting, and other activities are crowned by a ten-day backpacking adventure in our incomparable natural surroundings. Teamwork, development of practical skills, and physical challenges bring increased maturity and self-confidence upon accomplishing these meaningful major tasks. With joint direction of our new Adventure Education and Youth Programs, each camper's success is assured.

ASCENDERS (Grades 10-12) 6 weeks July 5-Aug. 25 \$ 375 per ASCENDER

Eight ASCENDERS will be chosen from this year's Senior High Campers to continue for this program designed for the transition phase from adolescent to young adult. Your separate, early application is required so that our special youth counselors can properly select this "family" of apprentices who work separately (for six hours each day, six days per week), but live, learn, and play together for the duration of this program. Each evening will be set aside for group development, and one day each week will be reserved for fun together. In our 11 years, we have had many successful "graduates." Please call our Youth Program staff for your specific questions.

Youth Program Discount Policy

Current Life Members will be eligible for a discount of \$20.00 from any camp fees.

Camp fees paid in full by April 1 may take \$20.00 pre-payment discount.

A family with more than one child may take \$10.00 discount per additional child registered for any camp.

Summer Youth Program 1992

Reservation Form

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior High Camp (Grades 10-12) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Camp I (Grades 2-3) & II (Grades 4-6) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Build an Adventure Camp (Grades 10-12) | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior High Camp (Grades 7-9) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ascender Program (Grades 10-12) | <input type="checkbox"/> First Time Camp (Grades 1-3) |

Please use a separate photocopy of this form for each camper.

Camper's First name _____ Last Name _____

Home Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Billing Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Sex (M/F) _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____ Home Phone() _____

Parent Name _____ Work Phone() _____

Parent Name _____ Work Phone() _____

_____ Omnivore _____ Vegetarian _____ Fish OK _____ Dairy _____ Chicken OK _____ Eggs OK

Dietary Allergies or Special Needs _____

☐ Please send me a Campership (financial assistance) Application. Application deadline is April 1st.

☐ Please send me an Ascender (8-week program) Application. Application deadline is April 30th.

DEPOSIT OF \$150.00 MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATION TO HOLD SPACE

(Reservations without deposit will be put on a waiting list pending campership approval)

_____ Check _____ VISA / MC # _____ Exp Date _____

Cardholder's Signature _____

Discounts:

- ☐ Payment in full by 4/1/92
- ☐ Multiple child
- ☐ Life Member



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