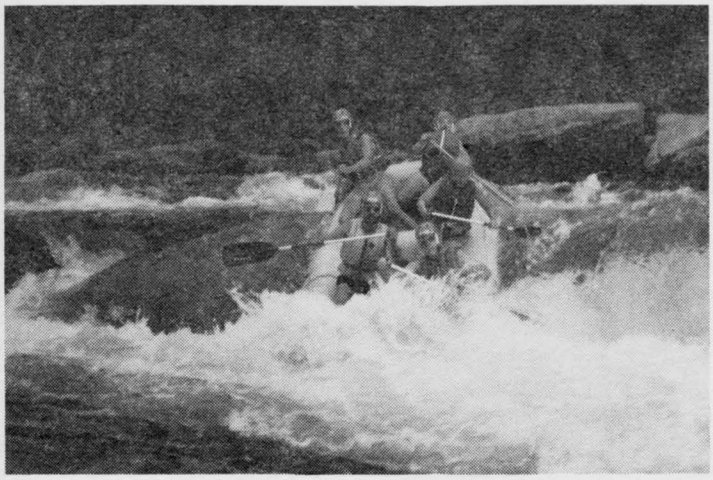
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HIGHLANDS CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

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SUMMER '85 - KEY DATES

May 19-24	Work Week
May 24-27	Life Members' Weekend
May 27-June 2	"Summerfest" - Singles Week
June 9-15	Family Adventures For All Ages
June 16-22	General Assembly Youth Camp(Ages 7-18)
June 23-29	Religious Education Renaissance Program - "Teacher Training" Module
June 23-July 6	Senior High Camp (Ages 14-18)
July 7-20	Senior High Work/Adventure Camp Youth Camp (Ages 7-11)
July 7-13	Family Adventures For All Ages
July 14-20	Family Adventures For All Ages
July 21-27	Family Adventures For All Ages
July 21-Aug. 3	Youth Camp (Ages 7-13)
August 4-10	Religious Education "Bag of Tricks" Dare To Explore
August 4-17	Youth Camp (Ages 11-13)
August 10-17	4th Annual Leadership School
August 18-24	18-22 Year Old Adventure Week



THE MOUNTAIN expands rafting to include Bull Sluice on Section III of the Chattooga.

CAMP REGISTRATIONS WELCOME

To assure your child(ren) a place in THE MOUNTAIN's Youth Camp, send your registration fee of $95 now. Include your name and address, the name, sex, age, and Fall '85 school grade of your child, and session(s) preferred. The $95 is refundable up to 3 weeks prior to camp. Two week camp costs $407. You'll receive more details in late winter.

DIRECTORS' CORNER

LARRY MO

A car arrived as I was walking toward the dining hall. "Hi, Carol," I said. "There's a note on the door telling which cabin you're in." "Thanks," she said. "See you later."

As she pulled away, the young friend her son had brought with him said, "Gosh! She called you by NAME instead of a number! Where I went to camp, you were only known by your number!" At the camp he had attended last summer, a 4-week minimum stay cost $1050, and he had the privilege of being a number all summer! Compared to this year's $739 for 4 weeks at THE MOUNTAIN's Youth Camp, the price of a name is pretty cheap!

As a matter of fact, when you consider the money we parents spend for TVs, microcomputers, and tape decks, the cost of camp is a very inexpensive way to help your children and teens become connected with their religion.

I get especially annoyed when I hear about a teenager who has gone to camp for a year or more and then wants to become a counselor, but his (or her) parents say they can't afford it, and he needs to earn more money. We have always 'subsidized' Brian's working at the camp, and we encourage parents who can really afford it to do the same. Why should we stop supporting our teens because they are old enough to work? The 'work' of a teenager is to get an education and to become mature adults. THE MOUNTAIN is the place where I want my teenager to do this, not McDonald's!

We hope you'll read Kate Rohde's column (last page) about her experience with THE MOUNTAIN's Senior High Camp last summer. It's MORE than being called by your name!

SUMMER ON THE MOUNTAIN

THE MOUNTAIN hires a staff of fifty each summer, with ages from 17 to 71. We need people in many different areas: counselors, nature, horses, waterfront, recreation, kitchen, maintenance, office, and a nurse. Write if you're interested.

WINTER – SPRING PROGRAMS

SPECIAL PRE-CHRISTMAS RATES

DEC. 1-15

The weeks before Christmas tend to be our quietist time. To entice you to leave the pre-holiday hustle and bustle and join us for this time of tranquility at THE MOUNTAIN, we're offering room rates at half the regular price. Give us 3-4 hours of work a day and room is free!

HOW TO HAVE YOUR CHRISTMAS AND BE AT THE MOUNTAIN TOO!

DEC. 21-23

Have you always wanted to spend Christmas at THE MOUNTAIN, but couldn't because family traditions were even more important? Now's your chance to have Christmas at home...or wherever it's always at...AND have Christmas at THE MOUNTAIN too. We'll have our traditional tree trimming and a candlelight service and Santa may even come--all early...so you can have Christmas at home AND at THE MOUNTAIN.

CHRISTMAS ON THE MOUNTAIN

DEC. 23-26

Christmas is a special time on THE MOUNTAIN. Typically a small group gathers to celebrate with THE MOUNTAIN family (whoever is here) and memories of past holidays, good fellowship, and a cheerful spirit prevail. We hope you'll be with us this year--Bring your Christmas to THE MOUNTAIN!

A UU HOLIDAY DEC. 24-28

If you want to take a break from the frenzy of the usual Christmas season, come to THE MOUNTAIN! Evaluate for yourself what you want from the holidays and consider spending your money on what is most important to you. Come work as your gift to THE MOUNTAIN and receive in exchange reduced rates--free room for working half time. Reward yourself with a special holiday vacation!

TRAINING FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP I

DEC. 26-29

A workshop for RE Directors, RE Teachers, Youth Group Leaders, and prospective Junior and Senior Counselors...to learn THE MOUNTAIN's successful approach to working with youth. Learn skills to improve interpersonal relationships, become more effective leaders, and win the cooperation of children and teens. The :ical training. Transportation from Atlanta will be provided for $10 per person round trip. Leaders are Walt & Alicia Hodges, Nancy Suda and Mo Wheeler.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

DEC. 28-JAN. 2

Help us welcome 1985 with a safe and sane family celebration of New Year's Eve. What better place could there be to spend this special time of the year Make your reservations early--we're always full!

SEE AND SKI JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Special weekday rates let you enjoy uncrowded skiing and see the beauty of the mountains in the winter. January 1-February 28 you can stay at THE MOUNTAIN for only $10 a night Sunday through Thursday. Scaly Mountain is just 4 miles away and is a nice beginner and intermediate slope with machine-made snow and no long lines. Ski rental is only $7 and lift tickets $10 per day during the weekdays, so you get a double bonus on rates.

TRAINING FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP II

MARCH 8-10

Save these dates for a special weekend concentrating on helping local churches and fellowships develop teenage programmming.

WORK WEEKEND MARCH 15-17

Work half time and room is free--you pay only for board! Help us get ready for Spring and give yourself the satisfaction of making a contribution. Jobs for all skill levels.

A LOBSTER LOVERS' EASTER APRIL 5-7

Celebrate the rebirth of Spring with a feast of fresh Maine lobster or steak filet. Our Easter Sunrise Service is one of those special moments on THE MOUNTAIN. What a weekend! Add $7.50/lobster or steak.

SPRING FLING MAY 17-19

Our fourth annual celebration of the coming of Spring to THE MOUNTAIN. Enjoy a change of seasons as you drive to THE MOUNTAIN and arrive to see the new leaves on our oak trees just starting to come out in their velvety pastels. We'll have hikes and other special events, and our usual dancing into the wee hours of the night....

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TO REGISTER



Send your name, address, phone number, first and last meals you plan to have with us, type of accommodations preferred, and a $15 per adult deposit to: THE MOUNTAIN, 841 Highway 106, Highlands, NC 28741. Your deposit is refundable up to 3 weeks prior to arrival. For more details call 704/526-5838.

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NEW LIFE MEMBERS

New Life Memberships since last newsletter include:

Nancy and Bob Duggan, Leesburg, FL
Bob and Nancy Warren, Durham, NC
Eugene and Anne Todd, Charlotte, NC
Leonore and George Mitchell, Columbia, SC
Ann Heacker, Dalton, GA
Jack and Mary Pride, Atlanta, GA
Kenneth and Margaret Schmidt, Inman, SC
Sarah Shea, Asheville, NC
Hugh B. Campbell, Asheville, NC
Kimberly Campbell-Voytal, Duluth, GA
Alice McKinney, Athens, GA
H. Eugene and Sharon S. Doar, Charlotte, NC
John and Lillian Watt, Atlanta, GA
William Adkins, III, Tallahassee, FL
Thomas B. Looney, Winston-Salem, NC
Karl and Barbara Kortemeier, Marietta, GA
Carla B. Rood, Greenville, SC
Christine Lucas, Richmond, VA
Mary K. Ward, Richmond, VA
Warren M. Riley, Miami, FL
Esther and Jorgen Jensen, Atlanta, GA
Don A. Hamilton, Marietta, GA
Mary Ellen Anderson, Nashville, TN
Theodora B. Reeve, Black Mountain, NC
Janet Judge, Largo, FL
Justin Giacoletti, St. Petersburg, FL
Betty L. Talley, Blacksburg, VA
Richard and Dorothy Wertzler, Highlands, NC
Alan and Judith Wilcox, Atlanta, GA (2nd LM)
Neil Lauter, Euclid, OH

NEW PATRONS

New Patrons since the last newsletter include:

Elizabeth M. McMaster, Atlanta, GA
Alice R. McKinney, Athens, GA
Lewis Walker, Richmond, VA
Larry Landrum, Blacksburg, VA
Claire Keane, Clarkston, GA
Carolyn Pratt, Oakwood, GA

BOARD TAKES A FORWARD LOOK

The Board is updating the Long Range Plan to see how THE MOUNTAIN can better serve its constituency. Debt retirement, programming, fund raising and facilities will be evaluated--and the results will be exciting. The goal setting will be reported in the newsletter after the January meeting.

SUMMERFEST FOR SINGLES

May 27-June 2 we're adding a new program for SINGLE ADULTS ONLY to our summer schedule. It will be a week of enjoying the beautiful surroundings of THE MOUNTAIN and a week to get acquainted with other UU singles from across the continent.

THANKS, ROGER COMSTOCK

Roger Comstock stepped down as President at the recent annual meeting, after a five year term in office. Roger still has another **year** as a member of the Board. His contributions to the successful beginnings of THE MOUNTAIN are immense. We hope Roger has some sense of our appreciation for his leadership.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS...AND MORE

At its Fifth Annual Meeting, Highlands Camp and Conference Center elected Juanita Polk of Asheville, NC to a 3-year term on the Board and Bob Winchester of Largo, FL to the Nominating Committee. Walt Hodges also begins a 3-year term as a representative of the Mid-South District. Congratulations!

The Board has elected the following new officers: Jake Haun, President, and Walt Pirie, Vice President. Harry and Leslie Donavon as Treasurers and Larry and Mo Wheeler as Directors have been appointed for another year.

Many thanks to outgoing Board Members Mary Ann Ely and Sue Male. Your contributions have been significant.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I'm deeply honored and humbly grateful to be given the presidency of THE MOUNTAIN Board. It's an exciting period when we'll take stock of our successes, our reputation and our master plan for serving Unitarian Universalism. I'm gratified that the Board of Trustees is committed to this and I'm thrilled and challenged to do my part.

I want ideas, suggestions, cooperation and financial support from each of you for making THE MOUNTAIN the denomination's leading outreach ministry in the next decade.

Jake

NEW DAILY RATES FOR JAN.- MAY

ROOM -	Double Occupancy	$18 per person per night
	Other heated space	$15 per person per night
	Unheated space	$11 per person per night

Above rates are for ages 18 and over, persons 13-17 are 50% of the adult rates; ages 12 and under are free. (Life Members receive a 50% discount on room rates.)

BOARD -	Ages 13 and over	$13.50 per day
	Ages 8-12	$10.50 per day
	Ages 5-7	$7.50 per day
	Ages 4 and under	Free

REGISTRATION - $2 per adult per weekend, when programming is planned.

FROM KATE'S CORNER

The following is a quote from Kate Rohde, minister of the Augusta church, published in their newsletter. Thanks, Kate!

"I had been to THE MOUNTAIN many times before, but I had never had the opportunity to see their camp program at first hand. The range of sportive activities seemed excellent....But what was impressive and unusual, I felt, was the emphasis and interest in the kids' personal development and well being. Staff seemed to take a great deal of interest in how kids were adjusting to the camp experience and appeared to be as concerned about their emotional growth and interpersonal skills as with physical skills....I was also impressed with the kids themselves. The ones I had interaction with seemed to me unusually bright, kind, and sensitive. They were struggling with a great many of the difficult problems that our kids are faced with --all the normal problems of adolescence AND the unusual problems of being a UU child in a Baptist culture. The third thing I felt was important is that the camp helped them with the latter issue. Being with other kids in a similar situation helped them affirm themselves....This camp is the kind of thing UUs have been saying they want for their teenagers: a place with the kind of structure and rules that teenagers need, which at the same time considers and affirms them as whole persons and teaches and promotes UU values. I wish there had been something like it where I grew up."

A GIFT TO SAVOR

Give a MOUNTAIN Recipe Book this Christmas and let your friends enjoy Spinach Artichoke Casserole, MOUNTAIN granola, Blueberry Cake and more! Or, better yet, give YOURSELF the recipe book and make your friend some granola! Send $5.75 to THE MOUNTAIN for each book--$11.50 for you AND your friend!

A GIFT OF JOY

Why not give your children or teenagers a gift they'll treasure for the rest of their lives--two weeks at camp at THE MOUNTAIN? The cost for two weeks in 1985 will be $407. We'll be glad to send you a personalized certificate to wrap and put under your tree.

ELDERHOSTEL PROGRAMS

Look at all the interesting programs available this year...Topics include Folk Dancing, Appalachian Folklore and Music, Nature Along the Blue Ridge Divide Microcomputers, William Bartram's America, and many more. For only $190-195 you can spend a week on THE MOUNTAIN with some of the greatest folks (over 60) around. To register or be added to Elderhostel's mailing list, write them at 100 Boylston St., Suite 200, Boston, MA 02116. Or write THE MOUNTAIN for more details about programs and dates.

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