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DROP ON IN THIS SUMMER



Did you know that we usually have space during the summer weeks for you to drop in for your own mini-vacation. You don't have to participate in a program - just come on up.

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Exciting Emerson Program Planned For July 17-23

John McAleer and Harold Farwell Head Transcendentalism Week on The Mountain

The mountain is presenting a unique program this summer - following in the footsteps of Ralph Waldo Emerson and the foundation of Transcendentalism.

Summer Program Director Lee Knight had the following to say about this week:

"I would like to share with you my excitement about our summer program called "Transcendentalism on The Mountain". I believe this will be both an enjoyable and enriching experience. We are fortunate in having been able to bring John McAleer to The Mountain. Dr. McAleer's biography of Ralph Waldo Emerson is a very readable, enjoyable and informative account of Emerson's life. The book has been well received by scholars, devotees and just plain folks who deal with Emerson, Transcendentalism and that fascinating period in New England.

You may be interested to know that Dr. McAleer was also a friend and then a biographer of the late Rex Stout, creator of that marvelous detective, Nero Wolfe. Stout was a fascinating character in his own right and I found Dr. McAleer's biography of him most enjoyable.

I feel very strongly that we have a unique opportunity to have a person of John McAleer's stature here at The Mountain and I believe that this will be an exciting week.

As always, we will be hiking and rafting, singing and dancing and rocking on the porch and providing childcare during program times.

It will be a stimulating and enjoyable week and I hope you will make plans to attend.

The program week will also feature Dr. Harold Farwell of Western Carolina University who will speak on Transcendentalism and its relationship to American literature.



July 10-16

RE Week Features Gene Navias

This year The Mountain is offering a special opportunity for RE Directors and teachers to spend a week with Gene Navias, Director of the UUA's Department of Religious Education, and John Shippee from the Center of Faith Development, the Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

We will be focusing on faith development and social responsibility with workshops in "Themes of Faith Development and the Responsible Self" with John Shippee and "UU Religious Education for Self and World" with Gene Navias.

Families are welcome to attend this week and childcare will be provided. There will also be time for playing outdoors, singing and dancing at night and enjoying the great Mountain weather.

DON'T MISS THIS WEEK.

Special Program For Single Parents Planned For June

A special week for single parents will be held June 26 - July 2. Kids will enjoy our Mountain childcare program while parents work with experts on balancing social needs, career and child rearing.

There will be time for outdoor fun and a whitewater raft trip during the week.

Join other UU single parents for this interesting and fun week on our Mountain.

John McAleer

Already established as an Emerson authority through his many lectures, John McAleer is professor of English at Boston College. He is the author of eleven books, including *Theodore Dreiser: A Biography; Unit Pride*, a novel of the Korean War; and *Rex Stout: A Biography*, winner of the Edgar Allan Poe Award.

August 21-26

A Week Reserved For Your Own Creative Leasure On The Mountain

Join us the week of August 21-26 for a week or just part of a week of leasurly vacation on The Mountain.

This is an ideal time to escape the summer heat and design your own vacation. We will be offering easy-going activities or you can just sit on the porch of your cabin and enjoy your own private vacation.

Come for a day or 6 days - create your own week.



THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

by Dr. Gary Blaine

The Mountain - A La Carte

I have two friends who are worried about their teenager's failing eyesight. Their daughter can't find anything to wear in a closet full of clothes. Their son can't find anything good to eat in a refrigerator full of food.

Well, everybody has different tastes and different needs. When we plan our programs for The Mountain we do our best to give a balance to our annual programming. We offer adventure programs and programs of a theological and philosophical bent. We offer youth camps and Elderhostel. We have ski weekends and leadership training.

But maybe our closet full of programs does not meet your needs. Maybe it does not fit your budget requirements. Maybe it is too full. Maybe you would just like to come to The Mountain and wear out a rocking chair or listen to the leaves change color.

Please know that you are welcome to do just that!

I want to encourage you to think of The Mountain as your summer vacation spot or your weekend getaway. We are prorating expenses for our various programs and activities. This gives you the freedom to pick and choose which Mountain events you want to participate in. We have worked hard to keep these prices close to our actual costs.

You may want to do nothing more than pay for room, board, and a small registration fee. Of course we will need a reservation, and guests who register for the full program are given priority. But there are plenty of weeks when we do have vacancies.

A woman told me the other day that she has a marvelous meat loaf recipe. "All I do is mention it to my husband, and he says, 'Let's eat out.' " I hope that by offering you more options for coming to The Mountain we will have more opportunity to see you here.

Gary

Add A Little Magic To Your Life

Copies of The Mountain's new video, Mountain Magic, are available for loan to churches, fellowships and societies.

The 12 minute video capsules The Mountain's programming and growth opportunities. Contact The Mountain office to reserve a copy.

We are also interested in visiting your area to talk more about our Mountain. If you are interested in a church service or presentation, give us a call.



LOBSTERS, LOBSTERS EVERYWHERE

That's what Bob Churchill and Kay Stepler, Lobster Bash Cooks, had to say. The Gwinnett Congregation from Atlanta once again did a great job feeding close to 100 guests lobsters and steak at our annual Spring Lobster Bash. Next year it's going to be a SEAFOOD BASH.

Watch for details.

Marriage Enrichment - Growing Closer

Dr. E. Michael Lillibridge will return to The Mountain on October 14-16 to offer his extremely popular MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT course. First offered at The Mountain in February 1985, this course met with outstanding success.

The MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT - GROWING CLOSER program is a 16 hour training program to assist couples in enriching their marriage. This unique course offers couples a 5-stage systematic method for understanding and enhancing their relationship. The five stages couples need to progress successfully through are: Self Reliance, Romantic Love, The Power Trap, Emotional Intimacy, and Mature Love.

Included in the $275.00 per couple fee for the weekend is the cost of a complete set of Mike's self-instruction tapes.

Dr. Lillibridge is a Psychologist and Marriage and Family Counselor with 15 years of clinical experience. For the last 3 years, he has presented this program at state and national Marriage Encounter Conferences throughout the country. The program has been utilized with married couples, divorced people and students. This year 100 home economics teachers from around the state of Florida will be trained to teach a modified version of this program to high school students.

REGISTER NOW - We expect a large registraion for this weekend. Register now with your $20 per adult deposit in insure space.

Mountain Shuttle Service

The Mountain is proud to announce that this year we will again be offering our door to door shuttle service from the Atlanta Hartsfield Airport during the summer months. We want you to enjoy your week at the Mountain and if a long drive is not your cup of tea, we have the solution for you. Just schedule your arrival for your program week by 1:00 PM on Sunday and your departure on Saturday afternoon no earlier than 1:00 PM and let us "do the driving." Round trip cost is $30/person. We ask that all schedules be provided to us as soon as possible to that we can be prepared to serve you.

Help Wanted Food Service Director

The Mountain has an immediate full-time permanent opening for a Food Service Director. This position requires experience in supervision, budget and cost control, menu planning and execution. We offer salary plus on-site living accommodations, medical insurance and a liberal vacation policy.

Join our dedicated team of professionals as we plan together for The Mountain's future growth. For further information, contact the Director.

MOUNTAIN WATCH

A Naturalist's Notebook

Reading The Landscape

As we continue to build our knowledge of Little Scaly Mountain, we have developed an interesting nature walk that includes practice in "reading the landscape".

Offered on Sunday mornings, this nature walk begins with stories of mountain formations 550,000,000 years ago. At the entrance to our new Lower Nature Trail we can see evidence of the homestead that we believe existed in the middle 1800's. One area of the nature trail winds through what is believed to be the former cow pasture where hardwoods have reseeded. At the mid-point we reach a maple tree that was used as an Indian marker tree about 150 years ago. The bent limb points toward the little stream that now forms our lake. Crossing the old road, we reach the area of the nature trail that formed the corn field of the homestead. This area has reseeded into white pine and hemlock, characteristic of a forest that has reclaimed formerly plowed fields.

We hope you can join us for this nature walk and spend some time really looking at the plants and trees of our little corner of Western North Carolina. We will be offering this trip during the summer for our family week programming also.

Lady Slippers Are Back

One final note, the pink lady slippers returned to The Moutnain this year, growing right off the deck of the lodge. We are excited to have this beautiful wildflower back with us - and in a place where it can be safely viewed. We hope you had a chance to see it.

Anne Heath

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Calendar

Photographers Take Note

The Mountain is pleased to once again be the site of photography workshops conducted by Neil and Jeanne Chaput's Southeast Center for Arts. SCA has three workshops scheduled for August and September, including one that will be conducted over the course of an entire week.

Here is your opportunity to work with the professionals and improve your photographic techniques while having a great time on The Mountain. Pick one of the dates below and give Neil or Jeanne a call in Atlanta. They will be pleased to add you to their late summer workshops.

Photography Workshops
August 22 - 26
August 26 - 28
September 23 - 25

Conducted by: Southeast Center for The Arts
1935 Cliff Valley Way
Atlanta, GA 30329
(404) 633-1990

1988 Daily Rates

Daily rates apply to drop-in visits of any length, and also to weekend programs. These rates do not apply to Program Weeks or Youth Camps.

ROOM RATES:

CATEGORY I: Private and semi-private heated space.

CATEGORY II: Shared heated space.

CATEGORY III: Unheated space.

$18.00
Per Person
Per Night

$15.00
Per Person
Per Night

$11.00
Per Person
Per Night

Above rates are for age 18 and up. Ages 13-17 pay 50% of the adult rate, and ages 12 and under are free. Life Members receive a 50% discount on room rates when attending THE MOUNTAIN on a drop-in or weekend basis. The Life Member discount does not apply to Program Weeks or Youth Camps.

BOARD:

	DAILY
Ages 13 & over	$16.00
Ages 8 to 12	12.50
Ages 5 to 7	9.50
Ages 4 & under	FREE

Group rates are figured on an individual basis, and quoted during the group reservations process. Contact the Director.

CU2C2: Drop-in and weekend visits will have 50 cents per adult per visit added which is used to support the activities of the Council of UU Camps and Conferences, and to make a contribution to the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Summertime

Programs For Families

June 12-18
The Single UU - Singleness, Spirituality, and Wholeness

June 19-25
Nantahala Week - Outdoor Fun in the Nantahala National Forest

June 26-July 2
Single Parents

July 2-9
Dare to Explore - Intensive Outdoor Activity

July 3-9
Rock Hounds and Dawg Days - Rockhounding Around Western North Carolina with an Expert Guide

July 10-16
Mountain Symposium on Religious Education - Gene Navias, UUA, and John Shippee, Emory University

July 17-23
Transcendentalism on The Mountain - See the article on page 1

July 24-30
Humor in Religion - Theology Through Biography

July 31-August 6
Adventure for All Ages I

August 7-13
Adventure for All Ages II

August 13-20
1988 Leadership School

August 14-20
Dare to Explore II

August 21-26
Creative Leisure on The Mountain - A Great Week to Drop In

Youth Camps For Ages 6 to 18

June 12-18
6 to 8 Camp

June 19-July 2
Senior High Camp

July 3-16
Junior High Camp

July 3-16
Work Adventure Camp

July 17-30
Ages 11 to 14 Camp

August 1-13
Ages 7 to 11 Camp

Fall On The Mountain

September 2-5
Labor Day - A special weekend featuring Windfall - a UU folk singing group from Virginia, pig roast, and outdoor adventures.

September 23-25
UUCA/Atlanta Family Retreat
SE Center for the Arts - Photography Workshop

September 30-October 2
Mens Retreat - Understanding Ourselves - A Retreat for and About Men with Dr. Bill Sutton.

October 7-9
Oktoberfest - Our best fall weekend and always full - Register early.

October 14-16
Marriage Enrichment Program with **Dr. Mike Lillibridge.** First presented at The Mountain in February 1988, this program has met with outstanding success. Reservations being accepted now.

October 21-23
Senior High Weekend on The Mountain. Bring your friends and your hiking shoes. A great chance to enjoy old and new friends - Mountaincamp revisited.

October 30 - November 5
UU Week On The Mountain with John Burciaga, Minister of the Clearwater, FL Unitarian Universalist Church and Bill Hammond, Minister Emeritus of the Asheville, NC Church.

Registration Form

Name _____ Address _____

_____ _____ zip ____

Youth _____ age__ sex__ _____

_____ age__ sex__ Phone (___) _____

_____ age__ sex__

Anticipated Arrival Date: _____ First Meal: _____

Anticipated Departure Date: _____ Last Meal: _____

Rooming Request: (give 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices)

Category I ___	Category II ___	Category III ___
winterized	winterized	unwinterized
semi-private	shared	semi-private/shared
$18/adult/night	$15/adult/night	$11/adult/night

Roommate Preference(s): _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Vegetarian (Y,N): ___ Chicken/Turkey (Y,N): ___ Fish (Y,N): ___

Other Needs (include physical): _____

FOOD COST/Day/Age: $16/13 +, $12.50/8-12, $9.50/5-7, $5/0-4

Your TOTAL COST is based on Room + Board + Program Fee if applicable.

DEPOSIT REQUIRED:
$20/adult on weekend or drop-in visits
$75/adult on weeklong visits

___ Please enroll me as an ANNUAL MEMBER in The Mountain at a Cost of $35.00 per year.

_____ Please send me information on becoming a LIFE MEMBER of The Mountain.

Method of payment:

☐ Payment enclosed $ _____ ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa

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CREDIT CARD #

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MONTH / YEAR OF EXPIRATION

REMINDER: HAVE YOU INCLUDED THE EXPIRATION DATE?

SIGNATURE

Mountain Planning Process Moving Forward

At its January meeting the Mountain's Board decided to move to a process of using committees to broaden involvement of Mountain members and to speed the processes of decision making. The first step in this direction was an April 30, 1988 meeting of the newly constituted Planning Committee chaired by Board member, Larry Landrum.

Some time ago the Board had established a process for review of implementation of the approved 2001 Plan. The process, when represented by a flow chart looks something like this:

2001 Plan (provides overall direction)
↑
Planning Committee
(coordinates business plan with capital and facilities plans)
↑
Implementation Committee
(does detailed planning for and followup on approved plans)

Finance Committee
(review financial impact of the plans)
↑
Impact Committee
(throughout the process reviews plans for impact on the environment, aesthetics etc.)
↑
Board of Trustees
(final approval of plans to implement 2001 Plan
↑
Mountain Members
(approval of plans beyond the scope of 2001)

Mountain Share

The Planning Committee took its charge to heart and laid out plans to move forward with Mountainshare. This will involve the Implementation Committee's working with the staff to prepare final approaches to floorplan, location, pricing, marketing and many other issues. These plans will be coordinated with both the Finance Committee and the Impact Committee and presented to the fall Board meeting for final approval. If all goes according to plan, the campaign to implement **Mountainshare** will begin in the winter of this year.

The Impact Committee will, of course, face the difficult challenges involved in balancing the need to grow with the need to preserve. We are certain, however, by involving these very concerned individuals (and by listening well to all our members) early in the planning process that we will be able to come to good solutions.

Once these solutions are identified, we hope to begin construction in the spring of 1989. This will allow us to put the units into service during the always busy fall season of 1989.

Many concerns need to be worked out at this point. We are working on plans, for example, that will alleviate a pressing problem of insufficient meeting space for groups. Staff housing is a continuing problem. The sewage system upgrade is still a must. But, in reviewing all the needs and options, it appears that moving forward with Mountainshare is the logical step now.

As soon as Mountainshare is on its way to being a reality, we plan to move forward with the first step of the new Mountain Camp. After a very enlightening discussion with our camp design experts (Gary Blaine and Pam Phelps) it was determined that our first construction should be a Multipurpose Building. This structure would serve as kitchen, office, nurse's office, recreation hall and dining hall. This is a big building and it will enhance our already excellent program especially during bad weather. The rough estimate of its cost is $100,000 to $150,000, **a large sum, but a great investment in our children.**

The Planning Committee hopes that this campaign will be taking place in the winter of 1989 with construction in the spring of 1990. Our plans (pretty rough at this time), seem to show that this will help the Mountaintop kitchen and meeting space situations, also.

These are major moves. Mountainshare should raise almost $500,000 if it is well received. We will be investing almost $200,000 in the sewage system. We will be investing over $100,000 in our youth. We believe all this shows that the Mountain is moving into its second phase - expanding its ability to serve by enhancing our facilities. Just like the original purchase of The Mountain, these are plans put out by people of vision. We hope you will join in the planning and continued building of the dream we call The Mountain.

Look for more information soon on how you can be a part of this exciting new plan.

Join Our Growth
Buy A Mountain Bond

Development Department News

by Dean Zuch

Let me first say that I am delighted to be at The Mountain! I welcome the challenges that lie ahead to increase the financial base necessary to carry out the ambitious plans set forth in the 2001 Plan.

Of course, we need your help. Not only your continued financial support, but also your assessment of others who might participate in the growth of The Mountain. My years experience in public radio development work has shown me that the better the product, the more willing the giving. The Mountain is already a worthy product and getting better. That improved quality in programming and facilities will attract others. Your invitation to your friends to join you at The Mountain will help us all.

Some of you have recently been called by Jake Haun and me concerning the purchase of MOUNTAIN BONDS. These bonds are an excellent vehicle for investment.



MOUNTAIN BONDS act as working capital to supplement operating income and provide funds for unexpected purchases and working capital for part of the 2001 Plan before a full capital campaign can be launched. The transportation fleet for The Mountain and the needed wastewater treatment system are two examples.

We recently found that the leases for vans to transport guests had risen greatly. So much, in fact, that the outright purchase of a Suburban wagon and two large vans was more desireable. This was clearly an unbudgeted expense. However, with enough interest in such an investment by supporters of The Mountain through the purchase of MOUNTAIN BONDS, a new and more realiable fleet of vans will become a reality.

In the same manner, the long discussed wastewater treatment system will need funding. The exact amount is not yet determined because State officials have yet to approve where and what kind of treatment system The Mountain can install. What is certain is that financing will be needed. Clearly, one choice is borrowing from financial institutions at 10-12% or more. MOUNTAIN BONDS purchased by supporters of The Mountain could substantially reduce the amount needed from outside sources.

WHAT ARE MOUNTAIN BONDS?
They are bonds issued by The Mountain in $5,000 denominations for a term of 5 years at 8% interest. While the interest returned to investors is not tax deductible, the yield is competitive. Investors can choose to receive interest payments quarterly or allow the interest to accrue to bond maturity. The latter option will result in slightly higher interest yield. In the case of a personal emergency the bondholder can request immediate repayment of the bond.

If you are in the position to be able to invest in MOUNTAIN BONDS, fill out the coupon below or call me at (704) 526-4505 to discuss them further.

The Mountain is a wonderful place for us all. Investment in MOUNTAIN BONDS will improve the service and the quality for years to come. It is the kind of investment where you can do well by doing good.

Dean F. Zuch
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Please send additional information on MOUNTAIN BONDS.

I want to purchase one or more MOUNTAIN BONDS. I have enclosed my check for $_____
My social security number is _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____