

Unicoi Website Sporting a New Look

If you own a computer and go on line, you have probably visited Unicoi Springs website at www.unicoisprings.com.

If you are familiar with it, you know that you can communicate with the office in regard to your reservations.

Remember, when you complete the "on-line reservation" form and send it to us, it is a REQUEST for a reservation with preferred sites. The email is checked daily. You will receive a reply with either a confirmation

number and the details of your reservation or suggestions of comparable sites that are available.

Our website has undergone some changes we hope you will enjoy. The first major change was adding the color coded site map which now shows sizes.

Tina Van Alstine painstakingly hand lettered the information and colored six original copies for use in the office and on the website. To assist you in making reservations, the Reservation Calendar has been included on the site.

New photography shows off the renovations and landscaping. You will see a continuing slide show on some of the pages, so don't "click" by too quickly.

Current and past newsletters can now be accessed in addition to the Current Activity Schedules. Still to come is a Guest Book and a products section where you can order shirts, mugs, aprons, hats and other Unicoi Springs items on-line. The items will be shipped directly to your home.

Chapel Message

"The Lord is really blessing us in our Chapel Services and monthly singings with great attendances and preaching. We appreciate the dedication of the Chapel Committee and also that of all the volunteers (preachers, singers, musicians and workers) both in the Chapel and on the grounds.

We would also like to say thank you to all those who participate in the Porch Singings. This has been a great addition to this Resort and

to the glory of our Lord.

The names of each committee member is posted on the Chapel Board in the Clubhouse. Feel free to contact any of these and any of the ministers who are members of our Resort if we can be of service to anyone.

We have a Memorial Board in the Chapel for all Unicoi Springs Camp Resort members who pass away. Please let the office staff or any Chapel committee member

know the birth date and date of death of any member as soon as possible. Franklin Gene West is the only name we have, so far, this year.

We extend a special invitation to anyone who is camping at Unicoi Springs Camp Resort to attend our non-denominational Sunday services each week at 10:00 am."

Sincerely Yours,
Lee Roy Brantley

In Memoriam

Since our last newsletter, we have learned of the passing of more of our Unicoi Springs family. Also, you have been helping by giving us the names of those we did not list in March. We ask that you continue to help us in this endeavor to remember those we have lost so that we can pay proper respect and send our sincere condolences to their families and friends.

James Brooks
Franklin G. West
Ruth M. Turner
Margaret Dickens
Maurice Bryant
J. A. Winstead

"Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamonds glint on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn's rain. When you waken in the morning's hush. I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circle flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand by my grave and cry. I am not there, I did not die."

Anonymous



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CPR CERTIFIED

The entire staff has recently received training and certification in CPR through the American Heart Association and Lanier Technical College.

Annual Meeting Date Set

The 2004 Annual Meeting of the Unicoi Owners Association has been scheduled for September 18, 2004 at 1 o'clock P.M. in the clubhouse. At this meeting, you will elect two (2) directors for 3 year terms and receive reports from the officers on the operation of the Resort for the past year. Current directors, Mike Arrington and Ray Miller are seeking re-election to the Board and are being opposed

by Thomas Jagielo and Beverly Singleton, who are also vying for the two Board positions. Included in this mailing, you will find the official notice of the meeting along with the ballot for voting on the directors as well as the applications of the candidates. Every owner has one vote for each ownership owned, and it is very important that you

study the applications and make your choice as to whom you would like to lead the Owners Association for the next three years.

The important thing is that you mark your ballot according to the instructions and return it in the envelope provided. Whoever your choice may be..

PLEASE VOTE!

Meet the Candidates

On August 21, 2004 at 11:00 a.m in the Clubhouse, you will be given the opportunity to hear why each candidate de-

to be elected to the Board, and you will be allowed to question the candidates. This meeting is strictly for the purpose of meeting the candidates and no business will be transacted. We urge you to attend!

New Office Hours

This has been one of the busiest years, ever, for our office staff. The substantial increase in reservations has made it necessary for them to have some uninterrupted time before reservations begin at 9:00 to prepare for the day's business. The Board considered several options and felt that allowing the staff to have an hour before taking reservations would be the least disruptive way to handle this situation. As soon as the numbers can be obtained, a "Take A Number"

system will be implemented. A box of numbers will be placed outside the front entrance at 8:00 a.m. each day. Any owner wishing to make a reservation at 9:00 a.m. could come by anytime after 8:00 and pick up a number and then go in to the Clubhouse or back to their camper, and return a few minutes before 9:00. Reservations will begin promptly at 9:00 and will be taken "by the number". We felt this would be of considerable convenience as owners would

not have to stand around in the office from 8:00 until 9:00 to get their desired site. This procedure would have no effect on the phone reservations as we would have one person taking phone reservations and one taking reservations in the office, as in the past. Both office doors will be opened at 9:00 simultaneously. So, before being critical of the plan, let's give it a try.

Summer Activities Directors

Once again, additional personnel have been employed to prepare special activities and programs for the children of owners and guests.

Carol Farnsworth, assisted by her husband, Dan comprises one-half of our Children's Activities department. Carol and Dan live in Abbeyville, Georgia and have spent the past year camping in Maine, Pennsylvania and Canada.

Her programs have been filled with games, crafts and sing alongs utilizing her creative talents which include playing the piano and even cake decorating.

Maria Berry, a resident of Clarkesville, who is working on her Masters Degree in Early Child Education (K-5) complements this summer program for our youngest campers.

Maria's programs also feature unique craft projects and games, many with a nature theme.. Her father is employed by the Georgia Department of Forestry and she plans to include some activities focusing on our natural surroundings.

Both Carol and Maria welcome volunteers to help with any of the activities as well as suggestions for future projects.

.Georgia Mountain Resort Ministries has graciously provided both Vacation Bible School and Family Night variety shows again this year.

Thanks to those of you who have already donated your time and efforts toward making Unicoi even more fun for the children!

If you did not make it for the July 4th Parade, organized by Barbara Thayer, you missed a special treat of decorated golf carts, mortorcycles, bikes brought up in the rear by patriotic walkers and their pets. Check the website for weekly activities before you arrive.

Gentle Reminders

- Some of our owners do not realize that reservations can be made seven days a week from 9 am until 4 pm. The only variance is during the major holidays, you can make them from 9 to noon.

- Especially, during the busy summer months, please do not leave your laundry unattended as other people are waiting to use the washers and dryers.

- If you need additional parking for your car or truck, be sure to check with the office or Security to get a 24-hour pass. This opportunity is available at all times except major holidays.

- Parents and grandparents, please protect those precious children by making sure they are following the rule about wearing helmets while on their bikes and scooters.

- If you are keeping your camper in long-term storage and need to temporarily take it home, be sure to sign it out in the Green Book at the front office. When you bring it back, make note of that on your original entry. Also, if you require a full hook up and have a handicap permit on file, please remind us when you are making your reservations.

- For everyone's safety, smoking, eating and drinking is prohibited in or around the pools.

- Having your "U" number and confirmation number handy when you call for a reservation or a change will speed up the process.

- If you notice something that needs attention or repair, please notify the Office so immediate action or a work order can be prepared.

- All golf carts, trailers and tow dollies are required to display "U" numbers.

- Pat Carver would like to remind you that there is a set of photo albums in the Clubhouse dating back to 1994. She has been diligently adding new owner's pictures to these albums. Only a small percentage of our current owners' pictures are in the albums. If yours are not in the book, please look her up or watch for notice of the next scheduled picture taking session. There is no charge for this.

- Effective July 1st, campsite check-out time is now 1:00 pm on *Sundays only*. Rentals check-out is still 12:00 noon.

One final and very important "gentle reminder"....

Enjoy your family, friends and the rest of summer!

Stop and smell the roses...

...the pansies, the day lilies, the freshly mown grass and the aroma of tonight's potluck dinner wafting through the air from the Activities Building.

Unicoi Springs is a virtual feast for the senses right now. Aileen Connor, our board member in charge of Grounds has planned and spearheaded a landscaping effort turning our resort into one huge photo opportunity. Aileen, assisted by a dedicated group of owners and the Maintenance crew has added beautiful flowers and shrubs to many areas of the park.

The "seed" planted by Ms. Con-

effort by the staff to maintain and add to the lush and fragrant grounds.

Dudley Davis single handedly took on the task of adding landscaping to the cabins accenting the flowers and bushes with rocks and railroad ties. It is not unusual to see him carrying in cuttings and plants from home to add to the splendor.

Rose, Elaine and Ruth of the Housekeeping Staff water the newly added potted plants to the front office entrance and the clubhouse porch.

Vickie Smith created a lovely and peaceful garden near the lake in honor of her husband last year.

A comfortable swing invites you to stop and enjoy the lake, the flowers and the quiet.

Now, for those other wonderful aromas...The kitchen in the Activity Building has been going non-stop since we opened in the Spring. For several years, Ethel Foster, Ruby Killebrew, Sheria Mooney, Betty Curry, Marion Reeves, Bonnie Partain, Forrest and Kathy Rice and a fine group of volunteers have made it their mission to prepare at least one home cooked meal for the owners each week. Be sure to pick up an activity sheet when you check in so you can reserve your share of those scrumptious meals!

Hidden Talents??

Have you been "hiding your light under a bushel?" Rumor and fact both have it that our diverse and wonderful group of owners include some gifted and talented teachers, artists, entertainers and craftsmen.

If you would be interested in giving a workshop to teach others, singing somewhere other than the shower or perhaps pulling a rabbit out of a hat, Mike Arrington and his Activities Committee would love to hear from you.

If you would like to share your creative ideas and talents with others, this is a great way to gain some exposure and make some new friends too!

Sneak Preview

.As we continue to look for ways to beautify our park, what is the first thing that you see when turning into our driveway? Our old sign. It looks bad and needs a facelift.

In an effort to preserve the stately original sign and integrity of the artwork which was done by Pat Carver several years ago, we have a special person who has almost completed the painting of the murals and an owner has

graciously agreed to pressure wash the boards.

This may take a while, but after this is done and the lettering repainted, the murals will be installed. You will be pleasantly surprised.

Did you find your \$100 bill?