

Activities...Past, Present and Future

Doug Shaver has taken over the helm of the Activities Committee for the 2008 season and looks forward to many of the traditional events, with a few new twists, in addition to several new ideas. Doug feels that Unicoi Springs has always been known as a family resort and his goal is to continue this theme throughout the season with activities which will give all family members memories to cherish. The recent Halloween celebration was the first holiday on his watch and was a roaring success for everyone who camped that weekend. What a wonderful weekend filled with food, games, prizes and fun for children and adults, alike! The day began with more than 100 children meeting in the

Clubhouse to play games, decorate cookies, eat cookies, fish for prizes, have their faces painted and make crafts under the guidance of a large group (nearly 60!) of dedicated volunteers. A hayride around the lake with a free ice cream treat and a turn in the Moon Walk "jumpy thing" whiled away the afternoon in anticipation of the annual Trick or Treat parade all through the Park where many of the rv's were transformed into Halloween wonders awaiting the costumed visitors. The day ended with a huge dance in the Clubhouse where prizes were awarded for best costumes and camper decoration. The weather was beautiful ...right on cue. You had to be there!!! Hopefully, you were...and if not, plan

for it next year.

Just a few of the extra events planned for next year are a Chili Cook-off, Free Coffee and Donuts on the Porch, Monthly Country Breakfasts (alternating weekends), Potluck Dinners, Singing Around the Campfire, Ice Cream Socials, Indoor and Outdoor Movies and lots of tournaments. These will round out the traditional plans as well as some special things to celebrate Unicoi's 25th Anniversary which will be celebrated in 2008. Watch the website for more details. If you have any hidden talents, great ideas or just some time to spare and share, please contact Doug - there is more than enough fun to go around!

2008 CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

March 22:	EASTER EGG HUNT and games for children.
May 18:	UNICOI CHAPEL HOMECOMING DINNER After chapel services. (Ham, Turkey, Tea, Lemonade and utensils provided.) Bring two side dishes to share.
May 24:	MEMORIAL DAY DANCE with entertainment.
June 7::	COOKOUT: Resort provides meat. Bring two dishes to share. SUMMER CRAFT FAIR in Clubhouse. (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) Large Tables - \$5.00 Small Tables - \$3.00 SUMMER YARD SALE at campers (9:00 am. - 2:00 p.m.)
July 5:	INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION. Camper Decoration Contest, Children's Parade, Evening dance. COOKOUT: Resort provides meat. Bring two dishes to share.
August 30:	LABOR DAY DANCE with entertainment. COOKOUT: Resort provides meat. Bring two dishes to share
September 20:	ANNUAL OWNERS' MEETING and 25th Anniversary Celebration Weekend
October 11:	FALL CRAFT FAIR in Clubhouse. (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) Large Tables - \$5.00 Small Tables - \$3.00 FALL YARD SALE at campers. (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
October 25:	HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION: Morning Children's Activities. Evening "Treat or Treating", Costume Contest, dance and entertainment. (Bring a snack to share at the dance.) COOKOUT: Resort to provide meat. Bring two dishes to share.
November 8:	THANKSGIVING DINNER. Ham, Turkey, Dressing, Tea, Lemonade and utensils provided. (Bring 2 side dishes to share.)

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Annual Meeting and Election Results

The 2007 Annual Meeting of the Unicoi Springs Owners' Association was held on September 22nd in the Clubhouse. Existing board members each gave an annual report covering their areas of responsibility. Election results were announced. Two vacancies, due to the resignation of Mike Arrington and the expiration of Ray Miller's term were filled by Doug Shaver and Wesley

Copelan. The new Board of Directors are as follows: Aileen Connor - President; Doug Waters, Vice-President; Secretary, Wesley Copelan; Treasurer, Beth Griner. Committee heads are Doug Shaver - Activities; Buildings, Ron Brett; Finance - Beth Griner; Grounds - Doug Waters; Owner Relations - Wesley Copelan; Rules and Regulations - Lee Roy Brantley.

Those attending the meeting had the opportunity to win any of several door prizes and special recognition was given to the many volunteers who have given of their time and talents.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the employees for their hard work and dedication. More than 7,400 original reservations have been booked this season to date.

Unicoi's Financial Decisions

In their October meeting, the Board of Directors voted that the maintenance fees for 2008 will not be increased. For the third consecutive year, they will remain at \$325; however, you will not have the opportunity of a split payment plan. The entire amount of \$325 will be due on January 1, 2008 to avoid monthly interest charges. Invoices are included with this newsletter and must be paid before reservations for the new season can be made.

Permanent storage fees will also remain at their current price, which is \$300 per year or \$30 monthly. For the first time in two years, we no longer have a waiting list for permanent storage of campers. The addition of 100 extra storage spaces has alleviated this problem for many of our owners. The

cost of moving campers on and off sites also remains at a reasonable \$10 each time. Maintenance hooks to a camper and an additional \$10 for a full hook-up when a qualified request is made.

We now also have extra storage for golf carts. At the present time, this storage is without electric and not under cover for \$10.00 per month. Presently, our LP gas sells for \$2.09 a gallon. Effective March 10, 2008 we will sell the LP gas for \$2.59 a gallon. Rental rates have been increased to reflect the maintenance and upkeep costs of the 18 travel trailers and 3 cabins and to offset the recent purchase of 10 new units. The travel trailers will cost \$50 per night or \$60 per night if booked for a single weekend night only. The cabins will cost \$60 per night Sunday through Thursday; \$70 on

Friday and Saturday or \$90 per night for a single weekend night only. When you return for the 2008 season, there will be 8 Dutchman travel trailers 2 Jaycos and 8 brand new Springdales. All travel trailer rentals will have slide-outs and 6 will have bunk beds in addition to the normal sleeping accommodations. The Springdales will replace the Terry travel trailers. Watch the Spring newsletter for details on the sale of the older trailers. Bids will be taken from March 15 to April 15, 2008. The Resort remains financially strong as evidenced by our most recent positive audit report and we look forward to a solid season in 2008.

In Memoriam

To the family and friends of these owners, we send our condolences. Please help us recognize anyone whose name has been inadvertently omitted.

**Charles Toney
Birl Wiggins**
You will be missed..

Closing Date Set

The Resort will close for the winter break on January 2, 2008 and re-open for camping on March 10, 2008. Maintenance fees must be paid in full prior to arrival.

Gentle Reminders

- White County is in the midst of an outside watering ban. Washing of campers will not be allowed until further notice. We have just received notification of a required additional 10% decrease in water usage.
- Maintenance has installed water savers in the form of "on and off" buttons to the showerheads in each bathhouse, which will play a major part in conserving water. Detailed instructions for use will be posted in each bathhouse.
- Watch for red flags which mean that there is no outside burning in the fire rings.
- Please take care in not obscuring your site number with signs or decorations. In the event of emergencies, precious time is lost in determining the exact site locations.
- The Activity Building will no longer be

available for individual owner use during major holidays and holiday weekends so that planned activities involving all owners can be held there.

- The walking trails are specifically for foot traffic only – all vehicles are off limits on the trails.
- Please make sure that you have a current copy of the Rules and Regulations. They are always available in the Office.
- Our laundry has a change machine which will change \$1 and \$5 bills into quarters.
- If you know of someone interested in becoming an owner, request an information package for them, give them our website address and invite them to check us out. You could receive \$100 referral fee if they purchase. Check with the Office for details.
- The Office will no longer be ordering

supplies for owners from Stag. This service has become costly to the Resort in both credit card service charges and employee hours spent.

- We request that owners who stay an extended period of time arrange for their own post office box at the Helen post office for their daily mail. Occasional cards, etc. can be sent to the Resort, but owners staying the duration of the season should have their own postal boxes for daily mail.
- Open Board Meetings are held the third Friday of each month during the operating season in the Clubhouse at 1:00 p.m.
- Effective March, 2008, any golf cart entering the Resort must have proof of Certificate of Insurance on file in the Office.



Owner Spotlight



Unicoi Springs is the home away from home for many talented owners...doctors, lawyers, there is probably an Indian Chief in there somewhere and we have an abundance of artistic owners as well.

One, in particular, has left her mark on the Resort in many ways, the most permanent being our front entrance. She painstakingly recreated the small line drawing logo into a 4' x 5' pattern and turned it into a beautiful full color mural which has graced our distinctive front entrance for many years. If this is news to you, that's just typical of Pat Carver, an owner who is not one to talk about getting things done, but who just does it.

An owner since 1992, Pat and her husband, Raymond recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. She is an avid award-winning bowler who has

participated in the Women's Nationals for the past 35 years. Her love of painting is evident each year when she displays her imaginative and colorful painted wood items at the annual craft shows. Her natural talent and love of painting kicked in after just a couple of formal classes; after that, she was self-taught and developed her own signature look.

Pat spent a couple of years teaching kindergarten, developing another natural talent. She has been a major force in the Activities programs, especially for Unicoi's children. Her unique ideas for games and crafts and her untiring efforts in shopping for toys and treats are legendary. In order to make it all happen, she has a way of inspiring volunteers to make Easter and Halloween special for the young people have become another tradition here at the Resort.

Both Pat and Raymond have become the official owner photographers of the Resort and Pat's mission is to have a photo of every owner in the huge books kept out in the Clubhouse. Periodically, she takes on the monumental task of updating the books which can take many hours over several weeks.

Pat's love of Unicoi Springs is evident in the fact that her brother, two sisters and her son, John all have ownerships too. With twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, each with their grandmother's beautiful grey eyes, every stay is a family reunion! Her family gets an additional bonus when they make their reservations because if Pat is here before they arrive, she sets up their campers or rentals so they can just arrive and relax....and we did not hear that from her!

Unicoi To Celebrate Quarter Century in 2008

Unicoi Springs will celebrate its 25th birthday in 2008...and we are not going to take this lying down!! Next year is an exciting milestone for Unicoi Springs and every owner. You literally own "a piece of the rock", so let's celebrate! We are already planning monthly events, displays and opportunities to

make lots more memories. We need your help. Writers, how about submitting short stories about your experiences over the years. Photographers, do you have pictures to donate or lend to the cause? We are looking for some of the first brochures and ads if anyone has those in their archives.

We are going to make 2008 a year to remember. We'll shout it from the rooftops (maybe just the newspapers, TV and our website...). If you have any ideas for some great celebration events, please contact us. We want to beg, borrow or steal any memorabilia you are willing to share.

"Are We There Yet"?

That famous question is just synonymous with vacations. From our first trip as a "word forming" toddler, this is one of our first questions because we just want to "hurry up and get there".

That same desire, understandably, never changes and here, at Unicoi, the question becomes "How soon can I have my camper moved?". For those of you in permanent and sometimes temporary storage who are on the daily moving list, this concern colors your entire morning on the designated day as you try to plan your schedule for that day. As you know, during the peak season, moving day can be very hectic for everyone. Unless, you have an emergency or special situation, we request that you refrain from stopping the Maintenance moving crew with questions about your move and that you

address those issues with the Office prior to your move so they can be noted on that day's moving report.

By the time you see them pass your camper, they have already been on a reconnaissance mission where they have made extensive notes on their list as to which campers are ready to be returned to storage, which sites are open and available for the moves on their list and those who have requested Maintenance to do a full hook-up and break-down.

In an ideal world, everyone is packed and ready to go first thing in the morning, rather than taking their time to leave just in time for the noon or 1:00 p.m. check-out, as is their right. In an ideal situation, every owner makes sure that their camper is in top condition –

batteries charged, tires filled, jacks operational and brakes are working. It is your responsibility to make sure that your camper repairs are current so that precious moments are not wasted by Maintenance having to do "on the spot" repairs just so the camper can be moved. In the real world, any one of these things can stall the process, including the stops to answer questions. Please know that our Maintenance Staff has specific procedures in place to provide the most efficient manner of moving campers on and off site. To date, they have moved more than 3,400 campers this season. We ask for your understanding and patience in assisting them in this effort.

Area Four Improvements Underway

Major upgrades and renovations of several sites in Area Four (Sites 140-224) necessitated the early closing of this area on November 1, 2007. When you return in the Spring, you will have more 50-amp sites to choose from. Sites 167 through 184 and even-numbered Sites

212 through 222 will all receive upgraded electrical power service to 50 amps. Pads will be repaired, lengthened and/or widened where applicable. Frost-free faucets, new TV cables, site lights and posts will be

installed and the sewer access will be moved.

We are so fortunate to have a fully qualified Maintenance staff who will be doing all of this work without having to pay outside sources for these improvements and upgrades.

Chapel Renovation Project

Dedicated in 1988, Unicoi Springs Camp Resort's Chapel is the physical manifestation of the spiritual desire of the owners to create a place of worship worthy of the beauty surrounding it. The original group of owners did not just talk about what could be....they made it happen with many hours of hard work and fellowship which resulted in the cornerstone of the Resort.

Over the years, the Chapel Committee and loyal volunteers have continued the tradition of maintaining upkeep of the Chapel. In October, the newest renovation took place under the supervision of Jerry Winton and Bill Fricks with their building team from Powder Springs Baptist Church, assisted with hours of labor by James Arp, LeeRoy Brantley, Jesse Browning

and Duane Brown just to name a few. A rear entrance/exit with a double door which replaces a window on that wall and a 24' handicap ramp opening to the parking lot has been installed. Future plans include new landscaping and cement coping at the end of the ramp.

Heated Swimming Pool Now a Reality

Unicoi Springs can now boast that among its many wonderful amenities, a heated swimming pool is included. The value of your ownership just went up another notch...just ask prospective buyers and owners at other campgrounds.

A dedicated core group of approximately 40 owners made it their mission to heat a pool for the benefit of all owners and visitors. They accomplished this goal in a phenomenal 16 days with just 3 fund raisers and had a ball doing it. Raffle tickets to sell a hand-

made throw, a great yard sale and some wonderful food brought in nearly \$4,000 in a heartbeat!

Although, not everyone wanted this bonus to the lower pool, everyone will benefit from it, even if it is just to have "braggin" rights about one more great amenity offered by the our Resort.

This effort not only warmed the pool, but also warmed the hearts of those who joined together in traditional Unicoi camaraderie to bring this dream to fruition.

It's not over...this same group will continue to raise funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the heating system – it's a "win, win" situation for all concerned.

A billiards room is in the planning stages for construction in the Fall of 2009. If you wish to donate to either of these projects, please send a separate check made out to Unicoi Springs noting which project you wish to support and the funds will be deposited for that specific purpose.