

2016 Maintenance Fees

2016 maintenance fee invoices have been included with your newsletter. The decision of the Board, at their October meeting was to keep the maintenance fees at \$410.00. Please remember that the maintenance fees fund the operation, improvement and upkeep of the Resort. We ask that you pay your fees in a timely manner. The first portion is due January 1, 2016 and the second half is due in April 1, 2016

Last year, the Board conducted an Amenities Study requesting input

from the owners. The most requested upgrade to the Resort was for Wi-Fi throughout the Resort. 77% of the responses asked for this improvement. This popular amenity will soon become a reality for Unicoi Springs.

Other comments and concerns were to increase the inventory in the camp store, upgrading of the putt putt, playground and tennis courts. There were numerous requests for more group activities.

All of these improvements make our

resort more desirable and marketable resulting in additional owner-ships, increased revenue and affordable maintenance fees.

We have the resources to make Unicoi Springs Camp Resort THE premier camping resort in Northeast Georgia and the country if we apply the principle of fairness, equity and benefit to every owner. With strategic planning, follow-through and your support, we have the ability to make this happen. Together, we can do this!

Temporary Winter Storage

Effective November 1, 2015 winter RV storage will be available at \$32.50 per month for campers with no electric availability. Golf carts will be stored for \$10.00 per month with no electric. The location will be determined by the Maintenance

Manager. This determination will be based on work projects on-going in the winter months.

In addition to the RV storage fee, there is a \$15.00 fee each time maintenance has to hook to your

camper to move it into storage and back out at the end of the storage period.

The campers and golf carts must be removed from Winter Temporary Storage by March 1, 2016 without exception.

Facelift and Updates for Resort

In addition to the winter improvements you read about in our March newsletter, our amazing maintenance crew managed to upgrade Sites 8, 24, 136, 178, 211 and 250 during the camping season.

The proposed budget for 2016 has been approved. The Finance Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors are in agreement that Unicoi Springs needs sprucing up in

several other areas.

As you come and go, watch for the ongoing beautification progress in the following areas: the front entrance, the Clubhouse lawn and sidewalks, the Holey Board area, miniature golf and playground, the tennis courts and Pickle Ball. Road repair in Area 1 (behind the Club house) will be a welcome improvement. Wi-Fi throughout the entire Resort will

also include a phone upgrade for the Office and four more rentals will be replaced with new units. You will soon see some additional handicap parking for golf carts behind the Lower Pool Bathroom. We are excited to make these improvements to our already beautiful resort and hope you are too.

Gentle Reminders

♦If you are leaving your camper here during the winter months, be sure to winterize it and “batten down the hatches” so your return in the Spring will be uneventful.

♦Have you given any thought to what a great Christmas present a Unicoi Springs Ownership can be? You can put a beautiful personalized Gift Certificate under the tree of

someone special. Keep in mind that you can use the owner referral bonus to your advantage in this situation as long as you are purchasing the ownership for another individual(s). You can qualify for \$300 cash, OR one year’s free maintenance on YOUR ownership OR two years’ Coast to Coast membership.

♦If your contact information changes,

PLEASE let the office know so we can update your record.

♦Owner Suggestion Forms can be downloaded from the website. If you would like to submit something to the Board, please fill one of these out and mail, fax or email the document to the Office.



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In Memoriam

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

Paul Bramlett
Harold Burgess
Thomas Cawthon
Don Freeman
John Herndon
Tommy M. Johnson
Inez Kimbrell
J. E. Simmons
Doris Thurmon

You are missed...

Election Results

The tallies are in and the announcement was made at the Annual Owners' Meeting.

Michael Bowman - 219 votes; Bob Harber - 190 votes; Arlon Maddox - 499 votes; David Stover - 630 votes; Frank Ward - 544 votes.

The Board of Directors met directly after the Annual Owners Meeting to assign responsibilities of the current board.

Following are the areas of responsibility for each director:

David Stover – President/Activities;
Arlon Maddox – Vice President, Rules and Regulations/Policies and Procedures;
Bonnie Jordan – Secretary/Grounds;
Beth Cruz – Treasurer;
John Gaines – Director/Buildings;
Tommy Walker – Director/Equipment;

Frank Ward – Director/Owner Relations/Marketing/Long Range Plan

Thanks to all who volunteered and those who will fulfill these responsibilities. A very special thank you to the Election Committee for their time and dedication in counting the votes and to each and everyone of you who took the time to vote your choice.

No Winter Shutdown for 2016

There has been an ongoing, long-time debate about closing the Resort during the harsh winter months versus leaving it open the entire year. In the winter of 2000, a survey was taken of owners to address this question.

At that time, the owners answered with a majority vote to close during the winter. Since that time, the conversation has continued each year. At a recent Board Meeting, a motion was made and passed to keep the Resort open all 12 months of 2016 with the intention of

doing an actual study as to cost, practicality and usage. Close scrutiny will prevail during this time period and the issue will be revisited prior to the 2017 camping season.

Effective November 1, 2015, only Area 1 (Sites 1 – 49), Area 5 (Sites 225 – 274) and Area 6 (Sites 275 – 316) will remain open for camping. Effective January 1, 2016, only Area 5 will remain open. On March 1, 2016, the entire resort will reopen up for the new camping season.

The Office will be open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and reservations will be taken, as usual, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. daily) The Laundry, Activity Building and Clubhouse will be open except for scheduled deep cleanings.

Inclement weather will be addressed as it happens. It goes without saying that our guests should prepare their campers for cold weather comfort and safety.

Off-Season Rental Rates Offered

During the months of November, and December, 2015, January, February and March, 2016, owners and their guests will be given discounted seasonal rates on rentals.

The trailers, which are normally \$50.00 nightly will be \$35.00 per

night. The cabins will be \$50.00 per week night and \$60.00 on Friday and Saturday during this time .

If 7 days or more are booked, in a cabin, the cost would be \$50.00 for each night. A single weekend night in a cabin would cost \$70.00; a single

weekend night in a trailer would cost \$45.00.

Why not plan a trip to Helen to see the holiday lights and do a little Christmas shopping while you're at it?

2016 CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

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| March 26 | EASTER EGG HUNT and games for children. |
| May 15 | UNICOI SPRINGS HOMECOMING DINNER in the Clubhouse. Ham, Turkey, Tea, Lemonade and utensils provided. (Bring two side dishes to share.) |
| May 28 | MEMORIAL DAY Veterans' Recognition. Evening Dance. COOK-OUT Tickets Required. |
| June | SUMMER DAY CAMP for children ages 4-12 , Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Activity Building. Wednesday Family Night Programs. |
| June 18 | SUMMER CRAFT FAIR and YARD SALE (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) Free tables in Clubhouse or set up at your campsite. Sign Up required so people will know where you are and what you have. |
| July 2 | INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION. Camper and Golf Cart Decoration Contests, Children's Parade and Evening Dance. COOKOUT Tickets Required. |
| July | SUMMER DAY CAMP for children ages 4-12 , Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Activity Building. Wednesday Family Night Programs. |
| September 3 | LABOR DAY COOKOUT Tickets required. |
| September 17 | ANNUAL OWNERS' MEETING in the Clubhouse at 1:00 p.m. |
| October 22 | FALL CRAFT FAIR and YARD SALE. (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) Free tables in Clubhouse or set up at your campsite. Sign Up required so people will know where you are and what you have. |
| October 29 | HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION. Saturday morning - Children's Activities. Camper, golf cart and post decorating, dog and people costume, pumpkin decorating (bring your own pumpkin) contests. "Trick or Treating". Dance Saturday evening. (Bring a snack to share at the dance.) |
| November 5 | THANKSGIVING DINNER in the Clubhouse. Ham, Turkey, Dressing, Tea, Lemonade and utensils provided. (Bring 2 side dishes to share.) |

As final details unfold, they will be posted on the website at www.unicoispings.com and appear on the weekly activity sheets. Volunteers are always welcome to make these events as enjoyable as possible—don't hesitate if you have ideas and want to help!

Unicoi Gives Back

Ladies Time Out

This camping season, a group of ladies inspired by the original Unicoi Springs Red Hat members, formed a group to meet monthly under the activity referred to as "Ladies' Time Out". They met once a month in the Activity Building, serving snacks and filling their favorite teacups with beverages. While you might think The Unicoi Ladies Time Out Group gets together on the third Tuesday of each month over "tea and crumpets" to have "fun and floss", these ladies are also doing some wonderful behind the scenes work to help those in need, simultaneously showing the community that Unicoi Springs Camp Resort cares. The hat they wear for this mission is the "Unicoi Ladies' Outreach Group".

They each donated yarn and made knitted caps for Children's' Cancer Awareness month and donated numerous colors and sizes to Children's Health Care of Georgia the Egleston Cancer and Blood Center as their first monthly good deed.

Their next goal was to fill a wish list for the children of our local Head Start organization. They posted a list of items needed and a box to place them in. The box quickly filled with warm coats, mittens, more of the handmade caps and shoes for children in need. If you would like to join in the fun and "feel good" projects, everyone is welcome. If you have some ideas of organizations who can use assistance or ideas for future projects, please contact Nancy Stearns at (770) 307-6367 and make plans to join them at their monthly get-together. Just bring your favorite teacup and they will

fill it up!

Humor Feeds the Hungry

A few years ago, a hilarious and entertaining show called "The Redneck Wedding" combined fellowship, highjinks and lots of laughs to donate canned goods to the White County Food Pantry. During two different camping seasons, this production required an entrance fee of canned food which was donated to this worthy cause.

Unicoi Springs Chapel

Another group of owners who have always been "silent servers" and the heart of Unicoi is the Chapel Committee and the congregation since the 1988. Non-denominational services and fellowship are scheduled each Sunday beginning in the spring and ending in the fall when many owners have packed to move to warmer climates. Wednesday evening and Sunday evening prayer services and monthly gospel sings flood our little chapel with positivity and joy.

Dedicated in 1988, Unicoi Springs Camp Resort's Chapel is the physical manifestation 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. It has been a source of pride and peace and solace for many owners and visitors over the years .

The Chapel reached out to Georgia Mountain Ministries many

years ago. That connection resulted in the extremely popular vacation bible school program during the months of June and July. Our young people love the daily activities they provide and the weekly entertainment they bring to Family Night in the Clubhouse.

Unicoi Springs Chapel supports four missionaries and their work including student encounters and activities at Georgia Tech and worldwide. One of the missionaries, the son of an owner, is planting (yes, I said "planting") a new church of his own. The Chapel invests in and supports Johnny Jett's ministry which provides assistance to the inmates of the Arrandale Women's Prison. Buddy Norton's ministry also receives encouragement and support with his banquets for football teams in Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and eventually Virginia. These banquets bring evangelism and positive reinforcement to large groups of young people.

The chapel doors and the hearts of those within are open to you, your family and friends. Come and join us. Your presence, your speaking and/or singing talents are also welcome. The level of participation is entirely up to you.

Your Turn

Perhaps you have a favorite charity or cause. Think about how Unicoi Springs can use its resources, your talents and those of other owners to generate help for a worthy cause.

These fine folks have gotten the ball rolling, let's continue to "Pay It Forward".