



January 7, 2015
**WELCOME Mountain Magic
Leader Weekend Participants!**

Dear Mountain Magic Leader Weekend Participant,

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER IN ITS ENTIRETY! We're looking forward to seeing you January 23rd - 25th at the Mountain Magic "Mardi Gras" Event! This will be our 14th annual fabulous weekend retreat!

All participants have been emailed the following:

- A personalized registration confirmation letter
- A personalized class schedule (reflects the classes you selected for the weekend)

If you did not receive your confirmation email, first check your spam/junk mail folder, and then contact Marie Wright at mountainmagicleaderweekend@yahoo.com if it is MIA. Please be sure to visit our website at <http://www.3leaves.org/mm2015/participantinfo.html> right away and review the detailed participant information we have for you (you may wish to print this information):

- This Welcome Letter
- Generic packing list
- Weekend agenda
- Health Form (if not already submitted with registration paperwork)
- Instructor Reimbursement Form (Instructors only)

Personalized Schedule

Please review your personalized class schedule carefully. If there are any discrepancies with your personalized class schedule or personal information, participants must request class changes, corrections, etc. by contacting Marie Wright at (706) 367-5904 NO LATER THAN 01/11/15. This will allow us time to have adjustments made **prior to your arrival at camp!!** There will be limited opportunities to "switch" classes. All class changes must be made prior to check-in so that we can provide our instructors with accurate class rosters and reimburse them appropriately. Instructors may NOT accept "walk-ins".

Check-In

Check-in for weekend participants is 4:00 – 8:00 PM Friday night (Late check-in will be available from 8:00 – 9:00 PM Friday night (must be arranged in advance!); Saturday Night and Saturday day only attendees may check in from 7:30 – 9:30 AM Saturday morning). Our opening ceremony will begin at 8:00 PM Friday, and Friday evening classes will begin PROMPTLY at 8:30 PM. If you cannot arrive at camp prior to 9:00 PM, please plan to arrive Saturday morning. We will not be holding your bed after 9 pm unless you have made prior arrangements. If you will not be able to make it to the weekend due to illness, etc., please let Marie Wright know as soon as possible (mountainmagicleaderweekend@yahoo.com or 404-915-2342 (m)). Night owls are welcome to join us in the Dining Hall for socializing and swapping from 10:00 PM – midnight.

Parking

As we typically reach full capacity, we urge you to carpool as parking is very limited; please park only in designated paved parking spaces. There is a sprinkler system just underground that will be damaged by the weight of a car. Please do not arrive earlier than 4 PM as we may not be ready for you. If you will not be able to make it to the weekend due to illness, etc., please let Marie Wright know as soon as possible 404-915-2342.

Getting to Camp

Please use our map! Mapping programs & devices do not usually give correct directions to Camp Misty Mountain. GPS coordinates are N 34° 34'07" W 85° 04' 56".

If you are heading north on I-75 from Atlanta, you may choose to stop at the outlet mall at Exit 312 (great if you want to beat the Atlanta traffic Friday afternoon and need to kill some time!) Please eat dinner before you come or bring a sack dinner with you. A microwave will be available on our snack table if you would like to warm your food. There are no restaurants near camp, so as you exit I-75, be sure to stop close to the exit ramps for dinner. There are several fast food restaurants at Exit 306, Exit 312, or Exit 315 (for those coming from the North, sorry, but we aren't sure what is available at Exit 326!).

What to Do When You Arrive at Camp

When you arrive at camp, please leave your gear in your car and proceed to the dining hall to check in. Bring your flashlight, health history form, CASH ONLY for class fees, and your snack to share. After you check in, you will have the opportunity to drive to your unit to unload your car and will then need to immediately return your car to a designated parking spot. Get settled in your unit and then join us in the dining hall to eat your dinner and socialize. Our opening ceremony will begin at 8PM.

Bed Assignments

Units and beds have been assigned with special needs/mobility restrictions considered and in the order registrations were received. Yes, that means that people that registered earliest got first choice! There are not enough lower bunk beds for all participants, and those campers that have indicated special needs/handicaps have had lower bunks reserved for them. Please note that **all beds are assigned**; there are no "spare" beds. You will NOT be allowed to change beds unless you "swap" with another person, and both of you will need to check in at the trouble desk to update your bed assignment (necessary for emergency information). Your personalized email notes the temperature & lights out schedule for your cabin. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY and bring extra blankets, a personal fan with extension cord, earplugs/ eyeshades, etc. so you will be comfortable. Please, do NOT adjust the thermostat in your unit during the weekend; it will be set to the temperature designated. Please remember that we are all Girl Scout sisters - do your best to be considerate of other campers (tip-toe and whisper after lights out; use your flashlight after lights out; and don't hog the bathrooms. In other words, BE NICE, LADIES!)

Cell Phones & Emergency Contact

In the past, cell phones DID NOT typically work at Misty Mountain. Once you crossed the mountain, there was no cellular service (Verizon, AT&T, or Metro PCS); however, we understand that a new cell tower has been under construction and may be working this year! But, in case it is not, please note that a pay telephone is available at the pool at camp, but communication with family members may be limited unless you cross back over the mountain. We consider this a FEATURE of the weekend! ☺ In the unlikely event of an emergency, family members should call (706) 629-1969 and speak to the camp ranger. He'll locate you on camp. We have found that cell phones do make good alarm clocks. ☺

Bring a Snack to Share

We would like you to bring a snack to share (consider healthy choices, too)! A table will be set up in the dining hall, and you will add your contribution to the snack table during check-in. The goodies will be available for all campers to enjoy throughout the entire weekend. Hot chocolate, coffee and tea will be provided in the dining hall throughout the weekend free of charge; assorted sodas and bottled water may be purchased for \$.50 each (Scouts Honor!!)

Food/Menus

We have provided all food allergies/special dietary needs noted on your registration form to our cooks, and we do our best to offer several options at each meal. This is suitable for most people. Please check out our [MENU](#) and plan accordingly if your specific dietary needs won't be accommodated. (Contact Melonie at 770-432-6430 or pluxb@msn.com to discuss your options). Be advised that the only communal food will be on the snack table in the dining hall....food/drinks in the unit refrigerators are NOT for general consumption. If you bring your own food, please label it and store it in the cabin main room/refrigerator (food/snacks may not be stored in sleeping areas).

Badge & Sash

If you would like to purchase items from the Badge & Sash, please call them at 770-702-9199 and place your order directly with them. You must place your order by Tuesday, January 21st. We will bring your pre-paid order with us to camp and it will be available for pick-up at check-in. We will not have Badge & Sash products available for sale during the weekend.

Service Project

In keeping with this year's theme of Mardi Gras, please bring one **new** stuffed toy that is purple, green, or yellow in color with you to Camp to benefit locally displaced-by-fire & traumatized children care of Camp Misty Mountain's Fire Department - Station 8. A cute stuffed animal goes a long way in helping to distract a distressed child during scary times (home is ablaze, the loud sirens during a rescue, etc.) We have invited the firefighters of Station 8 to come to dinner Saturday Night to receive the stuffed animals. Please place your new stuffed toy on the marked table in the dining hall upon check-in.

Participant and Instructor Roster

We plan to provide everyone a roster of weekend attendees. If you do not wish to have your information shared with the other participants, please contact Marie at (706) 367-5904 by Friday, January 16th (feel free to leave a message on the answering machine if you do not reach Marie directly and she'll get back with you ASAP).

T-shirts, Tote Bags, and Silk-Screening

Because of its popularity last year, you will again have the opportunity to purchase a variety of t-shirts or a tote bag professionally pre-printed with our weekend logo. The detailed information is available [on our website](#) along with a link to pay by PayPal. Your order needs to be placed by 10PM Wednesday 1/14/2015 and the items will be waiting for you when you arrive at camp. This is for pre-order only. There will not be items available to purchase at camp. Alternately, you may also bring your own item to camp to be silk-screened. You may print multiple items but you will have to get in line again for each item. This year you will also have the opportunity to color your screen-printed items with fabric markers on Saturday night. If you have your item printed on Friday the cost is included, otherwise there will be a \$2 cost per item on Saturday night. The cost for screen-printing on Friday night is \$3 per item. Bring any pre-washed light colored item (sweatshirt/tote bag/t-shirt/pillow case) to be printed; black ink will be used. A flat 12"x12" printable area is needed for the

image. Items with pockets or excess fabric that will bunch up do not print well as the screen needs a completely flat surface. Yes, you can do both if you like – they will be two different designs!

Welcome Conference Call

Are you new to Misty Mountain or the Mountain Magic Leader Weekend? Still have questions? This year, we're again offering a **free** informational conference call on *Monday, 1/12/2015 @ 7:00 PM*. If you can't attend, you will be able to dial in to hear the recorded call at your convenience anytime after 9PM on 1/12/2015. Details follow:

Free Conference Call

Conference Dial-in Number: (712) 775-7300

Participant Access Code: 228885#

Free Conference Play Back

Playback Number: (712) 775-7399

Access Code: 228885#

FINAL REMINDERS

Alcohol, drugs, and weapons are prohibited on Girl Scout property. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on council property. Pets are also prohibited (other than service animals).

Don't forget to bring the supplies listed for your classes (check your personalized class schedule). Bring a costume for the Mardi Gras parade and mask/costume contest. Each cabin will be asked to create at least one sign or float for the parade; some supplies will be furnished but you may want to bring additional supplies from home. Afterwards, campers can earn bead necklaces by participating at several activity stations, including songs, stargazing, and T-shirt decorating. (Bring a t-shirt from home if you wish to decorate one or pre-purchase our official shirt/tote bag).

Finally, did you remember to include your Health History Form with your registration? If so, THANKS! If not, we recommend that you complete it and bring it with you to camp to avoid an extended stay with our camp First Aider at check-in. To avoid quarantine, you may download a blank form from our website – see <http://www.3leaves.org/mm2015/reg/forms2015.html>.

SEE YOU AT MISTY MOUNTAIN!