

Take One

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Office Help

Alta Mons is looking for volunteers to help out in the office on a regular basis.

Maintenance

Help needed for mowing the grounds. Contact the office if you are able to assist.

Online Events Calendar

Visit www.altamons.org.

Welcome to all volunteers:

Camp Alta Mons is so appreciative of the many people who volunteer throughout the year. Seen around the camp recently are: Rev. Buzzy Close and Rev. Danny Kesler (**camp chaplains**), Sherry and Al Cupp (RV campers serving in the **office and with camp upkeep**), Glenn Scott (**wagon driver**), Rev. Liz Mortlock (a **Friday greeter and office helper**), the Lutz Families (RV campers **serving in the kitchen and on a camp committee**), Madeline Sessous (Community member working in the **office**). **Can you help?** Call Mandy Masching in the camp office.



CAMP POST

Providing Space to Experience God!

Summer Camp Edition



Notes from the Post

July Fourth weekend saw a wide range of people enjoying the camp and the refreshment God so graciously gives us. Cool breezes, sunlight filtering through shade trees, the gurgling waters of the creek, vigorous or leisurely hikes to the waterfall, the taste of burgers and hot dogs at the camp picnic, campfires and the smiles of

friends. Who enjoyed the renewal of life here? A dad and mom with their two little girls and two friendly hounds, a woman on personal retreat celebrating completion of successful surgery, a 12-Step group of singles and families, and a church-sponsored camp organized for refugee teens from Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Everyone is welcome!

Up Coming Events

Support a Child or Teen with a Camp Opportunity

Is there a child or teen in your family, church or community who would enjoy and benefit from a wonderful Sunday-Friday camp experience this month? Your encouragement, interest and even financial assistance would give them a gift they will never, ever forget – swimming, hiking, camp cookouts and campfires, worship, skits, friends and inspiring college-age leaders. Traditional camp activities and an emphasis on “Handle with Care” (on caring for God’s creation). Some spaces are still available in the following camps:

Session 3 - July 18-23

(Elementary and Jr. High Resident Camps and Sr. High Adventure Tri Challenge)

Session 4 - July 25-30

(Elementary Resident and Jr. High Resident Camps and Jr. High Adventure Canoe)

Just register on-line at www.altamons.org or call 540-268-2409

RV Friends Membership

Do you camp 16 days or more? Consider becoming an RV Friend. Membership includes early booking and camping throughout the Apr-Oct season for one flat rate. Call for more information. Some limitations apply.

Pool Open through Labor Day

The Jr. Olympic size pool is open to the public every Saturday 10:00am-5:30pm and Sunday 1:00pm-6:00pm (weather permitting) and also during some holidays. The cost is \$4/person for a whole day of pool fun. At all other times the pool is available for rental.

New Date!

College Prep Event “Being wHoly prepared for College” – August 12th – 14th

For rising College Freshman and rising High School Seniors, this event builds upon the advice of university academics and chaplains. Students will learn how to be successful Christian college students including: setting healthy and realistic goals, dorm cooking skills, living healthy socially, academically and spiritually as well as sharing common mistakes made by new students.

For registration information check www.altamons.org

Labor Day Weekend at Alta Mons

Make your reservations now for RV and tent sites, cottages and cabins. Public invited to swim and celebrate the closing of the pool with pool games, campfire desserts and more!

We would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions for the Newsletter or ideas about how to make services or activities better. More information about Alta Mons activities and services can be found on the web.

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Notes from a Counselor

What it means to be a counselor at Alta Mons: Working on the summer staff at Camp Alta Mons has been one of the greatest experiences of my life. It is such a blessing to be able to work with the campers and be on board with a great staff year after year. The memories that are made at camp are ones that have helped shape me to be the person I am today and the lessons that will continue to help me grow in years to come. Working at camp has strengthened my relationship with God in many ways. Being at Alta Mons is a great place to get away from the distractions of the busy day to day life and just take the time to sit back and embrace the beautiful scenery of God's creation. There is no better feeling than to watch the beaming faces of the campers who come here to experience this beautiful place. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for the campers and staff at Alta Mons this summer and for all the summers to come.

Erin Mucha



Notes from a volunteer

I love Jesus Christ and believe that all Christians should give back to him. I love to meet and be with other Christians. I hope that my being here is a joy to the children and staff.

Rev. Charles Lutz

Blacksburg UMC Kids Service project

A biiggggggg thank you to all the kids and their leaders from Blacksburg UMC who came to Alta Mons ahead of Summer Camp to do a service project.

Your hard work cleaning the cabins, creeks, fields and the mail you wrote to the counselors was really appreciated.

Thank you again and we look forward to seeing you back during Summer Camp.



Notes from a Summer Camper

Every summer from the age of five to thirteen, I went to Camp Alta Mons for a week, and every week I went was the best week of the summer for me. Every summer I would do archery, canoeing, hiking, and all the things that you would expect from a summer camp. But the one thing that separates Alta Mons from other camps is the emphasis it puts on team-building in a Christ-centered environment. The people you spend that week with become great friends, some of which I still keep up with today. Other camps allow you to get to know others and spend time with them, but getting to make friends, who share your beliefs in a place that is all about God, creates a bond that is unseen in other camps. Alta Mons offered experiences like the ropes courses, canoeing on the New River, the waterfall, and the "Death Hike", that I couldn't get anywhere else. But Alta Mons offered one thing that is easily the most important event in my life. I remember the night that I was reborn and accepted Christ one summer. I remember the impact it made and how my life was forever changed. And I guarantee that's something you won't get anywhere else. I fully recommend that you support Alta Mons in anyway you can, by going to camp, sending someone else to camp, by volunteering, donating, and just by praying. I hope that Alta Mons is or will be as special to you one day as it is to me.

Taylor Early

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, call the office on (540) 268 2409 or email office@altamons.org

Notes from a Chaplain

Jesus said, "Bring the little children unto me for such belongs the Kingdom of God," thus being a chaplain for a week at Camp Alta Mons gives the opportunity to fulfill this directive. From the campers to the counselors and the full time staff we all find ourselves in need as believers to grow in His Kingdom. Since we are all in the process of growth in Him (the Truth, the Way, and Life), I cherish His calling on my life as a Chaplain to point all to Him. Being a Chaplain the last two summers at Camp Alta Mons, I saw and experienced the campers, counselors and the full time staff being touched and transformed every day into the image of Christ. There were those who were encouraged, others strengthened, and others seeking growth in God's Kingdom. I got to walk in His great joy over those lives that were being touched and transformed.

Now this being my third year serving in this position, I am truly looking forward to seeing and experiencing what Jesus is going to accomplish in the lives of us all.

Buzzy Close

Life after camp?

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