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DISCOVER LAKE JUNALUSKA

Your heart is soaring with the banjo's twang and the cloggers' tap, when a plaintive note interrupts the melody and brings you back to hallowed ground. As the bagpipers march down the aisles and the notes become music, you feel a stirring deep within you. It feels right that these Scottish instruments are playing at the Smoky Mountain Folk Festival, a celebration of Southern Appalachian music and dance. After all, more people in the state of North Carolina can claim Scottish ancestry than currently live in Scotland. And it's even more right that they should be filling the walls of Stuart Auditorium at Lake Junaluska, a building that has stood in the Southern Appalachian Mountains for more than a hundred years.

Over 30 musicians and dancers perform at Lake Junaluska for the Smoky Mountain Folk Festival each year. It's a weekend full of fiddles, banjos, string bands, ballad singers, buck dancers and square dance teams, as well as dulcimers, harmonicas, Jew's harps, bagpipes, spoons, saws and folk ensembles. And the festival is just one of the fantastic musical events held at Lake Junaluska during the year.

This issue of *Discover Magazine* celebrates these musical events and history of music at Lake Junaluska. Whether you come to attend one of the events, or you come for a vacation, a retreat or a conference, we hope that you feel that stirring within you when you visit Lake Junaluska in 2018. •

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Music of the Mountains

TOP 10 MUSICAL EXPERIENCES AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

1 INTERFAITH PEACE CONFERENCE AND CONCERT — March 1–4

This conference brings together Jews, Muslims, Christians and those of other religious traditions to advance the work of reconciliation and peace. This year features Abraham Jam, a trio composed of Billy Jonas, David LaMotte and Dawud Wharnsby, three “brothers” from the three Abrahamic faiths. For more information or concert tickets, visit lakejunaluska.com/peace.



Abraham Jam will play at the Interfaith Peace Conference.



The Advice plays at a Summer Youth Event in Shackford Hall.

2 LAKE JUNALUSKA YOUTH EVENTS

June 17–21, June 24–27, July 20–23, July 23–27, July 27–31

During Lake Junaluska Summer Youth Events, music is a key component.

Worship leaders include Jimmy Atkins, Abbye West Pates and The Advice. For more information, see page 20 or visit lakejunaluska.com/youth.



Dancers perform during Music & Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska.

3 MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS WEEK — June 24–29

Music & Worship Arts Week is a multi-generational celebration of the arts. Musicians, artists, dancers, actors and pastors descend on Lake Junaluska for a week to learn new techniques, share fellowship with colleagues and improve their skills. At the end of the week, groups perform what they've learned, whether that be dance, band, choir, handbells or other creative pursuits. For more information, visit lakejunaluska.com/mwaw.

4 SUMMER ACTIVITIES PROGRAM — June – August

Thanks to charitable gifts to the Lake Junaluska Annual Fund, all are invited throughout the summer for free and low-cost musical moments, such as Pickin' on the Porch, jam sessions, street dances, hymn sings and children's sing-alongs.

For more information, visit lakejunaluska.com/summeractivities.



5 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS — July 1–5

On July 2, 3 and 4, see three concerts in Stuart Auditorium: the Lake Junaluska Singers, Balsam Range and The Martins, a Grammy-nominated gospel trio.

Other activities include a hometown-style parade, barbecue picnic and square dance, garden tour, "Family Olympics" and a spectacular fireworks display.

For more information, visit lakejunaluska.com/july4th.



6 FOLKMOOT — July 19–29

Folkmoot is an international folk festival featuring dancers and musicians from around the world who come to Haywood County for two weeks each summer. Lake Junaluska hosts their opening and closing ceremonies, which serve as a celebration of each culture's heritage expressed through traditional song and dance. For more information, visit lakejunaluska.com/folkmoot.



The Cockman Family by the lake during the Smoky Mountain Folk Festival.

7 SMOKY MOUNTAIN FOLK FESTIVAL

August 31 – September 1

On Labor Day weekend, dozens of folk and acoustic musicians perform two nights of the finest traditional music and dance of the Southern Appalachian region.

You'll hear a wide variety of music, including some of the best fiddlers, banjo players and string bands. Clog teams, buck dancers and square dancers perform as well.

For more information, visit lakejunaluska.com/sm-folk-festival.

8 CHOIR MUSIC WEEKEND

October 19–21

Vocal and handbell choirs from around the Southeast gather for workshops, worship and performance. Their goal is to master eight anthems they can then teach to others when they return home. This year's theme features songs of God's Creation.

For more information, visit lakejunaluska.com/choirmusic.



9 BALSAM RANGE ART OF MUSIC FESTIVAL

November 30 – December 1

Bluegrass and acoustic musicians mesh with orchestral music and classic piano during the Art of Music Festival. The event is led by Balsam Range, who perform each night alongside some of the best bluegrass and acoustic musicians in the country. Workshops for both playing and building instruments add an educational element to the event.

For more information, visit lakejunaluska.com/balsamrange.

10 APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS

December 6–9

Celebrate the season with a storyteller (new!), a carol sing-along, a craft fair and three concerts: the Lake Junaluska Singers Christmas Concert, Handel's *Messiah* by the Lake Junaluska Singers with a regional choir and orchestra, and a Christmas concert with an Appalachian flair.

For more information, visit lakejunaluska.com/christmas.

Fammin' by the Lake

COUPLE SUPPORTS MUSIC AT THE LAKE

When Don and Pat Rankin moved to Lake Junaluska in April 2008, it wasn't long before the servant-hearted couple started giving their time, talents and gifts to the community. As they settled into their new home, they quickly started volunteering with groups around the lake.

"If you could join it, we were there," said Don. "We're not happy unless we're doing something. It's a really good way to get to know people, if you dive on in."

As a United Methodist minister and minister's wife, respectively, helping others comes naturally to the Rankins.

The Rankins are involved with the Junaluskans, the Lake Junaluska Associates, the World Methodist Museum, the summer boat tours and more. They also prepare the lake's Christmas decorations and coordinate the volunteers who annually adorn the property with bows, wreaths and ornaments.

"We take it as our responsibility to be ambassadors of the lake," said Don. "If somebody's visiting and we see them, and they've got a name tag on, I say, 'Where're you from?' I always say, 'Glad you're here!'"

Among all the ways the Rankins invest in Lake Junaluska, however, supporting music is one of the most important to the couple. In an effort to ensure the continued music-making of the Lake Junaluska Singers, the Rankins were instrumental in the creation of the Singers Circle, a society for donors who support the musicians with a gift of \$500 or more yearly.



Don Rankin (far right) leads a Pickin' on the Porch jam session during the Summer Activities Program at Lake Junaluska. Don and his wife Pat give their time, talents and gifts to the lake.

"We were so impressed with the 2017 Singers; the level of talent was remarkable," said Pat. "They just took everything up another notch."

As a musician, Don recognizes the power of music to unite and entertain a wide variety of people. Before the Summer Activities Program began in 2016, he approached Jack Ewing, former executive director of Lake Junaluska, with an idea to start a pickin' and grin at the lake. Pickin' and grinin' is a long-held tradition in Western North Carolina.

Local residents and guests gather together with their instruments and play songs as they come to mind. For those who don't play, it is a time to visit, sit back and enjoy the music.

This conversation led to the summer's first Pickin' on the Porch jam session, which was an instant hit with Lake Junaluska residents and visitors alike. Banjo in hand, Don paved the way for local musicians to come together and

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perform favorite tunes from the old Appalachian canon at regular jam sessions in the Harrell Center.

The Rankins, coming from Kentucky, have fully embraced the music, community and culture of Western North Carolina. As longtime visitors of the lake, they knew that Lake Junaluska was the perfect place to make their new home.

"We love this area. The culture is part of it," said Don. "The climate, the people and the atmosphere—we tell everybody we live as close to Heaven as you can get without going through the gates." •



TYING THE knot

A LAKESIDE WEDDING BINDS MOUNTAINS, MUSIC & TRADITION

Michaila Jolly-Carswell and Christian Carswell were “stressed out” as they searched for a wedding venue. The middle-school sweethearts had fallen in love with the North Carolina mountains while attending Western Carolina University. As a result, their hearts were set on a mountain venue that would complement their set budget and easygoing personalities.

When Christian happened upon Lake Junaluska during an internet search, Michaila contacted the wedding sales manager to schedule a visit.

“It was gorgeous with the mountains and water, and the environment was laid-back and relaxed,” said Michaila. “We just fell in love with Lake Junaluska.”

Michaila and Christian chose the lakeside Colonnade, a classical outdoor structure along the northwest end of the historic Rose Walk, for

their wedding ceremony. With the venue secured, the couple focused on planning their ceremony and incorporating the influences that made their relationship unique.

Christian’s Scottish heritage and his love of Celtic music were particularly strong influences. On discovering his Ramsey clan roots as a teenager, he fell in love with the sound of the bagpipes and took up the instrument.

Another key influence was the Scotland-based television drama series, *Outlander*, on which the couple is hooked. A version of “The Skye Boat Song,” a Scottish folk song, is the series’ theme.

Unbeknownst to Christian, his bride-to-be orchestrated a musical gift for him for their ceremony. As Michaila processed down the aisle, a violinist appeared, playing “The Skye Boat Song.”

“I felt stunned at how beautiful my

bride was, and surprised that she came down to that song,” said Christian.

Throughout the wedding, Michaila carried a white rose bouquet accented with thistles, Scotland’s national flower. She and Christian also wove a Scottish handfasting into their ceremony. A centuries-old practice of tying the betrothed couple’s hands together with a piece of material, the phrase “tie the knot” is said to originate from this act. Michaila and Christian tied their knot with the Ramsey tartan.

Guests lodged at Lake Junaluska and enjoyed a reception in Kern Auditorium.

“Our wedding day was long-awaited and beyond my expectations,” said Christian. •

To learn more about weddings at Lake Junaluska, visit lakejunaluska.com/weddings.

DULCET TONES

LAKE JUNALUSKA PROVIDES PERFECT VENUE
FOR MELODIC DULCIMER CONFERENCE

Jess Dickinson stood on stage at Lambuth Inn behind a hammered dulcimer, an angled wooden instrument shaped like a trapezoid. By day, Dickinson holds a gavel as a judge on the Mississippi Supreme Court.

But here at Lake Junaluska, he held two small “hammers,” which look more like wooden spoons.

“A lot of people say you can’t play blues songs on a dulcimer,” Dickinson said into the microphone. “I’m here to prove them wrong.”

Striking the strings of the instrument with the wooden hammers, he launched into “St. Louis Woman Blues.”

Dickinson performed and taught hammered dulcimer classes at the Dulcimer Winter Weekend, an event held by Western Carolina University at Lake Junaluska.

The conference included workshops, concerts and jam sessions for the mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer and ukulele. Classes included everything from “Irish pub favorites” to “doo-wop, blues and boogie.”

The hammered dulcimer has roots in the Middle East and it is played across the world. Its origins date back thousands of years, with mentions of it in the Old Testament.

The mountain dulcimer is a smaller, oblong instrument that has been in existence for about 200 years and is indigenous to the Southern Appalachians. It



Kristin Steiner plays the hammered dulcimer at the Dulcimer Winter Weekend at Lake Junaluska.

“The facility is great and everything is all in one place, with meals, workshops and rooms all in the same building.”

— Larry Conger, co-director of the Dulcimer Winter Weekend

is played by hand-plucking the strings, and it sits across the player’s lap.

“I think [the event] is amazing,” said Kristin Steiner, who attended the conference for the first time in 2016.

“The quality of the teachers is outstanding. The class size is small and intimate. It’s affordable. And the setting of Lake Junaluska is incredible. I can’t think of a thing I’d change.”

The conference attracted dulcimer

enthusiasts and beginner players from across the country, with students coming from as far away as Wisconsin and Connecticut.

“Everyone comes to the conference with a different attitude. Some come to learn new tunes, others to be around other players, and still others for socializing and meeting new people,” said Larry Conger, co-director of the Dulcimer Winter Weekend.

Conger was the National Mountain



Instructor Sharrie George leads a class called “ukulele calypso chording and strumming” at the Dulcimer Winter Weekend at Lake Junaluska.

Dulcimer Champion in 1998. He taught several classes at the conference, including “duet playing,” “easy hymn tunes” and “use of the capo.” His wife, Elaine Conger, a former keyboard player and back-up vocalist for Faith Hill, co-directed the conference.

“We hope to feed [the participants’] continuing interest in music and, if they’ve never played before, we hope they walk away with the fulfilling sense of accomplishment you get from mastering something for the first time,” Elaine Conger said.

Larry Conger said Lake Junaluska was “the perfect setting” for the conference.

“The facility is great and everything is all in one place, with meals, workshops and rooms all in the same building,” he said.

“We like that it is condensed. That is what really sells us on a place.” •

BRING YOUR GROUP TO LAKE JUNALUSKA

Choose Lake Junaluska for your next group event. With a wide range of lodging accommodations, meeting spaces, dining options and amenities, we are the perfect place for your next meeting, conference, retreat, wedding, training event or reunion. Contact our group sales office for more information about hosting events at Lake Junaluska.

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Kern Center:
2,379 square feet; accommodates up to 200 people in theater-style seating.



Jess Dickinson holds wooden “hammers” as he leads a class at the Dulcimer Winter Weekend at Lake Junaluska.

Technically Speaking

MEDIA MANAGER ADAM McANULTY TAKES US BEHIND THE SCENES OF LAKE JUNALUSKA'S MEDIA SERVICES

After 30 years of working in TV news across the Southeast, Adam McAnulty wanted something different when he started at Lake Junaluska in 2016.

As media manager, a typical day for McAnulty includes scheduling staff; doing media orientations with groups; setting up projectors, audio boards, microphones and video equipment; and more.

Although the media team's biggest events take place in Stuart Auditorium, they provide services across the property for a wide variety of events. McAnulty serves as the main point of contact for visiting groups' media needs.

"When groups are here, the people who

are in charge of running those events are being pulled in 50 different directions," said McAnulty. "So if we can make their lives a little bit easier, even in just this one area, that's helpful."

It can be difficult to know what group organizers' needs are for an event. Even when they have all of the information for their own events, if they are bringing in a band or having special speakers, it can be helpful to have a tech-savvy guide.

The prep work and good communication help ensure that things run smoothly on the day of the event.

"There are a lot of moving parts behind the scenes," said McAnulty. "But when we do our job correctly, nobody even knows we're here. To me, it's fun to see

a group get here and have their event work exactly the way they want it to. If they leave with a good feeling, then I feel great."

Part of what produces that good feeling is the unique setting of Lake Junaluska, said McAnulty.

"Most conference centers can provide meeting rooms and hotel rooms, but they can't provide the experience you get in Stuart Auditorium," said McAnulty.

"How many times do you get the chance to walk into a 104-year-old building that's still standing and still functioning? I think the venue lends itself to a certain intimacy and history that you don't get from your typical convention center." •



MEDIA SERVICES AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

When you bring a group to Lake Junaluska, media services is often a key aspect of the event. Our goal is to create the most effective media package to help make your event a success.

The media services team travels! Our mobile unit provides the same equipment and services on a smaller scale for off-site events. We also offer recording services for your event, producing high quality MP3s, DVDs or CDs of event sessions.

To learn more about our media services, please contact media@lakejunaluska.com or call 800-222-4930, ext. 739.

Home Stage Advantage

HAYWOOD COUNTY NATIVES, RENOWNED BLUEGRASS BAND BALSAM RANGE HOSTS ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

All five members of bluegrass band Balsam Range grew up in Haywood County. When they chose to start their own music festival, the decision to host it at what they call their “home stage” at Lake Junaluska wasn’t difficult.

“The Stuart Auditorium stage has such a unique feeling,” said Buddy Melton, who plays fiddle and sings for the band. “When you enter that room

you can feel all of the history, spiritually and musically, and it affects the crowd, too. There’s energy in the room that makes those shows very special.”

The annual Balsam Range Art of Music Festival began at Lake Junaluska in December 2016.

It brings together some of the top bluegrass and acoustic musicians in the nation for incredible evening concerts and daytime workshops.



Balsam Range »

THE ART OF MUSIC

The band said they are dedicated to showcasing impactful music that stays with attendees long after the show has ended.

“When nothing else can reach that special place in your heart that needs a little comfort, music can, and Balsam Range can do it like nobody else,” said Lisa Snuggs, who attended the festival in 2016.

“I think what makes Balsam Range such a good group is their humble attitude and their obvious devotion to the music and to each other.”

The band was honored with “Album of the Year” at the International Bluegrass Music Association Awards in 2017, which has only increased their fame.

The five-member band is made up of fiddle player and singer Buddy Melton, mandolin player and vocalist Darren Nicholson, banjo aficionado Marc Pruett, guitarist and vocalist Caleb Smith, and bass and dobro player Tim Surrett.

In 2017, in addition to Balsam Range, the line-up for the Art of Music Festival included Bryan Sutton’s All Star Band, Mike Snider and Darrell Scott.

Workshops led by Balsam Range members themselves took place in The Terrace and added an educational element to the festival.

Melton said part of what makes the festival fun is the opportunity to introduce local people to artists and styles of music the band has experienced during their travels.

“Every year, we try to bring somebody new that maybe you haven’t been exposed to before,” Melton said. “The reason it’s named the Art of Music Festival is because music is an art form.”



TOP: Balsam Range’s name comes from the mountains that surround Haywood County, where the Smokies meet the Blue Ridge. They said they wanted to give back to the community that helped raise them by hosting a music festival at Lake Junaluska. PHOTO BY DAVID SIMCHOCK

BOTTOM: Balsam Range plays in Stuart Auditorium at Lake Junaluska during the Balsam Range Art of Music Festival. PHOTO BY MIKE LANE, BLUEGRASSPHOTOS.COM



Balsam Range is a five-member bluegrass band made up of (from left to right) Marc Pruett, Buddy Melton, Tim Surrent, Darren Nicholson and Caleb Smith.
PHOTO BY DAVID SIMCHOCK

Yes, we are a bluegrass band by trade, but we love all music. Great music is great music.”

GIVING BACK

The band chose to host the festival during the first weekend of December because it was the lowest occupancy weekend of the year in Haywood County. Melton said their Haywood County roots have served as a source of musical success and they wanted to give back to the community that helped raise them.

The festival has exceeded that goal. In 2016, its opening year, it brought more than 1,400 attendees, with half from outside the local area, and it created an economic benefit of \$450,000 for the county.

“The Art of Music Festival is about giving back to our community,” said Melton. “The vision for this festival from day one has been to bring people to Haywood County.”

Balsam Range worked with Lake Junaluska for more than five years to make the festival a reality.

“We were inspired from the start by the vision that Buddy and Balsam Range had for showcasing the best of Haywood County and showing people all that Lake Junaluska has to offer,” said Ken Howle, the director of advancement at Lake Junaluska, who worked with the band on creating the festival.

THE FUTURE OF THE FESTIVAL

As the Art of Music Festival progresses, so does the vision for its success. Balsam Range has ambitious goals for growing the festival to a full week of music. They said they would also like to incorporate non-musical events like a 5K race or a dance.

“We want to provide really high-quality entertainment, but keep it affordable so people can explore all that Haywood County has to offer,” said Melton.

“We want to get to the point where everybody in the county is excited about the festival and wants to be a part of it, because they all gain from it.”

Overall, the band said they hope people will develop a love for Haywood County. •

“When you enter [Stuart Auditorium] you can feel all of the history, spiritually and musically, and it affects the crowd, too. There’s energy in the room.”

— Buddy Melton, Balsam Range

ATTEND THE 2018 BALSAM RANGE ART OF MUSIC FESTIVAL

Nov. 30 – Dec. 1, 2018:
Come early for the Art of Music Institute, Nov. 28–30. Learn more about the festival at lakejunaluska.com/balsamrange.

SEE BALSAM RANGE DURING THE JULY 4 CELEBRATIONS

Balsam Range will also play at Stuart Auditorium on July 2. Join us for the concert and other events, including a hometown-style parade, barbecue picnic, a garden tour and more!

- **July 2, 2018:** Balsam Range
- **July 3, 2018:** The Martins
- **July 4, 2018:** The Lake Junaluska Singers

Visit lakejunaluska.com/july4th for additional information.



Playing the Long Game

LONGTIME EMPLOYEE SHARES INSIGHTS INTO LAKE JUNALUSKA GOLF COURSE



Carol Brown at the Lake Junaluska Golf Course, where she has worked since 1997.

Carol Brown has a long history with the Lake Junaluska Golf Course. Brown began working at the golf course in the summer of 1997, returning each consecutive summer until she began working year-round in 2001.

Today, she works in the Pro Shop, providing golfers with attentive service, a warm laugh and insights about the course she has known for so long.

She finds that people come to the course because they see it as unique among the options located in the area.

“People like to come here because it’s family-friendly,” said Brown, citing the course’s alcohol-free policy.

“We try to accommodate families. Another reason people like to come here is the views all around.”

She added that the naturally hilly terrain adds special difficulty to some parts of the course. “Holes 14 and 16—well, they get kind of interesting,” laughed Brown. •

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Lambuth Inn Renovations

CHANGES ARE AFOOT FOR HISTORIC HOTEL

High on a hill overlooking the lake, stately and elegant with columns and a distinctive cupola, sits Lambuth Inn. The inn, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, has been a favorite place for guests to stay since it was built in 1921. This year, it is receiving a complete interior renovation.

The upgrades will touch the sleeping rooms, lobbies, hallways, meeting rooms, bathrooms and dining room. The project is estimated to cost close to \$3 million.

“Guests are drawn to Lambuth Inn because of its unique architecture and historic nature. The renovations will reflect that,” said Rob Huckaby, the COO and general manager of Lake Junaluska.

“We are upgrading it to the modern expectations of guest comfort, while preserving the historic charm.”

The renovations include bringing in period furniture, replacing the mattresses and bedding, and upgrading the carpets, wall hangings and drapery.

Lambuth Inn, which was built in 1921, is receiving an interior renovation this year.
PHOTO BY ED KELLEY



Lodging »



Historic Lambuth Inn sits on a hill overlooking Lake Junaluska, next to the popular garden, Inspiration Point. Many of the rooms have lake or garden views. Reserve now to enjoy the renovated inn after it reopens in April.

The colors used in the fabrics, paints and artwork will mimic the gardens outside of the hotel.

The design is inspired by Genesis 1:12—“The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.”

The renovations will also add modern conveniences, such as refrigerators in every room, walk-in showers and wooden floors in the parlor.

The upgrades are made possible in part because of charitable donations. To learn more about giving to Lake Junaluska, visit lakejunaluska.com/support.

Originally known as the “Centenary Mission Inn,” Lambuth Inn was built to house missionaries who had returned to the United States for year-long furloughs.

From the beginning it was also open to people attending conferences and

other events at Lake Junaluska.

The name was changed to Lambuth Inn to honor Bishop Walter Russell Lambuth, a missionary bishop who was one of the platform speakers at the 1913 Missionary Conference.

The hotel is closed January through March of this year for the renovations. It will be open to guests in April.

Reservations are available now. To reserve your Lambuth Inn getaway and see updates on the renovations’ progress, visit lakejunaluska.com/lambuth.

OTHER LODGING OPTIONS



THE TERRACE

The Terrace underwent a multimillion-dollar renovation in 2015. It is Lake Junaluska's most modern hotel and offers stunning lake views.



LAKE JUNALUSKA CAMPGROUND

The Lake Junaluska Campground offers RV and tent sites, rustic cabins, a deluxe cabin, apartments and a meeting lodge.



LAKE JUNALUSKA VACATION RENTALS

Rent a variety of privately-owned homes, apartments and cottages through Lake Junaluska. Get a house overlooking the lake for your family or book a weekend getaway with friends.



LAKE JUNALUSKA APARTMENTS

The Lake Junaluska Apartments provide comfortable, convenient, economical lodging. Guest capacity ranges from four to 12 people per apartment.



HILLSIDE LODGE

Formerly Lakeside Lodge. With 25 motel-style sleeping rooms, the Hillside Lodge is a great budget option for travel. The lodge features a large lobby.



MOUNTAINVIEW LODGE AND SUNNYSIDE LODGE

These dormitory-style lodgings are also a nice budget option for hostel-hoppers or youth groups. The rooms can accommodate four to six people.



Youth worship

leader Jimmy Atkins at a Summer Youth Event. Youth events take place every summer and winter for sixth-graders to 12th-graders.

“Lake Junaluska is away from the confines of regular, everyday life—it’s a special place.”

— Pastor Mike Mayton

At a recent Lake Junaluska Youth Event, a young worshiper stood, singing along to a modern version of “Jesus Loves Me” led by Jimmy Atkins and his band.

“When I saw the look in her eyes, the tears on her cheeks and the way she was holding her body, I knew immediately what was going on,” said Mitzi Johnson, director of programming for Lake Junaluska.

“For the first time, she had come to understand and believe the truth of those words: ‘Jesus loves *me*.’ That’s the life-changing power of music.”

For Jimmy Atkins, leading worship at Lake Junaluska’s summer and winter youth events is integral to his mission as a Christian.

“Events like this that point them in the direction of owning their own faith in God and knowing who they are, and who they should be, and who they can be in Christ are really important,” said Atkins.

“This is something born out of a hope

and desire to see them grow up in Jesus.”

For the sixth- through 12th-graders who attend the youth events, visiting Lake Junaluska and having time to explore and embrace their faith can be a landmark experience in their lives.

“Middle and high schoolers are definitely in impressionable years, but they’re also stepping out of that malleability, so they’re walking into a more stabilized idea of who they are. It’s a crucial turning point,” said Atkins.

Atkins said he uses music to help youth feel fully present in worshipping God.

At the youth events, Atkins and the other musicians play popular songs that youth are familiar with in the hope that the students make connections between the lyrics, the discussions they have in small groups and their spiritual journeys overall.

“Our job is to bring those songs to them so they can own them. We facilitate worship within the confines of what they’re talking about as a group,” said Atkins.



“We want to make an experience that’s not necessarily a concert, because I don’t want [them] just watching and listening. I’m singing this to God.”

The youth groups and leaders who come to youth events at Lake Junaluska are not only challenged spiritually, but in many other ways as well.

For a group from Macedonia United Methodist Church in Stephens City, Virginia, it was the first time that many of the youth had been away from home, and outings such as rafting trips were new and exciting challenges.

“Everybody was a first-timer; all of our group’s new,” said Pastor Mike Mayton, who is a third-generation visitor to Lake Junaluska. He first came with his family in the 1960s.

“This kind of worship was even new for some of our youth. As they grow into this and as we do this more, I hope it’s something they look forward to next year. Lake Junaluska is away from the confines of regular, everyday life—it’s a special place.” •

2018 SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

This summer’s theme is “Get on the boat!” (Matthew 8:23). Jesus often tells this to his disciples and, once on board, he teaches them and launches them into mission. Each event offers high-energy worship, guest preachers, spiritual growth groups and workshops (new this year!). Learn more at lakejunaluska.com/summeryouth.

- **June 17–21:** Andy Lambert (speaker) with Jimmy Atkins (worship band)
- **June 24–27:** Charlie Conder (speaker) with The Advice (worship band)
- **July 20–23:** Celia Whitler (speaker) with Abbye West Pates (worship band)
- **July 23–27:** Kevin Wright (speaker) with Abbye West Pates (worship band)
- **July 27–31:** Juan Huertas (speaker) with Jimmy Atkins (worship band)

2019 WINTER YOUTH RETREATS

Winter Youth Retreats are an opportunity for adventure and spiritual growth. Energized worship with great bands is built into every program weekend and groups can choose to ski, zipline or do a mission project during the day.

- **December 29, 2018 – January 1, 2019** — New Year’s Weekend
- **January 18–21, 2019** — MLK Weekend
- **January 25–27, 2019**
- **February 8–10, 2019**
- **February 15–18, 2019** — Presidents Day Weekend

Learn more at lakejunaluska.com/winteryouth.

(Above photo) **Youth worship** at a Winter Youth Event. Youth can choose to ski, zipline or do mission work during the day, and powerful worship is built into each evening.

SIGNATURE

THE LEGENDARY LAKE JUNALUSKA SINGERS'



SENSATION

MINISTRY RESOUNDS WITH CHORAL EXCELLENCE



For more than 60 years, the Lake Junaluska Singers have delivered God's word to audiences at home and around the world. The award-winning ensemble's historical high notes include World Methodist Conference performances; concert tours to Central America, England and the Holy Land; White House performances for administrations from Richard Nixon to George W. Bush; and recordings and television specials.

THROUGH THE DECADES



1961

Glenn Draper (far left) and the Lake Junaluska Singers mixed quartet. *Photo courtesy of SEJ Heritage Center at Lake Junaluska*



1975

Glenn Draper (far left) and the Lake Junaluska Singers. *Photo courtesy of SEJ Heritage Center at Lake Junaluska*



1983

Glenn Draper (center) and the Lake Junaluska Singers. *Photo courtesy of SEJ Heritage Center at Lake Junaluska*

“**T**hroughout Lake Junaluska’s history, the most consistent excellence has been demonstrated by the Lake Junaluska Singers, our signature group,” said Jack Ewing, who retired as executive director of Lake Junaluska in 2017. “I’m unaware of any other conference center that enjoys such a high level of quality music in a residential group.”

THE FOUNDATIONS OF EXCELLENCE

Glenn Draper first visited Lake Junaluska in July 1954 to perform with the Keesler Air Force Base Male Chorus for the dedication of Memorial Chapel.

Upon his return in 1955, he accepted an invitation from Dr. James W. Fowler, Lake Junaluska’s executive director at the time, to head the following year’s summer music program. In 1956, Draper formed a professional

mixed quartet that sang for worship services, conferences and social events.

Over the course of his 55-year leadership, founding director Draper developed the Lake Junaluska Singers from a quartet into the 16-voice ensemble that prevails today.

He recruited members whose voices and hearts could further the ministry.

“I put them to their geniuses,” he said, “challenging them and loving them at the same time.”

A RIGOROUS REPERTOIRE

Challenge is integral to the Singers. In summer, the college-aged ensemble members spend nine weeks mastering and performing a rigorous repertoire that ranges from classical works



Glenn Draper

MAKE A GIFT

The Lake Junaluska Singers’ gift of excellent choral music is made possible through generous support from individuals and groups.

Help continue the legacy of the Lake Junaluska Singers by making a tax-deductible gift.

Your gift of \$500 or more grants you membership to the Lake Junaluska Singers Circle. All gifts are tax-deductible and will be recognized in the Lake Junaluska Annual Report.

For more information, visit lakejunaluska.com/singers-circle or contact the Lake Junaluska Office of Development at **828-454-6680**.



1997

Glenn Draper (far right) with the Lake Junaluska Singers.
Photo courtesy of SEJ Heritage Center at Lake Junaluska



2002

Glenn Draper (center) and the Lake Junaluska Singers at Memorial Chapel.
Photo courtesy of SEJ Heritage Center at Lake Junaluska



2017

The Lake Junaluska Singers perform in Stuart Auditorium.
Photo by Woody White

to musical theater. Their performance schedule includes Sunday worship services, children’s concerts, hymn sings and full-length concerts.

Perhaps the best time to hear the Lake Junaluska Singers is during their July 4th concert, which has been a Singers tradition since the 1960s.

The Lake Junaluska Singers were led by Dr. Melodie Galloway, a former Lake Junaluska Singer, from 2009 to 2016. After serving as the Singers’ interim director in 2017, Mary Huff has returned in 2018 to direct the ensemble for the next three years.



Mary Huff

Huff said she lauds the young musicians for their competence and

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— Tom T. Shelton, Jr., former Lake Junaluska Singer

tirelessness as they “achieve their personal best musically and learn what it takes to be a professional singer.”

Huff considers it her job to be an excellent technician so that she can facilitate the Singers’ connection with their audiences.

“If I do my job correctly, it elicits emotion from the audience,” she said. “That might bring them closer to God, soothe great pain or feed them in a way they’re not being fed.”

THE GIFT OF GROWTH

Donors’ gifts (see sidebar) provide the Singers with lodging, compensation and professional growth opportunities. Mentored by Huff and associate director Kathy Geyer McNeil, a nationally-known accompanist, the Singers get to work on a wide range of artistically sound music with their peers.

“My solo performances gave me more confidence on stage, more exposure and pushed me musically,” said 2017 Singer LaDejia Bittle, a vocal performance major from North Carolina’s Wingate University.

She said she also developed her conducting skills under Huff’s tutelage.



The 2017 Lake Junaluska Singers perform in Stuart Auditorium. The Singers have been a tradition at Lake Junaluska since the 1950s.

Singer Erik Rasmussen, a graduate of New York’s Fredonia School of Music, said he had an “absolutely incredible experience” at Lake Junaluska in 2017.

“It refreshed my love for performing—and for how much I want to do it as a career,” Rasmussen said.

CHORAL CAREERS

Historically, Lake Junaluska has been a training ground for professional musicians. Karen Fairchild and Kimberly Roads of the country group Little Big Town are two well-known alumni.

Siblings Camilla Pruitt and Tom T. Shelton, Jr. are two of many alumni Singers who pursued choral careers.

Pruitt said the Singers’ daily worship experiences had an impact on her. She is now the director of worship and fine arts at Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntsville, Alabama.

“We were not only focused on excellent musicality, but also on sharing Christ and the music we made,” Pruitt said.

An associate professor of sacred music at Westminster Choir College of Rider University in New Jersey, Shelton

REFER A FUTURE SINGER

If you know of talented young singers who might benefit from the Lake Junaluska Singers’ ministry, refer them to lakejunaluska.com/singers for application and audition details.

credits the ensemble with influencing his career path.

“Being in the Lake Junaluska Singers made me love music so much that I want to share that with other people,” he said.

For current and alumni Singers, the ensemble has given them the transformative gift of connecting with others through music.

“It’s a wonderful experience when you’ve taken the whole audience with you to a place that you’re trying to convey musically,” Shelton said. •

To discover more about the Lake Junaluska Singers, visit lakejunaluska.com/singers.

2018 CONCERT SERIES

Independence Day Celebrations

July 2 – Balsam Range

July 3 – The Martins

July 4 – Lake Junaluska Singers

July 17 – *Lakeshore Goes Broadway*, featuring the Lake Junaluska Singers

August Concerts

August 3 – Lake Junaluska Singers

August 4 – The Raleigh Ringers

Appalachian Christmas

December 7 – Handel’s *Messiah*, featuring the Lake Junaluska Singers

December 8 matinee – Christmas concert

December 8 – The Lake Junaluska Singers Christmas Concert

Sweet Serenade

A TRIBUTE TO THE SOUNDS
OF LAKE JUNALUSKA



HEAR IT

Visit lakejunaluska.com/discover
to bring this photo essay to life.



Sounds of Stuart

A mechanical Schulmerich carillon bell system was installed in Lake Junaluska's oldest building, Stuart Auditorium, in 1949. The Junaluska Woman's Club raised funds by selling cookbooks for a new electric carillon system in 2004. Listen to the bells from the main grounds or hear them from all the way across the lake—they chime the time and play two hymns such as “Come, Thou Almighty King” and “Now Thank We All Our God” at 9 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. daily.



HEAR IT

Hear the carillon bells at
lakejunaluska.com/discover.

Mountaintop Moment

Following energetic worship on the last night of each Summer Youth Event, hundreds of youth file out of Shackford Hall and walk a mile in silence to the Lake Junaluska Cross. Along the way, as the mood changes to contemplation and reflection, the youth are hyper-attentive to the sounds around them. They reach the amphitheater below the Cross to share how they've been changed by their time at Lake Junaluska and sing "Pass It On." After the line "I'll shout it from the mountaintops," the youth call out "praise God!" and it ricochets against the mountains and echoes back to them, making it sound like there's another group shouting to them from the other side of the lake.

If you catch sight of the youth coming down from the walk to the Cross, you'll witness the joy we all feel following a mountaintop moment.



HEAR IT

Hear "praise God" echo from the mountaintops during the walk to the Cross at lakejunaluska.com/discover.



Booming Beauties

Every 4th of July after barbecue, bluegrass music and the annual hometown-style parade, the Lake Junaluska Singers concert concludes at Stuart Auditorium and the Singers make their way onto the *Cherokee IV* boat to sing the national anthem. As they sing “the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,” fireworks erupt into the sky, the booms echoing across the lake and the reflections causing “oohs” and “aahs” after each crack of light. Families have celebrated the 4th of July at Lake Junaluska since the 1950s, and it’s one of the most awe-inspiring times of the year at the lake.



HEAR IT

Hear the Independence Day fireworks at lakejunaluska.com/discover.







HEAR IT
Hear the Smoky Mountain Folk Festival at lakejunaluska.com/discover.

Folk Tunes by the Lake

More than 30 traditional bluegrass bands and dance groups perform at the Smoky Mountain Folk Festival over Labor Day weekend each year. The festival, which will be in its 48th year at Lake Junaluska this summer, is a tribute to Southern Appalachian music and includes banjos, ballad singers, saws and square dancers.

It's one of several musical events that Lake Junaluska hosts throughout the year. Others include the Balsam Range Art of Music Festival in December and Folkmoot in July.

Song of Flight

Lake Junaluska is a haven for birds, especially during winter when flocks of migrating birds call Lake Junaluska home. As the temperatures begin to drop, you can see non-native species in a beautiful setting. Winter residents include brown creeper, pine siskin, winter wren and fox sparrow. There are even two bald eagles who perch on pine trees or swoop across the lake. A checklist is available at the Bethea Welcome Center.



HEAR IT
Hear Lake Junaluska birds at lakejunaluska.com/discover.



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HEAR IT

Hear a hymn from the Summer Worship Series at lakejunaluska.com/discover.

Worship by the Water

People have gathered to praise God with music at the “living waters” of Lake Junaluska for more than a century, hoping to be renewed, transformed and spiritually changed. Today, on Sunday mornings throughout the summer, the Summer Worship Series features traditional hymns and music by the Lake Junaluska Singers alongside preachers, musicians, singers and liturgists. During Music & Worship Arts Week in late June, 900 worship leaders and performers gather at Lake Junaluska for a week of ensemble and workshops in music and dance. Their performances and worship services are open to the public.



2018 EVENTS

A LOOK AT THE YEAR AHEAD

January

12 Winter Youth Retreats

JANUARY 12–15, 26–28;
FEBRUARY 2–4, 16–19

Opportunities for adventure, spiritual growth and worship! Groups can ski, zipline or do a mission project while at Lake Junaluska.

lakejunaluska.com/winteryouth



February

6 Transitional/Intentional Interim Ministry

PHASE I: FEBRUARY 6–9,
MAY 1–4, or AUGUST 14–17

An interim minister is an experienced, mature United Methodist pastor trained for the specialized ministry of the interim period. Learn tools and techniques designed for this unique ministry.

lakejunaluska.com/interim.aspx

9 Boy Scout Ski Retreat

FEBRUARY 9–11

Participants will get hands-on experience at Cataloochee Ski Area as they hit the slopes and learn about snow safety. In the evenings, workshops will be held at Lake Junaluska for participants to complete the requirements for the Snow Sport merit badge.

lakejunaluska.com/boyscouts

March

1 Interfaith Peace Conference at Lake Junaluska

MARCH 1–4

Theme: “Meeting the Other: Can We Talk?”

In a culture of increased polarization, we are tempted to converse only with those with whom we agree. Leaders of the three Abrahamic faiths will consider the art of agreeing to disagree with civility and respect while upholding the core values of our various traditions.

lakejunaluska.com/peace

2 IGC Confirmation Retreat Weekends

MARCH 2–4, 9–11, 16–18;
APRIL 13–15, 20–22;
NOVEMBER 9–11

The focus of these action-packed, interactive weekends is to augment the curriculum taught in the local church, focusing on providing tools that will help youth keep their promises when they are confirmed in The United Methodist Church.

lakejunaluska.com/confirmation

2 FCF Confirm 2018

MARCH 2–4, 9–11,
16–18, APRIL 13–15, 20–22,
27–29; MAY 4–6

These weekend events for young confirmands of The United Methodist Church are sponsored by the Foundation for Christian Formation and the Department of Religion at Pfeiffer University.

fcfconfirm.net

3 Abraham Jam in Concert

MARCH 3

7:30 p.m. \$18

Renowned “brothers” from the three Abrahamic faiths take the stage. “Harmony is better than unity,” says singer David LaMotte. “We don’t have to be singing the same note to cultivate peace; we can sing different notes that are beautiful together.”

lakejunaluska.com/peace



31 Lake Junaluska Easter Celebration

MARCH 31 – APRIL 1

Weekend activities include the Lake Junaluska Friends of the Lake 5K, Easter egg hunts and a sunrise service at the amphitheater below the Cross, with Rev. Mitzi Johnson preaching. Rain location: Memorial Chapel.

lakejunaluska.com/easter

April

15 Road Scholar Programs

APRIL 15–20

“The Women of Appalachia: Traditions, Stories and Song” Program #22829; “The Great Smoky Mountains Through the Photographer’s Lens” Program #22927

roadscholar.org

27 South Carolina United Methodist Women Spiritual Growth Retreat

APRIL 27–28

Join a community of women as they develop a creative support fellowship and strive to know God better. Rev. Fran Elrod will lead the retreat.

umcsc.org/home/ministries/advocacy/united-methodist-women



29 Southeast Church Network

APRIL 29 – MAY 1

Network with other SEJ church business administrators for support, sharing of knowledge, and other tools for spiritual and personal growth.

secn.biz

May

6 Road Scholar Programs

MAY 6–11

“Great Smoky Mountains National Park: An American Treasure” Program #20552; “A Wildflower Quest in the Mountains of Western North Carolina” Program #23036

roadscholar.org

13 Road Scholar Programs

MAY 13–18

“Baseball, BBQ and Beer in the Blue Ridge Mountains” #23035; “The Great Smoky Mountains Through the Photographer’s Lens” Program #22927

roadscholar.org

20 Road Scholar Program

MAY 20–25

“Great Smoky Mountains National Park: An American Treasure” Program #20552

roadscholar.org

27 Carolina Conference Camp Meeting

MAY 27 – JUNE 2

Seventh-day Adventist members from around the Carolinas join together for a week of seminars and activities designed to bring spiritual and physical renewal.

carolinasda.org/camp-meeting

June

10 Holston Annual Conference

JUNE 10–13

Leaders of member churches of the Holston Conference will meet at Lake Junaluska.

holston.org/about/annual-conference



15 **WNCC United Methodist Women Spiritual Growth Retreat**

JUNE 15-16

A time to pray, listen, reflect, study and share fellowship with women from across the conference. wnccumw.org

21 **Western North Carolina Annual Conference**

JUNE 24-24

Clergy and laity from the Western North Carolina Conference will gather for worship, learning, business and fellowship.

wnccumc.org

24 **Music & Worship Arts Week**

JUNE 24-29

A multi-generational educational event composed of arts, praise and renewal. Designed for those who want to sing, dance or act all week, as well as for those who lead these ministries in local congregations.

musicartsweek2018.wordpress.com

29 **Native American Summer Conference**

JUNE 29 - JULY 1

The SEJANAM Summer Conference Weekend includes speakers, Bible study and workshops. This year's keynote speaker is Rev. Sam Wynn of the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church.

lakejunaluska.com/sejanam

July

1 **Independence Day Celebrations**

JULY 1-5

Theme: Red, White and Bluegrass. The celebrations include concerts by the award-winning bluegrass group Balsam Range, Dove Award-winning gospel trio The Martins, and the Lake Junaluska Singers. A parade, fireworks, storyteller, community picnic, garden tour and other family activities round out the week.

lakejunaluska.com/july4th

2 **Balsam Range in Concert**

JULY 2

The award-winning bluegrass group Balsam Range takes the stage as part of the Lake Junaluska Independence Day Celebrations.

lakejunaluska.com/july4th

3 **The Martins in Concert**

JULY 3

The Grammy-nominated gospel trio, The Martins, takes the stage as part of the Lake Junaluska Independence Day Celebrations.

lakejunaluska.com/july4th



SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

"When Jesus got into the boat, his disciples followed him."
— Matthew 8:23

Jesus often tells his disciples, "Get on the boat!" Once on board, he teaches them, calms their fears and launches them into mission. It's no surprise the Church is symbolized by a boat and sail. Miracles happen when we get on board with Jesus. Come to Lake Junaluska this summer and find your spot on his crew!

June 17-21: Andy Lambert (speaker) with Jimmy Atkins (worship band)

June 24-27: Charlie Conder (speaker) with The Advice (worship band)

July 20-23: Celia Whitler (speaker) with Abbye West Pates (worship band)

July 23-27: Kevin Wright (speaker) with Abbye West Pates (worship band)

July 27-31: Juan Huertas (speaker) with Jimmy Atkins (worship band)

lakejunaluska.com/summeryouth

4 The Lake Junaluska Singers in Concert JULY 4

The Lake Junaluska Singers perform in Stuart Auditorium.

lakejunaluska.com/july4th

1 M28 Youth Weekends JULY 1-5, 5-8, 8-11

Designed to help leaders and students grow deep relationships with Christ. Worship and teaching sessions make a difference to every attendee.

m28camps.com

2 Road Scholar Program JULY 2-6

"Making Memories: A Blue Ridge & Smoky Mountain Expedition with Your Grandchild"

Program #21361

roadscholar.org

17 Lakeshore Goes Broadway

JULY 17

Join the Lake Junaluska Singers for a cabaret-style dinner performance in Harrell Center Auditorium. The Singers will perform musical theater favorites from Broadway.

lakejunaluska.com/singers



SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

JUNE 10 – AUGUST 5

Theme: Stories on the Lakeshore

Gather with us on Sunday mornings to hear with fresh ears the stories of Jesus. We also invite you to contemplative Taizé services of prayer and song on Monday evenings.

For more information, visit lakejunaluska.com/summer-worship.

June 10: Rev. Susan Giles (evening service)

June 17: Rev. Dr. Clarence G. Newsome

June 24: Bishop Paul L. Leeland

July 1: Rev. Michael E. Williams

July 8: Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

July 15: Aldersgate Conference on Spirit-Filled Living closing worship

July 22: Rev. Dr. Carl Frazier

July 29: Rev. Juan Huertas

August 5: Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

20 Folkmoot International Festival

JULY 20-22, 27-29

Folkmoot USA is a celebration of the world's cultural heritage through folk music and dance. Opening and closing ceremonies for Folkmoot will take place on stage in the historic Stuart Auditorium. These performances highlight more than 200 international dancers and musicians.

lakejunaluska.com/folkmoot

20 Road Scholar Program

JULY 20-23

"Ballads, Dances & Crafts: Appalachian and Global Culture" Program #15162

roadscholar.org

22 Road Scholar Program

JULY 22-25

"Cherokee Culture in the Great Smoky Mountains: Oral Traditions and Performing Arts" Program #16415

roadscholar.org

30 Road Scholar Program

JULY 30 – AUGUST 3

"Making Memories: A Blue Ridge & Smoky Mountain Expedition with Your Grandchild"

Program #21361

roadscholar.org



August

3 Lake Junaluska Associates Weekend AUGUST 3-5

The Lake Junaluska Associates is an organization of individuals from across the jurisdiction and beyond who love the lake and want to serve in partnership with Lake Junaluska. Join the Associates for a fun weekend of entertainment, food, fellowship and inspiration.

lakejunaluska.com/associates

3 The Lake Junaluska Singers in Concert AUGUST 3

The Lake Junaluska Singers perform in Stuart Auditorium.

lakejunaluska.com/concerts

4 The Raleigh Ringers in Concert AUGUST 4

The Raleigh Ringers is an internationally acclaimed, advanced community handbell choir that plays unique interpretations of sacred, secular and popular music, including famous rock 'n' roll tunes arranged just for handbells.

lakejunaluska.com/concerts

5 Salvation Army Bible Conference

AUGUST 5-12

A spiritual highlight of the USA Southern Territory each year is the Territorial Bible Conference conducted for The Salvation Army officers, soldiers, friends and families. Great Bible teachers from various denominations lead conference delegates through a week of renewal and spiritual refreshment.

events.sauss.net/home.aspx

7 Transitional/Intentional Interim Ministry

PHASE III: AUGUST 7-9; NOVEMBER 6-8; FEBRUARY 19-21, 2019

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Learn tools and techniques designed for this unique ministry.

lakejunaluska.com/interim.aspx

13 Festival of Wisdom & Grace

AUGUST 13-16

Theme: "The Wise Shall Shine." Individuals, couples, small groups and church leaders in the second half of life will gather for worship, workshops, professional training and fellowship. Clayton Smith, author of *Crossroads: Leadership Lessons for the Second Half of Life*, and others will discuss how to equip families and churches through a legacy of wisdom.

lakejunaluska.com/wisdom-and-grace



31 Smoky Mountain Folk Festival

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 1

The 48th annual Smoky Mountain Folk Festival offers two nights of the finest traditional music and dance of the Southern Appalachian region.

lakejunaluska.com/sm-folk-festival



September October

9 Road Scholar Programs

SEPTEMBER 9-14

"The Great Smoky Mountains Through the Photographer's Lens" Program #22927; "Great Smoky Mountains National Park: An American Treasure" Program #20552

roadscholar.org

14 WNCC UMW 45th Annual Celebration

SEPTEMBER 14-16

Celebrating 149 years in mission. Come join the celebration!

wnccumc.org

16 Road Scholar Programs

SEPTEMBER 16-21

"Scottish and Cherokee Heritage and Music in Appalachia" Program #21338; "A Wildflower Quest in the Mountains of Western North Carolina" Program #23036

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7 Road Scholar Programs

OCTOBER 7-12

"Celtic Culture and Mountain Folklore in Southern Appalachia" Program #21340; "The Great Smoky Mountains Through the Photographer's Lens" Program #22927

roadscholar.org

14 Road Scholar Programs

OCTOBER 14-19

"The Women of Appalachia: Traditions, Stories and Song" Program #22829; "Great Smoky Mountains National Park: An American Treasure" Program #20552

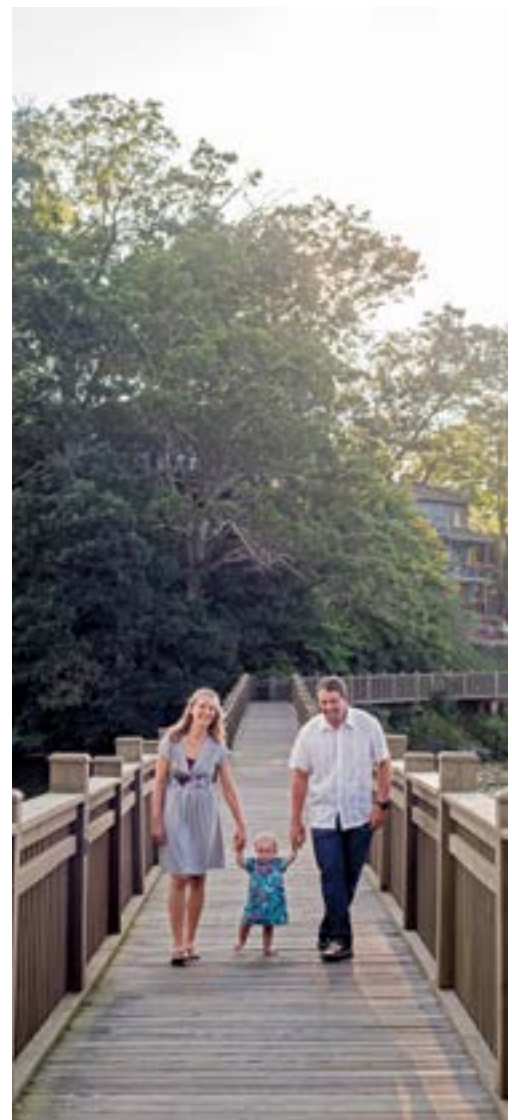
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19 Choir Music Weekend

OCTOBER 19-21

Vocal and handbell choirs gather for specialized workshops, worship and performance.

lakejunaluska.com/choirmusic



November

12 Experience the World of the Bible I

NOVEMBER 12-14

Join renowned Biblical historian, archaeologist and scholar Dr. James Fleming as he explains Scripture as related to Biblical times and its continued relevance today.

lakejunaluska.com/experiencing-bible

14 Experience the World of the Bible II

NOVEMBER 14-16

Join renowned Biblical historian, archaeologist and scholar Dr. James Fleming as he explains Scripture as related to Biblical times and its continued relevance today.

lakejunaluska.com/experiencing-bible

21 Thanksgiving at Lake Junaluska

NOVEMBER 21-24

Start a new tradition and savor an exquisite Thanksgiving meal with family and friends. Add a Biltmore Estate ticket or visit other local area attractions.

lakejunaluska.com/thanksgiving

30 Balsam Range Art of Music Festival

NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 1

Join award-winning bluegrass group Balsam Range as they perform alongside friends for a two-day festival featuring some of the top bluegrass and acoustic musicians in the nation. Come early for the Art of Music Institute, November 28-30.

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8 Christmas Concert

DECEMBER 8
A special Christmas concert in Stuart Auditorium as part of Appalachian Christmas.

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December

6 Appalachian Christmas

DECEMBER 6-9
Awaken the spirit of Christmas through storytelling, festive live music, hearty meals and local artistry. Festivities include Handel's *Messiah*, featuring the Lake Junaluska Singers; a concert with Appalachian flair; the Lake Junaluska Singers Christmas concert; and the Appalachian Christmas Craft Show.

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7 Handel's Messiah

DECEMBER 7
Community choirs and local musicians join the Lake Junaluska Singers to perform Handel's *Messiah* during Appalachian Christmas.

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8 The Lake Junaluska Singers in Concert

DECEMBER 8
The Lake Junaluska Singers perform in Stuart Auditorium.

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29 2019 Winter Youth Retreats

DECEMBER 29, 2018 – JANUARY 1, 2019; JANUARY 18-21, 25-27; FEBRUARY 8-10, 15-18

Combine adventure and spiritual growth. Enjoy energized worship with great bands. Groups can choose to ski, zipline or do a mission project during the day.

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Special Events & Packages

BILTMORE ESTATE PACKAGES

YEAR-ROUND

The Biltmore Estate, America's largest home, is just a short drive from Lake Junaluska. The estate boasts an abundance of festivities and activities for any season.

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WHITEWATER RAFTING AND ZIPLINE ADVENTURES

MARCH – OCTOBER

Lake Junaluska partners with local outfitters to offer all-inclusive rafting and ziplining experiences. We provide simplicity along each step of the way so you can relax and have a great time with your group.

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LAKE JUNALUSKA INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

JULY 1-5

The celebrations include concerts by Balsam Range, The Martins and the Lake Junaluska Singers, fireworks, a parade and other family activities.

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SMOKY MOUNTAIN FOLK FESTIVAL

AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 1

Smoky Mountain Folk Festival offers two nights of the finest traditional music and dance of the Southern Appalachian region.

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THANKSGIVING AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

NOVEMBER 21-24

Start a new tradition—savor an exquisite Thanksgiving with family as we take care of the details. Add a Biltmore Estate ticket or cut down your own Christmas tree to make your trip truly unforgettable.

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BALSAM RANGE ART OF MUSIC FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 1

This festival features some of the top bluegrass and acoustic musicians in the nation. Join this weekend of concerts and workshops.

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SKI PACKAGES

DECEMBER – MARCH

Stay at Lake Junaluska and ski at Cataloochee or Wolf Ridge. Our ski packages include lodging, meals, ski lift tickets, boots, skis and a lesson.

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APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

DECEMBER 6-9

Celebrate an Appalachian Christmas with your group of loved ones and enjoy a weekend of music and crafts. Performances include the Lake Junaluska Singers Christmas Concert and Handel's Messiah.

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REMEMBERED



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SEJ HERITAGE CENTER AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

This photo from 1946 shows a group of performers on stage at Stuart Auditorium, dressed in costumes for a presentation of the opera *Martha*, a romantic comedy set in 18th-century Richmond, England.

Throughout the early years of Lake Junaluska's history, summer seasons brimmed with educational programs for pastors, lectures and performances by visiting groups.

Those groups ranged from singers to actors to operatic performers to groups like the Transylvanian Orchestra,

which performed during the summer of 1963 at Lake Junaluska.

The founding of Lake Junaluska was inspired by Chautauqua Lake Assembly in New York. Dr. James Atkins, along with George Stuart, was instrumental in getting Lake Junaluska built. He was with his daughter at Chautauqua Lake in July of 1899 when he expressed the desire to see a similar facility in the South.

Chautauqua Lake Assembly started as an experiment in education for Sunday school teachers and quickly broadened into a facility that included

programs on academic subjects, music, art and physical education. Following this model, Lake Junaluska's summer activities blossomed.

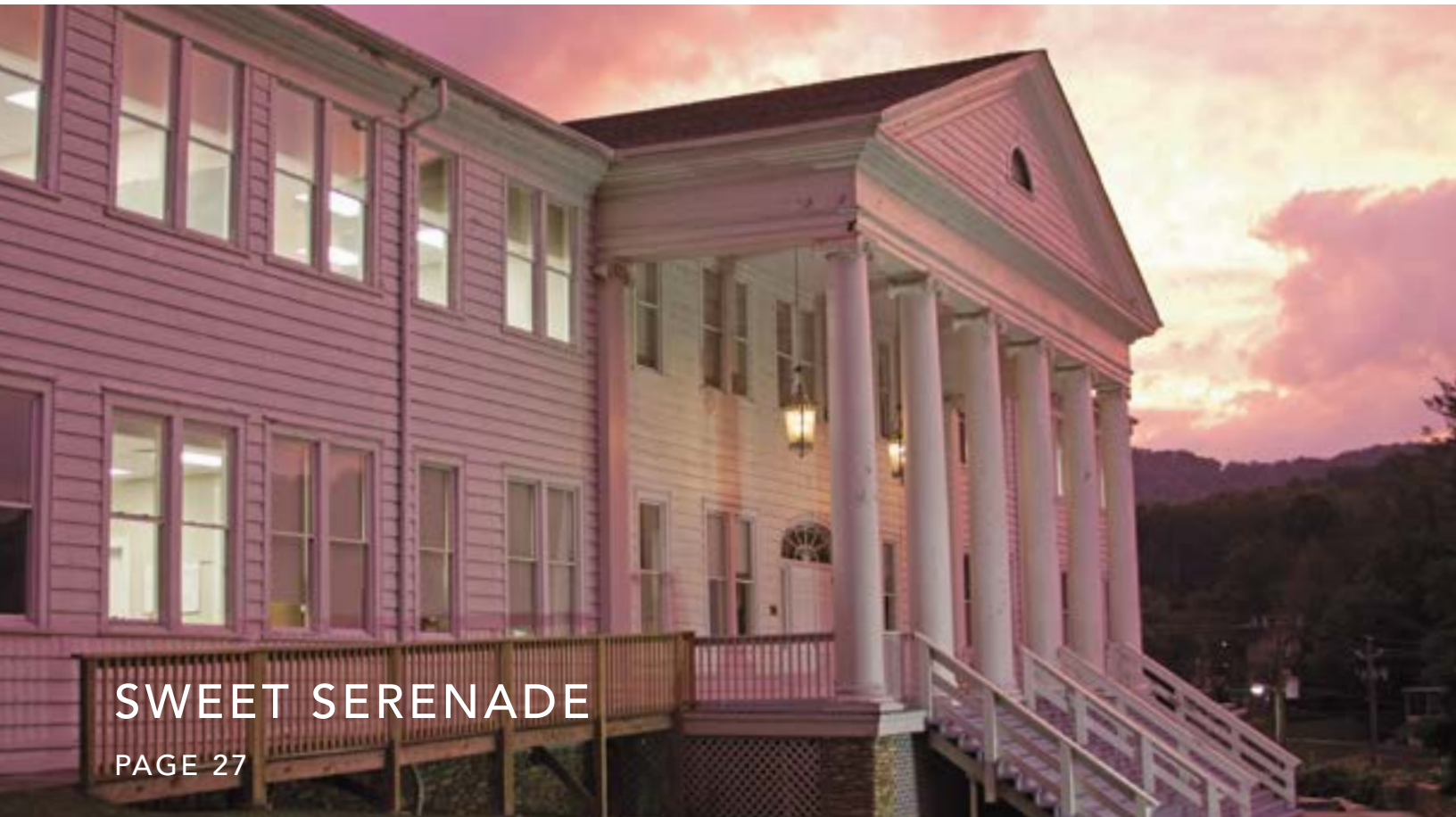
The 1946 performance of *Martha* is one example of the many performances that occurred during countless summers at Lake Junaluska.

Today, through initiatives like the Summer Activities Program, the Independence Day Celebrations and the Summer Worship Series, Lake Junaluska continues to provide inclusive and culturally-rich programming every summer.



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Discover Lake Junaluska

Lake Junaluska is a conference and retreat center in the mountains of Western North Carolina. With a unique location 30 miles from Asheville and between two of the most popular national parks in the country, Lake Junaluska is your gateway to the best outdoor activities and attractions in the Southeast. We welcome corporate and nonprofit groups, families, weddings, reunions, leisure guests and church groups of all denominations.

To plan your Lake Junaluska getaway, visit lakejunaluska.com today.

