

Where does Summer School happen?

Welcome to “The Mountain” retreat center in Highlands, NC
(828-526-5838) <http://www.mountaincenters.org>:

- A beautiful setting in the Blue Ridge Mts., about 2 ½ hrs. from Atlanta, with spectacular views, hiking trails and nearby waterfalls. There is time in the week for personal recreation.
- Healthy, homemade meals in a central dining hall for a communal experience. Most dietary needs can be accommodated with advance notice.
- Lodging from double rooms with private baths in the lodge to comfortable, modern cabins with shared bathrooms.

Rave Reviews from Previous Participants

“I would strongly recommend this experience to anyone because it contributes so much to personal growth. It was fun and beautiful and stimulating and replete with love, concern, mutual respect and learning.”

James Farer, New York

“A must for anyone who wants to be more involved in the Ethical Culture Moment.”

Ivo Antoniazzi, Long Island

Cost

Approximately \$1200 per participant, not including travel expenses. Some partial scholarships may be available. See the registration form for more details.

A \$150 deposit per applicant must be received no later than March 1, 2012. Full payment must be received no later than June 15. Deposits will be returned for any applicants not accepted for training. Otherwise, deposits are non-refundable.



Travel

Participants and their Societies must arrange and pay for their own transportation. An airport shuttle from Atlanta can be arranged at an approximate cost of \$150 per person round trip. If you are flying into Atlanta and require ground transportation, please contact Mr. Miller in the AEU office before making your flight arrangements so that he can advise and coordinate with you on the various ground transportation options which may be less expensive.

Ethical Culture Lay Leadership Summer School



July 14 – July 21, 2012

at

**“The Mountain”
Highlands, North Carolina**

**Sponsored by the
American Ethical Union**



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Mission

The AEU Lay Leadership Summer School was created in 1996 to promote the evolution of Ethical Culture, so that Ethical members and institutions can flourish and grow. Most of us joined an Ethical Society in order to work toward better relationships in our lives and in the wider world. The Lay Leadership Summer School provides a special opportunity for committed leaders and members to strengthen skills, share ideas and ideals, and broaden inter-Society connections.



What is the structure of the Lay Leadership Summer School?

The week-long curriculum includes the religious, philosophical, and organizational history of Ethical Culture; leadership skills for groups and organizations, including communication and conflict-management; and personal development. There are many opportunities for participants to get to know one another, learn about other Societies and have fun!

The Lay Leadership Summer School will help participants to

- understand organizational dynamics and the stages of community development
- become creative and effective agents for positive change
- practice leadership skills in small group settings
- deepen their understanding of and ability to communicate the history, ideas, and development of Ethical Culture
- help build Ethical Societies faithful to our tradition yet flexible enough to meet the challenges of the present and future
- experiment with creative authentic and inspiring ceremonies
- reflect on their ethical journeys and nurture personal growth within Ethical Culture.

Who should attend?

The Board of each Society may recommend up to four active members and staff who want to deepen their commitment to living Ethical Culture in their personal lives and to assist in the organizational development of their Ethical Societies – those who, in the next two years, will be likely hold key leadership positions important to the Society's future growth and development.

Applicants should be in good physical and emotional health. Participants will be chosen from among those whose applications are received at the AEU by March 1, 2012. Preference will be given to early applications.

Who is on staff this year?

Jan Broughton, Vice President, Ethical Humanist Society of the Triangle (NC); EC officiant; AEU Board Secretary; Summer School participant 1998. Jan enjoys construction work with Habitat for Humanity, traveling & photography.

Matthew Hile, Ph.D., Licensed psychologist; St. Louis Society; Governance Task Force chair; Summer School participant 2000; staff since 2002. Matthew enjoys cyberpunk, Grateful Dead, criticizing user interfaces, and riding his bicycle.

Diane Kirschner, Brooklyn Society Sunday School grad 1966, former president; Staff, AEU Summer School for Ethics 2007; 100+ hours NVC training; Humanist and EC officiant; Summer School participant 2004, staff since 2010. Diane loves to dance; look at/make art, exploring & having the option of doing nothing.

Kate Lovelady, BA, Leader, St. Louis Society; Humanist Institute attendee; Summer School participant 2000; staff since 2006. Kate likes hiking, drumming, karaoke, and dancing like a fool.

Huge Taft-Morales, Leader, Baltimore Ethical Society and Philadelphia Ethical Humanist Society; Summer School participant 2006. Hugh likes juggling, bad jokes, David Sedaris, playing guitar, and singing folk songs.

Bart Worden, BA & MSW; Leader, Ethical Culture Society of Westchester, Humanist Institute graduate, Summer School participant 1996, Staff 2008. Bart enjoys walking with his dogs, playing Words With Friends on his Droid, and cooking experimentally for family and friends.