

Dear Quilt Campers!

This note has some embedded “To Do’s” – marked in **\*\* blue \*\***. Please take the time NOW, to read this through to the end, so you can help me get some things ready, RSVP to some questions, and get your own questions answered.

The traditional epistle has been moved to the web site, a copy of this note is there too:

<https://www.MountainQuiltCamp.com/Fall2017.htm>

Fall camp is the traditional, relaxed PIGS / QWIP / WISP/ UFO / PhD quilt camp. Me, well that is easy, I am working out my FOB. Pick out the project(s) you are planning to finish (or start), and assemble the parts and pieces now to make sure you have all the fabrics, borders, notions, etc. with you.

There are a few changes; some a result of having too much time for my mind to plan and plot, some much requested.

### **Plans and Plots:**

#### **1. Theme**

We are taking the relaxed theme one step further. Fall camp is the Wildcat Lake Retreat and Spa. The therapist(s) from Riverside will be on-site Tuesday and Wednesday for Deep Tissue or Swedish Massage and Trigger Point Therapy. Sessions are 30 minutes or 1 hour. (\$40 for 30 minutes, \$70 for 1 hour paid to the therapist). ***\*\* Please let me know if you are interested, and for how long, it will help complete plans with Riverside \*\****

Free paraffin wax hand baths to ease arthritis (and make for soft hands), Infrared heat lamp to relieve deep tissue aches, and deep conditioning hair treatments will be available.

And be sure to check out the goodie bags for the spa-themed additions!

#### **2. Dress Code**

At the Wildcat Lake Spa – there is a dress code. Drag out your best (a.k.a. presentable) robes, caftans, baggy PJs or sweats! It will be the dress code for camp. No need to change for meals, come as you are. Toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, and clean underwear complete the outfit.

#### **3. Who’s Who in our Zoo**

Locate your baby picture. If you can’t find a true baby picture, the youngest age you can find will be fine. If it is in digital format, you can e-mail it to me, and I will print. If you don’t have it in digital format, place a COPY under cover with your name on the envelope or folder that you place it in and turn in when you check-in. No originals PLEASE, I am hesitant to use family heirlooms for a game.

#### 4. White Elephant “Exchange and Rummage Sale”

This is a two-part event, but the goal is the same. Find those items – fabric, notions, books that are sitting idle – that ones you will never use.

One (or two of the nice ones) should be designated for the “exchange” and place in a brown paper bag or gift bag, one that disguises the contents. Retail value no more than \$20. The item in the paper bag is for the “EXCHANGE”.

The rest (up to a large tub) are designated for “RUMMAGE SALE”. Price each item from FREEBIE, Best Offer, to \$2 max. Do not exceed one large tub, and remember you **must** take home what you don’t find a new home for! Like all rummage sales, bring quarters and dollars to make your purchases.

When you check in – put the tub in the Dining Hall along with a piggy bank or cash baggy, but give Cath the “exchange” bag.

#### Much Requested Changes:

1. There were several requests to extend the camp, either for an extra night (leaving Friday morning), or to a full week (leaving Sunday morning). The cost for an extra night with meals is \$80, the cost for the weekend \$240. In any event we need 18 to sign up to take advantage of meal service.

At this point, signup for Thursday night is borderline, and there were only four for the full week. I released the space for the weekend, and need to confirm Thursday night. If we don’t get the full headcount for Thursday night, we can go the no meals route and adjust the price to reflect. *\*\* Confirm to Cath Thursday night with meals OR Thursday night without meals or None \*\**

Sunday night dinner had mixed reviews in the Spring, so let’s try an hors d’oeuvres / antipasto / dim sum / zakuska / smörgåsbord party. This is a chance to show off your favorite appetizer recipe. If the weather is warm enough, we’ll do it on the Guenther Lodge porch – if our early fall continues, bring a parka and long underwear. Paper plates and napkins will be provided. Headcount currently stands at 32. *\*\* Sunday headcount is noted by an asterisk by names on the room assignment attachment, if that is NOT correct let me know \*\**

2. In fairness to those staying Sunday night, if you are not spending Sunday night at camp, **PLEASE DO NOT COME UNTIL MONDAY MORNING**, even to drop things off.
3. Fat Quarter “exchange” will be a true exchange, bring a fat quarter, get a fat quarter - up to a maximum of five FQ’s. Place your FQs in a Ziploc bag and mark the number of fat quarters on the outside of the baggie. Turn the FQs in, when you check in. You’ll get a

red ticket for each FQ and a magic ticket. When your magic ticket is drawn, turn in all your red tickets, one for each FQ you select. Better?

4. Room / Sewing Room Assignment – Based on known requests, I have assigned room locations so you know where to unload on Sunday/Monday. This is either Guenther Lodge or Grigsby Hall (next to the Dining Hall). I have requested a full table for each, along with a cutting table and ironing board in each sewing location. If this is a problem, let me know and I will try and affect a swap.

### **Things to Pack:**

See the website for a more complete list of things to bring. Don't forget personal bath soap, hair dryer, quilt for your bed, and a jacket for the cool weather.

### **Quilt Camp Store**

Please let me know what you would like me to bring. I do NOT have the trailer to transport, so it would be best if you pre-order as space will be limited. Think thread, batting, notions, needles, rotary cutters, mats.

And we can plan an afternoon or evening trip to High Country Quilts. Lots and lots of new fabrics, pre-cuts, quilt kits, Siesta silver quilt jewelry, lamps, local honey and syrups. The shop was enlarged two different times this summer, and another change is imminent.

Price either location is deeply discounted.

### **Materials List for Make and Take Projects:**

(2) 12" squares coordinating/contrasting fabrics

(2) 4" x 8" rectangles coordinating / contrasting fabrics

12" x 18" piece template plastic

Matching thread for top stitching

90/14 Needle

Optional: Walking Foot

Patterns and kits will be provided with the rest of the items needed for Make and Take. Christmas fabrics not necessarily appropriate for projects.