



# May 15-23, 2010

*Activities may require advance registration.  
Please read program description for details.*

## Operations

Member Services  
828.631.1000

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## Trust

General Number  
828.631.1060

## Amenities Update

We are excited to be back and gearing up for a busy spring and summer season. Below you will find our goals for the opening dates of our amenities. Details will be conveyed as they become available.

- **Food & Beverage:** May 15; Call Member Services now to make your reservations for opening day, 828.631.1000!
- **Golf Course:** Open May 14-16, 21-23 and 28 for season
- **Pool:** Opening Friday, May 28
- **Tennis Courts:** Open May 15

### Now Open:

- **Campground:** Now open! Please contact Activities at 828.63.1063 to reserve your camping and/or fishing equipment.
- **Stables:** Now open! Please contact Member Services at 828.631.1000 to schedule a ride.

If you have questions or suggestions regarding our programs or the dates listed above, please contact Activities, 828.631.1063.

### Saturday, 15 May 2010

**Kid's Club: 10:00am to 11:00am.** Join April and Blair as we take a morning hike down Cashie Branch Trail searching for wildflowers and wildlife.

**Reservations:** Not required

**Naturalist's Choice Programs: 2:00pm to 4:00pm.** Call the naturalist on staff (828.631.1060) to inquire about a nature program, like scavenger hunts for the kids, wildflower & bird walks for the family, or aquatic stream explorations to bring up creek critters. Must be dressed for the out-of-doors; please call ahead of time. Programs could be indoors or outdoors. Also, enjoy our animal ambassadors - with advanced notice we can introduce you to the birds of prey and/or reptiles.

**Reservations:** Please call 828.631.1060.

### Sunday, 16 May 2010

**Sunday Trust Hike: 11:00am to 1:00pm.** Our Sunday hikes are meant to be relaxing and enjoyable excursions into the beauty of the mountain environment. While the Trust team is always willing to share their knowledge with participants, there are times when we might just want to hike for the sheer enjoyment of being outdoors. If you would like to concentrate on a particular interest like wildflowers, birding, mushroom identification, etc., please let us know in advance and we will do our best to accommodate. Meet at the nature center. Please bring appropriate clothing for the mountains as weather can change unexpectedly.

**Reservations:** Not required



Peyton Fitts enjoys some time at the stables.

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## Memorial Day Scramble

Kick off the season, Saturday, May 29 with our fun and popular 4-person Captain's Choice tournament. This is a shot gun start at 1:00pm. There is a \$30.00 per person entry fee which includes prizes and beverages on the course.

Please call the Pro Shop to sign up at 828.631.1009.

## Save the dates:

May 28

Pool & Golf Course Open  
For season

May 29

Pool BBQ  
12:00pm to 2:00pm  
Memorial Day Golf Scramble  
1:00pm  
Memorial Day Luau Pool Party  
2:00pm  
Kid's Party  
6:00pm  
Adult BINGO  
8:00pm

May 30

Memorial Day Cookout

June 3

Fundamental Golf Clinic  
2:00pm  
Trust Talk 5:15pm  
Botanical Treasures

June 7-10

Arts & Crafts Camp  
Ages 6-12  
10:00am to 3:00pm

June 9-11

Ladies Golf Clinic  
10:00am to 11:30am

June 10

Trust Talk 5:15pm  
Discover Life in America  
Kid's Party  
6:00pm to 9:30pm

June 14-16

Cowboys & Cowgirls Camp  
Ages 4-6  
10:00am to 1:00pm

June 17

Trust Talk 5:15pm  
Gardening for Wildlife

June 17-19

Member-Member  
Golf Tournament

June 18

Ladies Lunch  
12:00pm

June 23-26

Junior Golf Clinic  
Ages 5-17  
9:00am to 11:00am

June 24

Trust Talk 5:15pm  
Bear Smart Bird Feeding

## Wednesday-Friday, 19-21 May 2010

**2010 Southern Heritage Food Symposium:** Attendees will enjoy a variety of presentations and tastings provided by recognized experts in the fields of Southern and Appalachian Foods. These presenters will connect food to southern life through history, heritage, film, folklore and stories. These connections will demonstrate how our community fare truly creates a sense of place. The entire three-day event will be held at High Hampton Inn in Cashiers, NC. Cost is \$185 per ticket, which includes access to all five Symposium components, as well as the Gala Dinner Events on Thursday night. For more information, please visit [www.highhamptoninn.com](http://www.highhamptoninn.com) or [www.cashiershistoricalsociety.org](http://www.cashiershistoricalsociety.org).

**Reservations:** Required. Please call 828.743.6500.

## Thursday, 20 May 2010

**Trust Talk: Becoming Bear Aware: 5:15pm.** Join North Carolina Resource Division's bear biologist Mike Carraway for what is becoming a tradition on the Preserve. The first Trust Talk of the season will have Mr. Carraway waxing philosophically and scientifically on the behavior of the furry megafauna known as the black bear. The Preserve is a living example of how people can live in harmony with these intelligent and often misunderstood animals. Mr. Carraway has praised the Preserve for the pro-active measures taken which allow bears to live wild while giving members the chance to see them.

**Reservations:** Not required

## Friday, 21 May 2010

**Ladies Lunch: 12:00pm.** Meet at the boarding house for food and fellowship with some of the other ladies of Balsam Mountain Preserve.

**Reservations:** Required by calling 828.631.1000.

## Saturday, 22 May 2010

**Kid's Club: 10:00am to 10:45am.** This morning we'll explore the new exhibits at the nature center by participating in a scavenger hunt. You'll find and identify amphibians, birds, mammals, trees and more from A to Z!

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## Sunday, 23 May 2010

**Sunday Trust Hike: 11:00am to 1:00pm.** Our Sunday hikes are meant to be relaxing and enjoyable excursions into the beauty of the mountain environment. While the Trust team is always willing to share their knowledge with participants, there are times when we might just want to hike for the sheer enjoyment of being outdoors. If you would like to concentrate on a particular interest like wildflowers, birding, mushroom identification, etc., please let us know in advance and we will do our best to accommodate. Meet at the nature center. Please bring appropriate clothing for the mountains as weather can change unexpectedly.

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## **Guided Hikes & Special Requests**

Remember if you have family and/or friends on the mountain, or in the area, and they would like to be immersed in the wonderful world of discovery, please call us. The collective experience and knowledge of the Trust staff will make for great adventures. The Trust can schedule programs for you with enough notice and/or as schedules allow. Please call 828.631.1060 for more information.

## **Hiking Partner**

If you plan to go hiking at Balsam Mountain without a guide or at a time different from the Trust and would like others to join you, please call member services, 828.631.1000. They will put you in touch with other hikers on the mountain.

Save the dates, cont:

June 28-30  
Nature Camp  
Ages 4-6  
9:00am to 1:00pm

June 28-July 1  
Sports Camp 1  
Ages 6-12  
10:00am to 3:00pm

June 30  
Asheville Tourists Trip  
6:00pm

July 1  
Whitewater Rafting Trip  
Putting Clinic 2:00pm  
Trust Talk 5:15pm

July 3  
Flag Day Golf Tournament

For details on the above activities  
please call 828.631.1063 or email  
activities@balsammountain.com.

## Summer Camp 2010

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Camp</b>	<b>Ages</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>June 7-10</b>	<b>Arts &amp; Crafts</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>10:00am to 3:00pm</b>	<b>\$120</b>
<b>June 14-16</b>	<b>Cowboys &amp; Cowgirls</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>10:00am to 1:00pm</b>	<b>\$90</b>
<b>June 28-30</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>9:00am to 1:00pm</b>	<b>\$90</b>
<b>June 28-Jul 1</b>	<b>Sports 1</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>10:00am to 3:00pm</b>	<b>\$120</b>
<b>July 5-7</b>	<b>Naturalist in Training</b>	<b>12-15</b>	<b>10:00am to 2:00pm</b>	<b>\$75</b>
<b>July 5-8</b>	<b>Sports 2</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>10:00am to 3:00pm</b>	<b>\$120</b>
<b>July 12-14</b>	<b>Community Helpers</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>10:00am to 1:00pm</b>	<b>\$90</b>
<b>July 12-15</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>7-12</b>	<b>9:00am to 3:00pm</b>	<b>\$120</b>
<b>July 19-22</b>	<b>Around the World</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>10:00am to 3:00pm</b>	<b>\$120</b>
<b>July 26-29</b>	<b>Adventure</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>10:00am to 3:00pm</b>	<b>\$120</b>
<b>August 1-2</b>	<b>Teen Travel</b>	<b>12-15</b>	<b>10:00am to 4:00pm</b>	<b>\$150</b>

Summer day camp registration has begun at Balsam Mountain Preserve! Please call 828.631.1063 to reserve your spot today. A deposit of 50% of the total cost of the camp will be charged to your club account in order to hold your spot. We must have a minimum of five campers signed up to hold each camp. For additional questions, please contact Activities at the number listed above.



Please welcome Robert M. Berrey, Jr. to Balsam Mountain Preserve as our new Director of Operations. Robert comes to our community with over 25 years of experience in all areas of the hospitality and club industries. Most recently he started and managed operations for *River Rock* in Cashiers, NC. Previously, Robert served as the General Manager for *Bear Lake Reserve* in Tuckasegee, NC. He has operated golf and ski area properties in Jackson Hole, WY, Killington/Sugarbush, VT, and State College, PA prior to moving to the mountains of western North Carolina.

Robert grew up in our industry following in his father's footsteps after attending Florida International University where he studied Hospitality Management. In 2008 he and his wife Shannon opened Yesterday's Tree and Shannon Berrey Designs, an interior design and home furnishings business on Main Street in Sylva, NC. They have two children, Maris and Jack.

Please provide Robert a warm welcome to Balsam. He may be reached at 828-631-1016 or by e-mail at [rberrey@balsammountain.com](mailto:rberrey@balsammountain.com).