



Welcome to The Swannanoa Gathering!

All of us here at Warren Wilson College are looking forward to this year's Gathering and are delighted that you have decided to spend a week with us. This packet contains most of the information that will help you prepare for the Gathering.

Included in this packet you will find:

- Registration confirmation & receipt; ***please check this over to make sure all of the information is correct***
- Payment voucher, if you still have a balance due
- Directions for getting to The Swannanoa Gathering
- Information describing how to best plan your stay with us
- Orientation information
- Warren Wilson College information and policies

REGISTRATION CHECK-IN AND ORIENTATION

Registration check-in begins in **Bryson Gym** at 2:00 PM and continues until 6:30 PM, when we break for supper. Check-in resumes in Sunderland Hall 1st floor lobby after Orientation ends (at around 7:30 PM). If you need to check the status of classes for which you are waitlisted, the Operations Manager will be available during Registration and current enrollments will be posted outside the Gathering Office in Sunderland Hall. Those who wish to change classes can do so during Registration and in the Gathering Office after Orientation until 10:00 PM. Our office will reopen at 8:00 AM Monday morning for additional class changes. **The Class Add/Drop period ends at 6:00 PM on Monday.** This gives you a full day to sit through the classes and see if they are a good fit.

Please note: Although check-in begins at 2:00 PM, dorm rooms will not be ready until **3:00 PM**. Once you've checked in, you can get settled into your room, or just start jamming in the jam tents. At 6:00 PM, there will be another campus tour led by a Warren Wilson College student which departs from the front of Gladfelter, outside the cafeteria. The tour highlights the areas used during the Gathering and ends at the Pavilion in time for Orientation at 7:00 PM. If you have a child in the Children's Program, there will be a short meeting with Melissa Hyman, Children's Program Coordinator, in the lobby of Sunderland Hall at 6:30 PM.

FEES AND CANCELLATIONS

Your classes and any outstanding tuition and/or housing balance are indicated on the enclosed receipt. Checks should be made payable to **The Swannanoa Gathering**. Payments may also be made online, but you will need to e-mail our office (gathering@warren-wilson.edu) to set up an online payment link. If an enrolled student or non-student needs to cancel, we can refund all monies collected other than the tuition deposits, if notified four weeks before her/his classes begin. **No refunds other than the cost of meals (\$148 for adults, \$110 for children under 12) can be made within four weeks of the event. Full payment is required by June 9 to guarantee your class choices. After that date, your class reservations will be unconfirmed until we receive your balance. If we are holding a space for you in a class that is full, and your balance is unpaid after June 9, we may release that space to another student.**

HOUSING

If you're interested in alternate housing options, such as nearby campgrounds, RV parks, and motels, please contact our office. Specific housing requests in the dorms will be filled when our Housing Coordinator arrives on staff in early July. If you wish to inquire about housing assignments, please contact us by e-mail.

VENDOR INFORMATION

Acoustic Corner – their table will offer instrument rentals (they DO rent: guitars, violins, banjos, mandolins & cellos. they do NOT rent: ukuleles, bodhrans, basses, autoharps, folk harps or hammered dulcimers), accessories, etc. They will be set up in Jensen, close to the classes and easier for students to access during class hours. If you have rented an instrument from Acoustic Corner, instruments will be available for pick-up in Jensen between 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM during Registration. If you need to contact them, their number is: 828-669-5162 or contact@acoustic-corner.com

Michael Ginsburg - Tune Town – Michael and his group of volunteers will be selling CDs and instructional videos.

Kim Tewksbury – We are excited to have Kim as our massage therapist! Kim will be sent up on the Health Center Porch near the Pavilion where you can schedule a relaxing massage during the week.

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EVENTS EACH WEEK:

Traditional Song Week:

- Early-morning yoga (7:15 to 8:00 AM, Monday - Friday), will be offered in the Pavilion. Nationally certified instructor **Fran Ross**, who has taught yoga for many years will be leading the class. Bring your mat and any other yoga props you'd like to use.
- The week will also feature an afternoon workshops in Lead Belly: An American Legend with Rev. Robert Jones, A Visit with Cathy Jordan, lead by Fiona Ritchie, "The Winding Stream," a film on the Carter Family, A Visit with Len Graham, lead by Fiona Ritchie and a staff panel discussion on The Movement That Sang: Songs of the American Civil Rights Movement. Other nightly events include concerts and singing sessions, the Old Farmer's Ball Dance and ample opportunities to mix with other singers.
- After supper each night, students have the opportunity to participate in themed singing sessions led by various staff members. We will vary the format each night from community sings to a focus on individual voices within a community context and a particular style/genre. It is a great time to share and collect songs, build vocal confidence, develop listening skills, and experiment with harmony and the nuances of both community singing and individual voices.

Celtic Week:

- Early-morning yoga (7:15 to 8:00 AM, Monday - Friday), will be offered in the Pavilion with Nationally certified instructor **Fran Ross**. Bring your mat and any other yoga props you'd like to use.
- **Potluck Sessions** in the afternoons serving up a different menu of one-hour workshops each day.

Old-Time Music and Dance Week:

- Early-morning yoga (7:15 to 8:00 AM, Monday - Friday), will be offered in Bryson Gym by Nationally certified instructor **Fran Ross**. Bring your mat and any other yoga props you'd like to use.
- **T'ai Chi** (7:30-8:00) with Don Pedi will be available every morning in the Pavilion. Start the day with a smile with these ancient, gentle, easy to learn rejuvenation exercises. Includes: T'ai Chi, Chi Kung, Standing Meditation, Eight Pieces of Brocade, and more. No experience necessary.
- After supper each night, students have the opportunity to participate in **Slow Jams** and **Singing Sessions**. At the slow jams, common tunes are played at a speed that is accessible even to beginners. The singing sessions are a chance to share your voice and songs.
- Each evening, after supper, teenaged musicians get together for **Young Old-Time**, a staff-guided jam for young players, and on Wednesday night, following the staff concert, this group will have the opportunity to play for the post-concert square dance.
- **Evening Dances** will be held throughout the week, providing plenty of chances to dance a variety of traditional Southern Appalachian squares and circles. Thursday night features our valley's long-standing weekly dance, the **Old Farmers Ball**.

Guitar/Contemporary Folk Week:

- Early-morning yoga (7:15 to 8:00 AM, Monday - Friday), will be offered in the Pavilion by Nationally certified instructor **Fran Ross**. Bring your mat and any other yoga props you'd like to use.
- One of the country's top guitar repairmen, **Randy Hughes** will be available for consultations, or to share a few 'care & feeding' tips.
- **Various staff members** will lead slow jams after lunch each day.
- Our **Luthier's Exhibit** will feature some amazing guitars from some of the world's top guitar builders, including **John Slobod**, **Gerald Sheppard**, **Michael Bashkin** and newcomer **Leonardo Buendia**. There will also be a display of some of the amazing inventory from **Dream Guitars**, an award-winning local shop specializing in the world's finest high-end instruments.
- A Friday tradition returns!! Join us for our **Guitar Week Luau**. Come experience a real Hawaiian luau catered by our own slack-key master Patrick Landeza!

Mandolin & Banjo Week/Fiddle Week:

- Early-morning yoga (7:15 to 8:00 AM, Monday - Friday), will be offered in the Pavilion. Nationally certified instructor **Jim Carson**. Bring your mat and any other yoga props you'd like to use.
- **Ed Dodson** will lead a Daily Bluegrass Jam in the last hour before dinner.
- Throughout the week we will feature several fine luthiers displaying instruments, including bowmaker **Roger Treat**, mandolin builder, **Steve Sorensen**, violin maker, **Joe Thrift** and **Northfield Mandolins**.
- Master Luthier **Lynn Dudenbostel** will be offering his repair services throughout the week.
- During the last hour of the day, there will be a special class time for students on any skill level to form bands.

Should you have any questions, please write, call or email, and we'll do our best to answer them.

How To Get Here

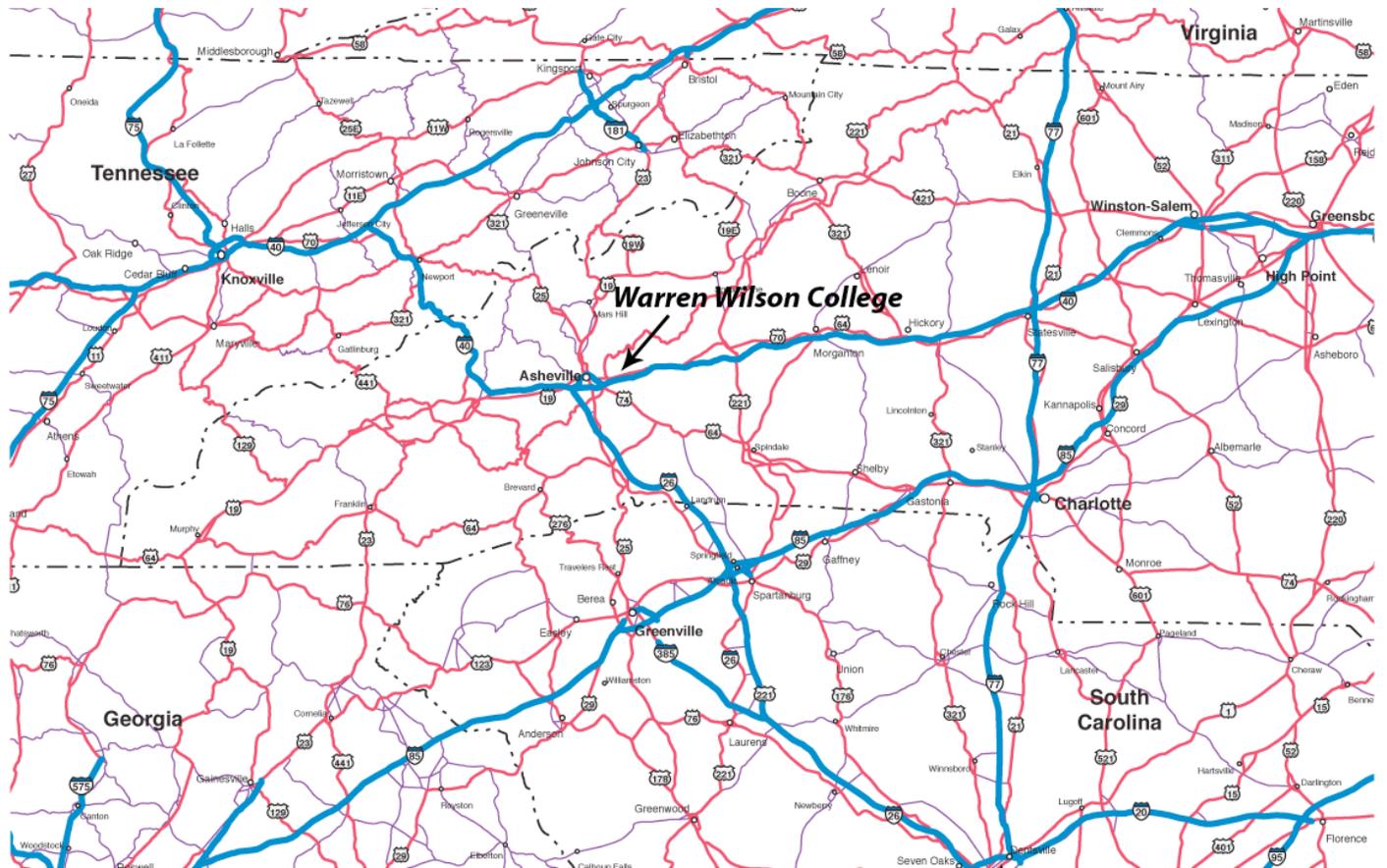
DRIVING:

The physical address for the college is: **701 Warren Wilson Road, Swannanoa, NC**

The Asheville-Swannanoa area is easily reached by car from the east and west by 1-40, and from the south by I-26. From I-40, take exit 55, and go north a quarter mile to Hwy 70. Go east (right) just over a mile to the next stoplight. Turn left onto Warren Wilson Road and go 1.4 miles to the college. Follow signs to the parking lot behind **Kittredge Theatre**, then walk to **Bryson Gym** in front of the Formal Gardens. From I-26, take I-40 east, and then follow directions above.

Interested in carpooling with Gathering Folks in your area? See our **RideShare** board:

<http://swangathering.com/Information/srideshare.html>



FLYING:

Arriving at the Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) by air and riding our **complimentary shuttle**? Our shuttle service is a courtesy to our attendees, but shuttle space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Other commercial transport to and from the college is available at the Asheville Regional Airport. Contact us with flight numbers, and arrival and departure times. The shuttle runs at the following times and takes approximately 30 minutes. If your flight is delayed, please call 828-298-3434 and let us know to see if we have room on a later shuttle.

Sunday Arrivals~ the Asheville airport to the college: departs the airport at **Noon, 3:00 PM & 5:00 PM.**

Saturday Departures~ the college to the Asheville airport: departs the college at **9:00 AM & Noon.**

Travelling with an instrument? Contact your airline for carry-on policies, as well as the following links:

TSA

<http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/musical-instruments>

eHow videos

www.ehow.com/videos-on_5104_travel-instruments.html

If you're concerned about travelling with your instrument or want to bring more than one, our instrument vendor **Acoustic Corner**, rents instruments such as guitars, fiddles, banjos, and mandolins. For more information, contact them at **828-669-5162** or www.acoustic-corner.com/gathering/

The Swannanoa Gathering Information Sheet

WHAT TO WEAR:

Generally, the climate here is delightful. During the summer, daytime temperatures typically range between mid-70's and mid-to-upper-80's with an occasional afternoon shower. Often the nights are cool but humid. Our mountain campus is beautiful but hilly, and those with physical problems may find it challenging. Students should give reasonable consideration to their ability to get around without assistance. Although we help when we can, we don't have the resources to provide mobility assistance to all who require it. **Please notify us if you have special needs.** Plan to bring casual clothing (suitable for evening events, as well as classes), comfortable shoes, something warm for cool evenings and some rain gear or umbrella – *just in case!*

WHAT TO BRING:

Linens are provided and will be in your rooms when you arrive; you will be supplied towels (bath and hand), washcloth, sheets and pillowcase as well as one light blanket and one pillow. As these linens may not be what you're used to at home, you may wish to bring an extra towel, favorite pillow and heavier blanket. These are dormitory mattresses and pillows and as such are covered in a plastic washable fabric. Some Gathering folks have found that bringing their own pillow and a mattress pad or an inexpensive twin size foam mattress cover really does help make the beds more comfortable. Parents with small children staying in the residence hall will need to provide the child's bedding, including air mattress or cot, pillow, blanket and linens.

Other items which have proven useful to folks in the past:

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| ✓ insect repellent | ✓ flip-flops or shower shoes | ✓ baby/child stroller |
| ✓ alarm clock | ✓ toiletries including soap | ✓ gig bag, backpack straps and/or small luggage |
| ✓ flashlight | ✓ fan | cart for toting instruments around campus |
| ✓ a music stand | ✓ an audio recording device | ✓ ear plugs |

We have a number of fans, clothes hangers, reading lamps and Ethernet cables available to borrow but if any of these items are essential to your comfort, plan to bring your own. There will be an e-mail terminal in the common area outside of the Gathering Office, available 24 hours. If you are bringing a video recorder, please see the policy statement regarding videotaping as described in our catalog under "Class Information".

STAYING HERE:

Each week's events begin on Sunday evening with supper, then Orientation and end with Friday night's events, so you may plan to arrive Sunday, (prior to 5:00 PM, if possible), and leave on Saturday morning; **check-out time is 8:00-10:00 AM.** **We no longer have the option for Saturday Stayovers, unless you are attending multiple weeks in a row.**

PARKING:

After check-in, you will be directed to visitor parking areas. Please utilize the designated parking areas, as we cannot assist you with any tickets you may receive while on campus. If you have special parking needs, please contact the office at least two weeks prior to your arrival.

REGISTRATION CHECK-IN:

Registration will take place in Bryson Gym (see enclosed map and directions) on Sunday, commencing at 2:00 PM and continuing through Orientation. Supper will be served from 5:00-6:30 PM. Parents with children enrolled in the Children's Program will meet for a brief orientation at 6:30 PM and the general Orientation will start at 7:00 PM at the Pavilion. For late arrivals, registration check-in will resume at The Swannanoa Gathering Office in Sunderland Hall until 10:00 PM Sunday evening and again at 8:00 AM Monday. Those needing to purchase meal tickets for the week may do so at check-in.

MESSAGES:

You may be contacted through The Swannanoa Gathering Office:

Your Name
c/o The Swannanoa Gathering
Warren Wilson College
CPO 6361 - PO Box 9000
Asheville, NC 28815-9000

phone: 828-298-3434
e-mail: gathering@warren-wilson.edu
website: www.swangathering.com



- BUILDINGS**
- ACADEMIC
 - ADMINISTRATION
 - ATHLETIC
 - CAMPUS FACILITY
 - STUDENT RESIDENCE
- PARKING**
- STAFF
 - STUDENT
 - VISITOR
 - VISITOR & STAFF
 - HANDICAP PARKING
 - EMERGENCY TELEPHONE

- B2 ANTC
- B3 AQUATIC CENTER
- A2 BALLFIELD A (ELMSLIE)
- A2 BALLFIELD B (KOREVEC)
- A2 BALLFIELD C (WELLNESS)
- A2 BALLFIELD D (ECODORM)
- C6 BANNERMAN TECHNOLOGY CENTER
- D3 BRYSON GYMNASIUM
- D3 Old Farmers Ball, Indoor Climbing Wall, Wellness Program
- C2 CHAPEL
- C2 DEVRIES ATHLETIC CENTER
- C5 DODGE
- C5 Outdoor Programs, Athletic Coaches, Fitness Center
- C5 Housing and Residence Life, Dean of Students Office, Career Resource Center, Minister to Students
- B4 DORLAND
- E5 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT & TECHNICAL SERVICES
- E6 FARM OFFICE
- F2 FLETCHER ART STUDIO
- D4 FORMAL GARDENS
- C7 GARDEN CABIN
- C5 GLADFELTER STUDENT CENTER
- C5 Bookstore, Cafeteria, Cowpie Cafe, Canon Lounge, Bank, Post Office, Student Activities, Student Caucus, International Student Office
- E3 HOLDEN CERAMICS AND SCULPTURE STUDIO
- E3 HOLDEN VISUAL ARTS CENTER
- E5 JENSEN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE BUILDING
- D3 KITTREDGE MUSIC WING
- D3 KITTREDGE THEATRE
- D5 LAURSEN
- D5 Academic Affairs, Registrar, International Programs Office
- D5 LOG CABIN
- F2 Work Program Office, College Press
- F2 LANDSCAPING COMPLEX
- E3 MITCHELL
- E3 Education, Outdoor Leadership, Religion
- D4 MORRIS PAVILION
- C6 MORSE NATURAL SCIENCE BUILDING
- C6 Environmental Leadership Center
- E4 MURDEN HEALTH CENTER
- C5 OGG
- C5 Counseling
- D5 ORR
- D5 Public Safety, Accounting, Business Office, Financial Aid, Human Resources, President's Office
- D5 ORR
- D5 Admission, College Relations, Alumni Relations, Publications, Church Relations
- C6 PEW LEARNING CENTER AND ELLISON LIBRARY
- E2 PRESIDENT'S HOME
- D6 RANSOM SERVICE-LEARNING HOUSE
- D2 RANSOM FELLOWSHIP HALL
- D6 RECYCLING CENTER AND FREE STORE
- B4 SAGE
- B3 SCHAFFER A
- B3 SCHAFFER B
- B3 SCHAFFER C
- B3 SHEPARD
- C6 SPIDEL
- D4 ST. CLAIR GUEST HOUSE
- B4 STEPHENSON
- D4 SUNDERLAND
- A3 SUTTON
- A3 Swannanoa Gathering, Writing Center, MFA Writers Program
- F2 VILLAGE A
- F2 VILLAGE B
- C4 VINING A
- C4 VINING B
- C4 VINING C (COMMONS)
- C6 WITHERSPOON LABORATORY



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ORIENTATION INFORMATION

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Welcome to The Swannanoa Gathering and Warren Wilson College!

OUR COMMUNITY:

One of the aspects of The Swannanoa Gathering that makes this event so special is the community created over the course of the week. For the summer, Gathering participants also become part of the greater Warren Wilson College community. We want the week to go well for all, so please: pick up after yourself; use trash, recycling, and cigarette receptacles; if you move chairs from jam areas, put them back for the next folks; respect the **10:00 PM Quiet Hour** inside of the residence halls and jam or socialize outside away from the residence halls; hike the campus trails (maps available in the Gathering Office); visit the farm; and pick up fresh fruits and vegetables from our Garden Market across from Gladfelter.

OUR OFFICES:

There are **three Swannanoa Gathering Offices**. All student concerns should be addressed to **Ruth Budney**, in the main office located on the first floor of Sunderland Hall Room 115, next to the elevator. All staff concerns should be addressed to **Jim Magill**, whose office is located adjacent to Ruth's. All Housing and instrument lock-up needs should be addressed to the staff in the Housing Office on the 1st Floor of Sunderland Hall
Phone: 828-298-3434
E-mail: gathering@warren-wilson.edu

PARKING:

After unloading your luggage, please park only in legal spaces in the lots below the Devries Athletic Center (near the tennis courts) or behind Kittredge Theatre (day students). We cannot assist you with any parking tickets you receive while you're here. Please keep in mind that all roads on campus are fire lanes and thus not for parking.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/MESSAGES:

Personal messages may be routed through our office, and will be posted on the Gathering's **Message Board** at the entrance to the cafeteria. In the case of an emergency, we will locate you and hand-deliver the message as soon as possible. Please also check the board for items of interest, such as potluck sessions and Gathering announcements at each meal.

E-MAIL:

Wireless connectivity is available nearly everywhere on campus including a number of outdoor spaces. There is computer available in the Sunderland Hall lobby for e-mail use.

ROOM KEYS/RESIDENCE HALL CODES:

Keys for rooms will be issued at check-in, up to 2 per room. A **\$10 deposit** is required for each key and will be returned at checkout. Key deposits donated each week to our **Youth Scholarship program** help fund the scholarships, of which more than **30 were awarded** this summer. Lost or unreturned keys are subject to a **\$50 re-keying fee**.

SINGLE ROOM REQUESTS:

Due to our continued record enrollment numbers, there are some weeks where our request for singles is greater than our single room availability. We cannot guarantee a single room, but will notify you in early July if we are unable to grant your single room request.

CAMPUS SECURITY:

The Campus Security Office is located in the lower level of the **Ogg Building** (across from the cafeteria). Their phone number is **828-230-4592**. **In case of an emergency, please dial 911**, and then contact Campus Security. There are 3 emergency call boxes (look for blue light) located on campus: in the parking area between DeVries Athletic Center and the tennis courts, in the Kittredge Theatre parking lot near the theater, and near the Ballfield residence hall on the far west side of campus. Please keep your vehicles and residence hall rooms locked at all times. We cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.

MEDICAL SERVICES:

If anyone should require medical attention during the Gathering, they will be referred to FastMed: www.fastmed.com, 828-210-2835, Sona Pharmacy + Clinic, sonapharmacy.com, 828-298-3636 or to Mission Hospitals in downtown Asheville. **In the event of an EMERGENCY – CALL 911** and notify the Gathering Office (or Dorm Host) immediately. Ambulance, fire, or police will respond as needed.

CAMPUS STORE/VENDORS:

The Warren Wilson College Campus Store, located in the basement of Gladfelter, offers Swannanoa Gathering items as well as locally roasted organic coffee, snacks, drinks, office supplies, batteries, toiletries, etc. to meet the needs of students, faculty, staff and guests. Hours are 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Monday-Friday. Musical supplies and recordings and other items by The Swannanoa Gathering staff will be available for sale from the Gathering's approved vendors: **Acoustic Corner** and **Tune Town**. Check with the vendors for their hours. MC/Visa are accepted, though cash or checks are preferred. There is an ATM machine located in Gladfelter, across from the cafeteria.

DINING/MEAL CARDS:

Sodexo Services provides the college on-campus food service. Meals are served cafeteria-style in Gladfelter. Each meal offers meat and vegetarian entrées, some gluten-free and vegan options, side dishes, salads, desserts, and beverages. Those with specific dietary needs should contact the dining hall directly: **828-298-1041**. Check your schedule for meal times. Your meal card is good for one of each meal per day from Sunday's supper through Saturday's breakfast. **You MUST present your meal card at each meal**. Lost cards can be replaced at the Gathering Office for **\$20**. If you signed up for housing, you will receive a meal card when you check in. A **\$10 meal card deposit is required**, which, like your key deposit, will be returned at checkout or can also be donated to the Youth Scholarship program. For guests and those staying locally, meals may also be purchased individually at the cafeteria at a cost of **\$7.31** for breakfast, **\$8.71** for lunch and **\$10.11** for supper. Kids meals are **\$5.62** for breakfast, **\$6.18** for lunch and **\$7.69** for supper.

SNACKS/BEVERAGES:

There is one vending machine located in the lower level of Gladfelter and the Campus Store has a variety of food items to choose from. During most evening events, a concession stand outside of Bryson Gymnasium will sell beer, wine, soft drinks, and snack items, including pizza, hamburgers and hot dogs. There is

also the Owl's Nest Café in the basement of Sunderland for coffee and snacks, which will be open Monday-Friday from 8AM-3PM and Saturdays from 8AM-10AM.

LAUNDRY FACILITIES:

The college residence halls have laundry facilities. There is also a laundromat at the Shell station at the junction of Warren Wilson Road and Highway 70.

POST OFFICE & LIBRARY:

There is a US Post Office located in lower Gladfelter. Hours are Monday-Friday, from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The library is located downhill from Gladfelter and is open Monday-Friday, from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.

GYM & WEIGHT ROOM:

The weight room and gym are located across the pedestrian bridge in the Devries Athletic Center. Hours will be posted at the Gathering Office and on the cafeteria message board. The pool is closed this summer, with plans to re-open in 2018!

TOBACCO & ALCOHOL POLICY:

Smoking is allowed ONLY in those structured areas designated for that purpose. They will be pointed out to you on your arrival. Please do not smoke ANYWHERE else on campus. Alcohol is allowed in your rooms and in the evenings in the Kittredge Theatre/Formal Garden/Pavilion area. **When checking out, please do not leave any alcohol in your rooms.** If necessary, bring it to the Gathering Office for disposal.

TRASH & RECYCLING:

As a campus community, we strive to be environmentally responsible, and ask that our guests do the same. Please use the trash and recycling receptacles you will find throughout the campus and in the residence halls. If you are a smoker, please use the cigarette butt receptacles in the smoking structures.

CHECKOUT:

Checkout time is 8:00-10:00 AM on Saturday and checkout procedures will be posted in the residence halls. You may drop off your key and meal card and retrieve your deposits from 8:00 to 10:00 AM on Saturday. If you need to leave early, please notify the Gathering Office by Wednesday. Triple-check your room before you leave, as we can neither be responsible for left items nor guarantee their return.

EVALUATION FORMS:

An evaluation form will be included in your registration packet. Please deposit completed forms in the box at the Housing Office, or in Sunderland Hall lobby, when you drop off your key. **At the end of the week, please take a moment to fill these out; they help us shape the ongoing development of the workshops. Your comments do make a difference!**

CLASS WAITLISTS:

If you are on the waitlist for a class that is full, and a space opens up, we will offer the class in turn to each person on the list until the space is filled. **Please respect those ahead of you on the waitlist by not asking the instructor about sitting in on the class.** They will simply refer you to us. If you are on the waitlist at the time you arrive, please check the office for your status.

JAM SESSIONS:

We have a number of locations for after-hours jamming, including the campus Pavilion, tents on the lawn of Sunderland, and in the lower level of the Formal Gardens. **Please honor our music curfew of 10:00 PM in and around the residence halls** and take your jamming to one of these other locations. Some jam etiquette suggestions: Be inclusive. Ask others, especially the most recent arrivals, to suggest the next tune. Be sensitive to the flow of the jam. During the week you will probably have the opportunity to play every tune you know several times, so feel free not to play every time. Sometimes it's more fun just to listen, especially if some of the players are world-class.

CONCERTS:

Each week features concerts by the staff of our various programs in the College's Kittredge Theatre. Your name-button will get you in. There are public tickets available for some of the staff concerts. Check the Gathering website for more information. Also, please note that the theatre may initially be a little chilly, so you might want to bring a light jacket or sweater.

INSTRUMENT LOCKUP:

We will have an instrument lockup in Sunderland Hall for temporary (or overnight) storage of instruments. The office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

VIDEO & AUDIO RECORDING POLICY:

Most of our instructors encourage the use of small audio recorders as a classroom memory aid. Students wishing to videotape classes will be required to obtain the permission of the instructor prior to the first class meeting, and must sign a release form, in the Gathering Office, stating that no commercial or internet use will be made of any recorded materials.

NEW FOR 2017: WWC OPEN HOUSE:

This summer WWC will be offering "open house" and activity opportunities throughout campus to Gathering members. From fine woodworking, fiber arts and blacksmithing to our herb and vegetable gardens and the farm, we hope you'll wander the campus in a whole new way. Watch out for more details when you arrive this summer!!!

WELCOME TO WARREN WILSON COLLEGE!

We were founded in 1894 by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as the Asheville Farm School, later combined with Dorland-Bell School and the Asheville Normal Teachers College. In 1966 we became an accredited four-year liberal arts institution. We are now an independent college, though we are still Presbyterian-related. Our 1,100+ acre campus is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains just outside the city of Asheville, and it includes a 300-acre farm, some 650 acres of forest, and an archaeological dig dating back to 3,000 B.C. The campus includes housing for over 800 students and many faculty and staff members. Approximately 900 students are enrolled at Warren Wilson College with 22 major disciplines. The campus also has a low-residency graduate program, the MFA Program in Creative Writing.

All Warren Wilson College resident students participate in the Work Program for 15 hours each week. To fulfill this requirement, students do electrical work, plumbing, landscaping, and the College's printing. They help grow vegetables, work the sawmill or tend the animals on the farm. Some clean buildings, or clear gutters, while others work in the academic and staff offices, including the Gathering Office. You will have the opportunity to meet some of them, since many stay on to work during the summer months. Every student plays an important part in the work force at Warren Wilson College. Service assignments totalling 100 hours of volunteer work within the wider community are a prerequisite for graduation. International students make up about 10 percent of the student body. They bring to the college a wealth of cultural insights and experiences quite different from those found at other colleges. For further information about the college, see its website: www.warren-wilson.edu.

RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES:

Warren Wilson College offers a wide variety of recreational and leisure opportunities for conference guests. DeVries Gymnasium offers basketball, volleyball, and a weight and fitness room. Gym hours will be posted at the Gathering Office. Our playing fields and tennis courts are also available for your use. Some of the most popular golf courses in the Asheville area are in close proximity to the campus, as well as a nearby driving range. For those fisherfolk, there are rivers and ponds nearby that offer a variety of opportunities.

For those who love the great outdoors, there are over 25 miles of hiking trails on the campus, many of which are also open to mountain bikes as well. The Gathering Office provides trail maps and suggestions for specific types of hiking or riding. If you feel like just a leisurely stroll, take a walking tour. Introduce yourself to the farm. Stop in the formal garden or the organic vegetable and herb garden. Enjoy the scenic mountain backdrop.

WARREN WILSON COLLEGE CAMPUS POLICIES

The college community insists on regard for the rights of others at all times. It is assumed that each visitor and member of this community bases decisions upon standards of honesty, decency, and integrity. The following regulations for those attending conferences and other events such as the Gathering have been set forth as rules of acceptable conduct at Warren Wilson College, to maintain the best possible conditions for all those who live, work, study, and play here. Failure to adhere to these regulations may jeopardize a conference guest's privilege to use college facilities and services.

1. Conference participants and guests are required to abide by all local, state, and federal laws as well as all College policies and regulations.
2. College property is to be treated with care and respect. Littering, damage or maltreatment of buildings, lawns and surrounding areas will not be tolerated. Conferees will be responsible for payment for property that is damaged, lost, or stolen.
3. All College-furnished equipment must be left in the room or facility as found unless permission is granted from the building manager or designated representative for removal or rearrangement. If permission is granted, then it is the conferee's responsibility on departure to see that all equipment is returned to its original place.
4. The purchase, possession or use of drugs known as "controlled substances" is forbidden by law.
5. The possession or use of firearms, weapons, and fireworks is illegal. Candles & incense are also not allowed.
6. No gambling is permitted on Warren Wilson College property.
7. We will have beer and wine available on campus for those 21 years of age and older during selected evenings of The Swannanoa Gathering. Participants of legal drinking age may also bring their own alcoholic beverages onto the campus for private consumption. Anyone who consumes alcoholic beverages in public areas of the campus other than those designated is in violation of College policy. Public display of liquor or wine bottles is also not permitted.
8. No pets are allowed on campus.
9. Smoking is not allowed in any campus building and is restricted, on the main part of campus, to the smoking shelters which will be identified at Orientation.
10. Any person, group, or organization using College facilities who is found to be violating local, state, federal, or other governmental authority rules or regulations or is in violation of College policy may be asked, at the discretion of the College to leave College property immediately.
11. We are not responsible for lost or stolen property. If staying on campus, we encourage you to keep your room and vehicles locked at all times.