

## What to Expect at Wildacres for Senior Scholars

**Room Check-In:** 4:00PM Monday in the North Building Lobby. Look for the Senior Scholars table where you will receive your room assignment and parking pass. You may arrive before room check-in to enjoy the premises.

**Rooms:** Located in the North and South Lodges, they have either a double and a twin bed or two twin beds. Bed linens, wash cloths, towels and soap are provided, but no shampoo, Kleenex, etc. Each room has a private bathroom and can accommodate two guests. There are **no elevators** and no telephones or televisions in the rooms. There is a pay phone in the North Lodge, Lobby level. Please bring your personal pillow. You may want to bring extra towels, wash cloths, and Kleenex.

**Happy Hour:** One hour before dinner on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the South Lodge Canteen located on ground level. Light snacks, beer and wine are provided by Senior Scholars. Bring your favorite beverage for personal use. Volunteers set up and take down the Happy Hour refreshments.

**Directions and important information about Wildacres:** posted on the Senior Scholars website, Wildacres tab.

**Masks** are required for indoor areas such as the auditorium, library, North Lodge lobby, and the dining hall.

**Name tags:** Please wear your name tags during the retreat. Extra disposable ones will be available.

**Medical Information:** Wildacres is located at 3300 feet above sea level. The nearest hospitals are located in the towns of Spruce Pine and Marion, each about one hour away on winding mountain roads. In case of an emergency, contact the staff on duty or **after hours**, one of the designated Senior Scholars members whose room is so marked.

**Cell Phone reception:** spotty or good depending upon your provider.

For emergency use only: a message can be left at the office (828-756-4573)

**Wi-Fi:** is available.

**Dining Hall:** three meals are provided daily. Masks are required in the dining hall, except when seated at the tables. Meals will be served buffet style and will include a salad bar. Masks and disposable gloves will be required in the serving line. See the program for specific meal times.

**Special Dietary Needs:** The kitchen can meet special requirements. **The Dining Hall has a refrigerator set aside for guests to put items they bring that need refrigeration.**

**Canteen:** An ice machine and plastic bags are for your use to fill your cooler. There is a refrigerator to store cold items, as space permits. Wildacres provides early morning coffee – but bring your own mug. There are tables and chairs for enjoying the space.

**Room Check Out:** No later than 9:30am. Before you leave, strip the beds and take the linens, wash cloths and towels to the receptacle located on main floor level of your lodge. Turn in your evaluation form at the Senior Scholars registration table in the North Lodge lobby. You may stay after you check out of your room to enjoy the premises.

**Free time:** Many members spend this time playing bridge or board games, reading in the lobby or relaxing in a rocking chair on the patio enjoying the scenic view. Tuesday afternoon is free time. **See the “What to Do in Your Free Time” on the Senior Scholars website, Wildacres tab.**