

Senior Scholars at Queens

April 22 - April 25, 2024

Reservation Application Please enter a reservation for () people at the Senior Scholars Retreat at Wildacres. Mail the completed first page of the registration form with your check to: Jeanne Smith, 8412 Island Point Road, Charlotte, NC 28278 - 6910. Save the second page with important Retreat information. Are you a first time participant at the Senior Scholar Wildacres Retreat? ____ If yes, you will invited to attend a special information session. **ENCLOSE FULL PAYMENT: Make Checks Payable to: Senior Scholars at Queens** Only Double occupancy rooms are available this year: cost: \$285/person Would you like a roommate? We will connect you with other individuals. Yes/no__ Non-members must add \$35 for 2024 membership and name tag. NAME (1)______ Email (1) Email (2) Phone (1) INDICATE PREFFERED ROOM TYPE and FLOOR LEVEL: **Room Preference:** Type: Double/Twin ___ or Twin/Twin ___ Do you require a room with "street level" access: Yes / No. Do you require a handicap room (contains grab bars in the bathrooms): Yes/No If yes for either question, explain your situation on the back of this application. These rooms are filled on first-come basis. Your information will remain confidential. **Required: Emergency Contact** Name: _____ Phone (prefer cell): **Happy Hour**: I can volunteer _ Are you a health care provider and would be willing to provide assistance to another participant in the event of an emergency? If yes, professional designation: All Senior Scholars are invited to attend. Wildacres scholarships are available to cover 25%, 50% or 100% of the fee. If you would like to apply for a Wildacres Scholarship, contact Jim Renger (jimrenger@gmail.com) or Joni MacDonald (jonimac2@me.com). You will be asked to provide a paragraph describing your situation. It will be kept confidential. 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. Wildacres observes COVID-19 protocols (government regulations and guidelines). **Special Diet Needed? Please specify:** Individuals needing special assistance (ADA, allergies, etc.) MUST notify Senior Scholars upon registration. Liability Waver: By reserving admission to this year's Senior Scholars at Queens Wildacres Retreat, the applicant acknowledges that Senior Scholars at Queens has no responsibility and shall incur no liability whatsoever for anything whatsoever including COVID-19 associated with the enterprise. Signature: (1) ______ Date :

Retreat Information: Keep this page for your reference.

We are pleased to have two speakers this year:

NC Supreme Court Justice Anita Earls: "Gerrymandering and the Erosion of Democracy: Possible Paths Forward" Wingate University Political Science **Professor Chelsea Kaufman**: "Political Attitudes, Voting Behavior and the 2024 Elections"

More information about the topics and suggested reading are at: https://seniorscholars.net/event-types/wildacres-retreats/

Our Wednesday entertainment will be provided **Typical Mountain Boys**, performing a blend of bluegrass, old-time mountain songs and contemporary American music.

Schedule: Monday, April 22th, 4pm, to Thursday, April 25th, 9:30 am. Check-in starts at 4 pm on Monday.

Checks: Please note that your check will be held and not cashed until mid-April.

Safety Requirements: Wildacres protocols are attached and listed on the Wildacres website: https://wildacres.org/. These may be updated based on CDC recommendations and NC regulations.

Bed linens, pillowcases, pillows, blanket, wash cloths and towels will be provided. Each room has a private bathroom and can accommodate two guests. You may wish to bring your own pillow. Your request for a special room assignment will be taken into consideration. Street access and handicap rooms due to physical requirements will be addressed.

Handy to Know:

- a. Check-in begins at 4:00pm on Monday in the lobby of the Registration Building.
- b. Happy Hour includes light snacks with limited beer and wine provided; BYO favorite beverage.
- c. Cell phone reception is spotty; Wi-Fi is available. There are no elevators or televisions but there is a pay phone.
- d. Electrical sockets are limited in the rooms.
- e. Lunch and dinner are served family style. A buffet is provided for breakfast.
- f. <u>Check-out</u>: After breakfast, strip the beds and take bed linens, wash cloths and towels to the end of the street level floor of your building. You must vacate your room by 9:30 am, although you can stay longer on the Wildacres campus

Directions and Important Information about the Wildacres Retreat is posted at www.seniorscholars.net. Select the Event on the menu border and then scroll down to the Wildacres tab. Also see the Wildacres Conference Center website: https://wildacres.org/

Wildacres kitchen can accommodate most special dietary requests. Please inform us when you register.

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Refunds requested after April 8, 2024, will be charged a \$50.00 cancellation fee.