

How are the two Summer Schools different?

The **Lay Leadership Summer School (Summer School I)** has provided, and will continue to provide, an intensive, integrated experience of ethical community, leadership development, and deepening knowledge of the basic ideas of the Ethical movement. The main audience for Summer School I is the up-and-coming lay leader, or someone expanding her or his leadership in a Society. A person would attend Summer School I just one time.

The **Summer School for Ethics (Summer School II)** provides a more flexible combination of ethical community, leadership development, and deepening knowledge of ethical ideas. The audience includes Summer School I graduates and their families as well as other members of Ethical Societies who may not have had the opportunity and may not choose to attend the more integrated, intensive experience targeted for new lay leaders and those taking on new leadership within their Society. One can attend Summer School II whether or not you're interested in Summer School I.

How do I register?

Send the following to the AEU office, 2 W. 64th St, New York, NY 10023:

- Fee summary (one per family)
- Housing/food registration (one per family)
- Workshop/activity registration (one per adult)
- Payment information (on fee summary) or check

Room assignments will be made as registrations and fees are received; earlier registrations will be more likely to receive first choice in housing and workshops/activities. Couples and friends who want to room together need to indicate that on registration forms and sign up at the same time.

Other Questions?

Contact the AEU office (212) 873 6500 (office@aeu.org) or
Jones Johnson Lewis, coordinator (jone@pbat.com)

American Ethical Union



Summer School for Ethics 2007

(Summer School II)

When:

Sunday, August 11 -
Saturday, August 18

Where:

The Mountain
Highlands, North Carolina

Ethical Ideas

- “Humanisms Through the Ages” – Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader of the Bergen Society, will give five lecture and discussion sessions putting Ethical Culture/Humanism in historical context.
- Short Story Discussions –our time together is too short for reading whole books, but there’s time for short stories illustrating ethical ideas
- Film Discussions – films on ethical issues, with time for discussion

Building Thriving Ethical Societies

- “Lead With Effectiveness and Ethics” – Jone Johnson Lewis, Leader of the Northern Virginia Society, will present a series of five one-session workshops on research-identified key skills of leadership useful in work, volunteer, and personal life: Lead with Values; Give Life to Vision, Challenge and Experiment; Foster Interdependence, Competence, and Accountability; and Encourage the Heart.
- “Nonviolent Communication” – various professional and lay leaders will present one-session workshops on a way of communicating to connect and to meet diverse needs, for organizational and personal development.

Personal Development

- “Storytelling” – Fritz Williams, Leader of the Baltimore Society, will present a series of five one-session workshops on storytelling, oriented especially to using storytelling for personal understanding and growth
- “Advance Planning for Good Endings” – Susan Rose Teshu, co-Leader of the Ethical Society Without Walls, will present five one-session workshops: The Lighter Side of Death and Dying, Advanced Medical Directives Workshop, Living and Dying with Your Life in Order, Planning Memorial Services, Writing an Ethical Will
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Community

Each day we’ll have an all-participant gathering and shared mealtimes. We’ll have other planned activities and time for spontaneous activities that will help build a sense of community that will last beyond the week we’re together at The Mountain.

Fun and Nature

The Mountain is a unique center located in the breathtaking beauty of the Appalachians, in the southernmost section of the Blue Ridge Mountains. You’ll find spectacular views, ancient white oak forests, a challenge course, walking trails galore, and a first-rate labyrinth. Some swimming may be available (if we can obtain services of a certified lifeguard). You’ll have lots of opportunities to enjoy yourself, nature, and old and new friends. We’ve also planned a guided hike and a rafting trip for those who enjoy more activity, and one night (weather permitting) we’ll have a campfire with singing encouraged (bring musical instruments). If you want to organize sunrise yoga, group hikes – there will be time for such spontaneous activity, as well as what’s planned.

Ethical Society Without Walls

We extend a special invitation to members of the Ethical Society Without Walls, to experience an in-person ethical community for the week, and to get acquainted with other members and ESWoW Leaders. Special programming for ESWoW includes:

- ESWoW Member Gathering
- Personal appointments with ESWoW Leaders
- ESWoW Programming: five sessions presented by Randy Best and Susan Rose Teshu especially for ESWoW members (other participants are also welcome): #1 – ESWoW Basics; #2 – ESWoW and the Challenge of Creating Community; #3 – ESWoW Mock On-Line Discussion; #4 – ESWoW On-Line Adult Education; #5 – ESWoW Sunday School at Home. (Details available on the ESWoW website or from Susan or Randy.)
- ESWoW members are also welcome to participate in any of the general programming during the week

Children Ages 4-17: Activities for children will be cooperatively planned by parents and volunteers. We encourage that such planning happen before the week of Summer School II. Children under 18 need to be accompanied by a parent or a responsible adult designated by the parent at all times.

Accommodations: Housing and meeting spaces are modern and accessible, neither hotel-quality nor rustic. The food includes vegetarian and vegan options. Tell us any special needs for housing or food on the registration form; early registrants are more likely to get rooms that are most accessible. **For more information on the location**, or for directions if you’re driving, see <http://www.mountaincenters.org/>