

Take One

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Remember us this winter



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

-Decorate the dining hall

-Friday December 2nd
11am-3pm
Light Refreshments

-Holiday Meals Throughout December

-Meal Hosts and kitchen assistants needed

-Winter Camp Dec 27th-29th

-Kitchen assistance, program assistance, and nurses needed.

- Maintenance

Help needed for upkeep of the grounds and facilities.

-Wood-splitting

Help us stock up for the winter month's needs.

-Special Skills

Online Events Calendar

Visit www.altamons.org



CAMP POST

Providing Space to Experience God!

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

~Sherry Anderson

Notes from the Post

What is a volunteer?

A Volunteer is... someone who chips in, who comes forward, someone who enlists, who offers their services, a good Samaritan, someone who signs up, speaks up, stands up and steps forward, someone who is willing to stand up and be counted.

Alta Mons is blessed with an active volunteer community that serves the needs of our ministry all year round. From November 2010 to October 2011 we welcomed over 14,500 guests and visitors on site. With just two full time staff, several part-time staff and over 850 acres, Alta Mons relies heavily on its volunteer community to meet our needs.

Up Coming Events

Volunteer Edition

This past year, many have risen to the challenge and indeed have stood up and been counted.

Galatians 2:10 says "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers for all the good they have done in this place.

Please enjoy this special volunteer edition of the Camp Post to honor those who serve.

Mandy Masching

~Your Volunteer Coordinator

Dry Camping: Nov-Mar

RV season at Alta Mons comes to a close at the end of October. You can still dry camp Nov-Mar with electric hook-up only. Bathhouse available during this time also.

Holiday Meals

Alta Mons offers popular Holiday Buffet Menus for groups to enjoy in our beautiful wooden dining hall with a rural feel. Guests can gather round the fire place, enjoy great food, fun and fellowship.

Winter Camp

December 27-29, 2011

Do we ever stop...No we don't. We just keep having FUN!! See past campers and staff while having a great time in the winter at Alta Mons. Come enjoy wagon rides, arts and crafts, nature tracking, campfires, Geocache and orienteering, songs and winter games.

Grades 3rd-8th. Cost \$80. Call or go online for a registration form.

Sunday Lenten Lunches

Sundays February – March (Feb 5-Mar 25)

Adults \$12.00/Children \$9.00

Come and join us for a Lenten Study over lunch.

Bring family and friends and enjoy great food, fellowship and live music.

The Lenten lunches run every Sunday in February and March, beginning at 1:00pm and ending at 2:30pm. This buffet style meal includes soup, salad, main course, dessert and drinks. Groups, families and individuals are welcome but are required to book in advance. Check out the menu online.

We would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions for the Newsletter or ideas about how to make services or activities better. More information about Alta Mons activities and services can be found on the web.

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A volunteer is...someone who is willing to stand up and be counted.

Alta Mons celebrated its second annual volunteer appreciation dinner on Saturday, November 5th. In recognition of outstanding service to Alta Mons, dedicated volunteers who gave five or more hours of their time were invited to celebrate the year's achievements which would not have been possible without their help.

Among the achievements was the launch of the first ever Winter Camp for Elementary and Jr. High campers run by an entirely volunteer staff.. Another first was the introduction of the Camp Host, a volunteer position helping staff to run the campground on site.

The total number of individual volunteers coming out to Alta Mons this year was 246. Together they logged a total of 4,632 hours; that's equivalent to two full time staff for an entire year!

A BIIIIGG THANK YOU...

We want to recognize the many local Shawsville and Christiansburg businesses that contributed food donations and prizes for all the volunteers. These include: US Foods, Kroger, Wal Mart, Food Lion, Wades, Due South BBQ, Subway, Pepsi, Alley's Country Store, Country Kitchen, Mainly Mattresses, Coffee Depot, NRV Engraving, A Simpler Thyme, Cracker Barrel, Town and Country Vet, Dollar General Christiansburg, Alta Mons, Pro-Fit Customs Clubs and Repair, Pizza Inn, Pizza Hut, Red Robin, Valero Gas, Christiansburg Aquatic Centre, Auto Zone.

Thank you also to the Alta Mons staff and Board Members Jim Pearman and Brenda Brooks who volunteered their time at the event to serve our volunteer guests.

"The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers."

~Terri Guillemets



"Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer."

~Author Unknown



"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

~Elizabeth Andrew

Volunteer Statistics

Year	Number of Volunteers	Total Number of Volunteer Hours	Cost Savings
2011	246	4,632	\$69,480
2010	294	4,019	\$60,285

That's two full time staff for an entire year!

Thank you once again to all our volunteer community who help to make Alta Mons 'A welcoming place apart, nurturing disciples and transforming lives'.

ODE TO THE ALTA MONS VOLUNTEER

Dear Volunteer, Thank you for:
Sharing the tears,
Calming the fears,
Going that extra length
Providing inner strength

driving those slow tractor miles,
scrubbing endless pool tiles,
answering continuous phone calls with never a groan
telling fantastic Tales, of Willie Jack's old home
Folding and stuffing is always in abundance
How the dishes keep coming always confounds us.

Fixing the power to the RV sites
Providing spooky adventures that give us a fright.
Chopping, splitting, rolling, loading
Wood piles to keep those camp fires burning
Loving, caring, nursing, watching
To those summer camp kids you are truly a blessing

Serenading our guests is always a winner
As they fellowship together over dinner
Mowing the miles of blades of grass
When you come in next week, it'll be right back!

The Staff of Alta Mons want to express
How great it is to have you as our guest!

You mean so much to us every day
It is our honor to serve you in this way
So how can we tell you what we feel?
Apart from providing this lovely meal.

In a word that's so simple and so true
We send you a heartfelt and grateful

Thank-you

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