What to Expect at Wildacres - Senior Scholars at Queens Primer

Room Check-In: 3:45PM Monday in the North Building Lobby. Look for the Senior Scholars table where you will receive your room assignment, parking pass, Agenda and other important information. 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. 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. You may want to bring extra towels, wash cloths, Kleenex and your personal pillow.

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 are needed to set up and take down the Happy Hour refreshments.

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

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.

Wi-Fi: available in the North Lodge lobby and auditorium.

Dining Hall: three meals are provided daily. Breakfast is a buffet with hot and cold choices. Lunch and dinner are served family style with a salad bar. See the Agenda for specific meal times.

Special Dietary Needs: The kitchen can meet special requirements. There will be a form at the registration desk to record your needs. **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, donations accepted. There are tables and chairs for enjoying the space.

Room Check Out: Immediately after Thursday breakfast and there is no formal check out. 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, 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.