

AT NEARLY 4,000 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL, HIGH HAMPTON INN TAKES GROUP GATHERINGS TO NEW HEIGHTS

CASHIERS, NC – Nestled high in the Western North Carolina resort town of Cashiers, High Hampton Inn offers groups the rare experience of escaping to a 1,400-acre mountain estate, complete with the rustic feel and outdoor emphasis of the legendary great camps of the Adirondacks. At nearly 4,000 feet above sea level, the Inn’s combination of breathtaking scenery, historic mountain charm, and wealth of recreation make for an unforgettable retreat.

Here, groups are encouraged to “unplug” from urban trappings and high technology and get back to basics. That there are no telephones or television in the rooms is part of the appeal; the distractions at High Hampton Inn are more likely to take the form of a blazing mountain sunset, a blanket of prolific pink blooms bursting from thickets of hundred-year old mountain laurel, or a bonfire beneath the stars. From productive meetings to building relationships over a game of golf, tennis or a hike to the top of Chimney Top Mountain, or reaping the rewards of a day’s work at the Inn’s sumptuous spa, the emphasis here is on reconnecting, productivity and convenience.

High Hampton gracefully strikes the perfect balance between keeping the outside world at bay while providing the necessary tools for today’s meetings. Wireless internet is available in the meeting rooms on the Inn’s terrace level as well as in the lobby. A variety of meeting space accommodates groups of 10-150.

“At High Hampton, we strive to eliminate intrusions from the outside world. Our ability to offer exclusivity and the convenience of having everything a group needs in one place, from on-site activities to special dinner events and lodging, are why groups choose to meet and retreat here,” said Caroline Meads, Group Sales Director.

Completely refurbished, The Pavilion brings the rustic mountain surroundings indoors with warm earth tones, chandeliers, new window treatments, and wood-beamed ceilings. It can accommodate up to 150 people classroom-style and 200 guests theater-style, while its patio, with stunning mountain views, is perfect for smaller breakout sessions, a cocktail reception or post-dinner get-together.

Located on the terrace level of the Inn, the Wade Hampton Room, which takes its name from the property’s original owner and former Civil War General Wade Hampton III, can accommodate up to 150 individuals. Informal gatherings or break out groups can meet in Rock Mountain Tavern or in the Rock Mountain Annex, both which provide a more intimate setting for 10-15 people.

High Hampton’s culinary team specializes in hosting memorable themed-dinners for groups that feature special menu items like a Low Country Boil or Grilled Steaks and a Baked Potato Bar. A unique outdoor dining venue for these dinners is the lakeside Picnic Area. Tucked away among towering mountain laurels and rhododendrons like a secret garden, the Picnic Area offers stunning views of Rock and Chimney Top Mountains, Hampton Lake, and a lovely stone fireplace that is perfect for after dinner s’mores.

With a 1,400-acre playground, groups tend to gravitate toward the great outdoors. A George W. Cobb golf course featuring bent grass greens, six tennis courts, a 35-acre mountain lake for boating and fishing, and miles of hiking trails

await exploration. Groups with a thirst for team adventure can have the Inn's staff arrange an off-property white water rafting excursion, complete with boxed lunches.

“Our staff is happy to organize golf and tennis tournaments to encourage friendly competition. A favorite of golfers and non-golfers alike is the putting contest, which can be arranged by the Inn's golf pro Chris David,” said Meads. “Another exciting activity is the High Hampton Triathlon that features events in boating, hiking and golfing.”

Lodging options include the 120-room Inn and quaint cottages scattered around the estate. Both varieties of rooms channel the mountain “rustique” feel of the resort with design elements including board and batten walls, handmade twig and artisan crafted furnishings, and local artwork. Many cottages offer in-suite or in-room fireplaces and screened-in porches, and all have stunning mountain and lake views.

High Hampton Inn works with each group to customize a meetings package including daily meals, accommodations and activities; larger groups can reserve the entire estate for their event. For additional information on hosting a group event or to book a group gathering, please contact Caroline Meads by e-mail at groupsales@highhamptoninn.com or by phone at (828) 743-1893.

About High Hampton:

The historic High Hampton Inn & Country Club, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a classically rustic stone-and-wood mountain inn overlooking the spectacular scenery of North Carolina's sliver of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Amenities at this 3,600-foot elevation, 1,400-acre, 117-room resort (with lodge rooms, cottages, and cabins, all with private bath) include seasonal events (children's programs, golf and tennis clinics, wildflower workshops), an 18-hole George W. Cobb-designed golf course, a full dining room with three sumptuous buffets daily, six tennis courts, and a 35-acre lake for swimming, boating, fishing, and other water-related activities. For more detailed information, contact the High Hampton Inn & Country Club at 1525 Highway 107 South, Post Office Box 338, Cashiers, North Carolina 28717. Visit the inn at www.highhamptoninn.com or contact reservations toll-free at (800) 334-2551.

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