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## Verse of the Week

Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen (*Hebrews 13:20-21*)

## Welcome to In The Oaks Montreat!

By Jennifer Albertson

Over the summer months, the historic In the Oaks property has been transferred from the hands of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina to ours. The 68-acres of historic homes, trails, grassy fields, etc. is now open for anyone from Montreat College to use. The property provides a great opportunity for ultimate frisbee, capture the flag, a quiet place to study, camping, exploring and much more.

Due to the fact that this is an extension of our campus, nearly tripling it in size, Montreat College would like to welcome you to come and visit the new property at any time. Please remember that this property is a blessing and should be treated with respect. Therefore, whatever you pack in, you pack out. Be good stewards of what is ours.

Please also know that your regular presence on the property reduces the risk of any future vandalism

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## Montreat Out to Serve

By Jenny Schermerhorn

A group of over one hundred freshman, transfers, RA's, RD's, staff and faculty loaded into vans on Monday, August 20th ready to serve their community, but the vans didn't stop inside the Montreat gate, they continued right on into the town of Black Mountain. Why did the college send a group of students not only off campus, but also out of Montreat for their first service project? In an interview with Dean Lance I learned that the project was carefully engineered to send a message not only to the Black



The Freshmen First group gathered in front of the gate for a photo to commemorate the beginning of a tradition of service for their class.

## Freshmen First: More Than Just Orientation

By Wes Waldorf

"Catch the ball Dottie. Thank you Jay. You're welcome Dottie." echoed from the two leaders across the Gaither lawn. A group of sixteen freshmen and two faculty members, Dottie Shuman and Jay Guffey, had the opportunity in the first ever Freshmen First orientation program. Four action-packed fun filled days gave opportunities for incom-

ing students to get to know other freshmen, develop trust in others through teamwork, and to encourage each other's faith through Bible studies.

Day one began with the footsteps of parents and students filling the halls as students moved into their new homes and began their exciting lives. Name games and ice-breakers entertained the group on the Gaither lawn. Later in the day convened on the Dust Bowl for friendly games of kickball, and a slightly competitive game of Ultimate Frisbee. The evening wound down with a coffeehouse in McGregor, and a concert by Matt Aulen, a '91 Montreat alumnus.

On day two, after a short van ride to Camp Greenville, activities began with an awesome ropes course, which showed how to build trust in one another and in God - a necessity in daily life. Some fun group games challenged the freshmen to use mental teamwork and helped to demonstrate how faith and trust worked together. A

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