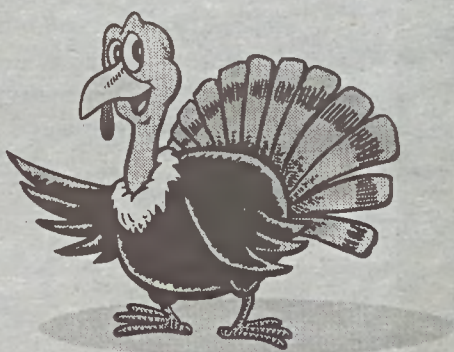


## Turkey Day Trivia

by Carissa Loughhead

- Bird Business:** A total of 274 million turkeys were raised in the United States in 2003. An estimated 46 million of those were eaten on Thanksgiving.
- Moon Meat:** Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin's first snack in space consisted of foil food packets containing roasted turkey and all of the trimmings.
- Talkin' Turkey:** Benjamin Franklin originally proposed the turkey as the United States' official bird. His feathers were ruffled when the bald eagle was chosen over the turkey, stating, "The turkey is a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America."
- Fast Feathers:** Wild turkeys can fly up to 55 miles per hour and can run 20 miles per hour.
- Gobble, Gobble:** The average American gobbled down 17.4 pounds of turkey in 2003.
- Turkey Time:** June has been declared National Turkey Lovers' Month.
- Birds of a Feather:** Turkeys have nearly 3,500 feathers at maturity.
- Carolina Pride:** According to the Agricultural Statistics Board, North Carolina was the top turkey producer, raising an estimated 42,500 turkeys in 2003.
- Debating Dates:** The date of the first Thanksgiving feast is debated. Some believe the Pilgrims served it up first in 1621, while others believe the Jamestown settlers were the initial ones to dish it out in the form of their ancient Harvest Home Festival.
- Givin' Them the Bird:** In honor of Thanksgiving, the National Turkey Federation has presented the President of the United States with one live turkey and two dressed turkeys every year since 1947. After the celebration, the live turkey is sent to retire at a historical farm.



All Facts Received from National Turkey Federation

## Adventure Conference Connects Students

by Laura Hein

Professor of Outdoor Education Dottie Shuman and 12 students traversed to the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Adventure Education Conference on Friday, October 29 at Southwestern Community College in Sylva, North Carolina.

Sixty students, representing Montreat, Brevard, Southwestern Community, and Western Carolina College, attended the conference. Where keynote speaker Bunny Johns, discussed the advancements in canoeing and water sports.

Other speakers from local colleges and programs made presentations on various topics, including teaching learning-challenged kids, caving ethics, outdoor recreation in Ireland, and wilderness mountaineering. Professor Shuman shared her knowledge of writing grant proposals during the conference also.

After the presentations, the students gathered to participate in the WW Collegiate Olympics. Five attendees from each represented college competed in three events,

the kayak toss, throw bags in canoes, and balancing the beach ball.

The conference rotates around colleges with Outdoor programs. Montreat hosted the conference in 2000 and will have the chance to

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on "how the town responds to a county wide state of emergency."

"We hope that we never again have to face events like those that accompanied the storms of September 2004," Town Manager Caudle said in a letter to the organization. "But it is nice to know that when we are faced with disastrous events we can rely on groups like the Venturing Post in our effort to meet community needs."

The Venturing Post started during the spring semester, focusing on wild land fire fighting and search and rescue training. In

host again in 2006. Student volunteers are needed for planning the 2006 conference. Those interested in helping with the next conference should contact Professor Shuman at 669-8012 ext. 3405.

the spring, the group worked for their United States Forest Service Certification. The certification entailed twelve hours of classroom instruction and a "pack test" made up of a three-mile walk carrying a forty-five pound pack for forty-five minutes.

The group plans to take an EMT course at Southwestern Community College for SARTE-CII- search and rescue training.

The Venturing Post is open to people interested in volunteer firefighting. For more information, contact Chris Carter at 669-8012 ext. 7115.

## What's up?

### Montreat Happenings

*Acts of Renewal: "Rediscovering Christmas"*

Jim Shores and Carol Anderson

Upper Anderson Auditorium

Thu 2 Dec, 7:30pm, free with suggested \$5 donation

**Midnight Study Break (Pizza and a movie)**

Thu 9 Dec, 10pm

**Madrigal Dinners**

Thu 9 Dec, 6pm

**We're HEAR for You**

Thu 9 Dec, 8pm

### Music

**RJD2 and Lyrics Born**

The Orange Peel, Asheville

Sun 28 Nov, 9pm, \$15

**Southern Culture on the Skids**

The Orange Peel, Asheville

Sat 4 Dec, 10pm, \$13 in advance

### Dance

**Old Farmer's Ball Contra Dancing**

Bryson Gym, Warren Wilson College

Every Thu, 8pm, \$5

[www.oldfarmersball.com](http://www.oldfarmersball.com)

**Contra Dancing**

Grey Eagle Music Hall, Asheville

Every Mon, 8pm, \$5

### Other

**Holly Jolly Christmas**

Downtown Black Mountain

Fri 3 Dec

[www.exploreblackmountain.com](http://www.exploreblackmountain.com)

**Black Mountain Christmas Parade**

Downtown Black Mountain

Sat 4 Dec, 4pm

**Circle of Lights**

Lake Tomahawk

Sat 4 Dec

**Movie Night**

Ja Vin Boutique, Black Mountain

Every Thu, 8pm

**Open Acoustic Jam**

Ja Vin Boutique, Black Mountain

Every Fri, 8pm

**Late Night Buffet from Another Café**

Ja Vin Boutique, Black Mountain

Every Sat, 8pm

**Spiritual Sounds**

Ja Vin Boutique, Black Mountain

Every Sun, 12-6pm