

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

General Resources

Asheville Area

Asheville Gay and Lesbian Community Council
Ron L. 252-0643

A coalition of gay and/or lesbian organizations formed to coordinate and provide services and events, and to provide low-cost meeting space for the community.

Asheville Gay Men's Community Chorus

Stephen 696-9921

CLOSER (Community Liaison Organization for Support, Education, and Reform, Inc.)

Dan or Joan at 277-7815 (days)
or 669-2635 (weekends)

PO Box 2911, Asheville, NC 28802

A gay/lesbian support/educational/social group. Meets at All Souls Church, Biltmore, Tuesday evenings all year. Summer schedule June, July, and August: meets 7:30 - 9 PM in the courtyard, with an unstructured program led by Dan Marshall. CLOSER is not a religious organization.

GALPAK (Gay and Lesbian Parents And their Kids)

PO Box 393, Morganton, NC 28655
Support/rap group for gay parents and their kids. Open discussion in an informal setting. No meeting until September.

Gay/Lesbian Community Ministries

Joan Marshall 277-7815

Gay/Lesbian Information Line

253-2971
Information on Asheville area groups and activities. A service of the Asheville Gay and Lesbian Community Council.

Live and Let Live AA

254-8539

For anyone with a drinking problem, or friends/family members and members of other 12-step fellowships. Meets in the downstairs classroom of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Charlotte St. and Edwin Pl., Asheville, every Friday 8-9 PM.

La LUCHA! (Lesbians of Color Strike Now!)

Cindy or Angela 251-0475

PO Box 1246, Asheville, NC 28802

An organization for Lesbians of Color which meets the third Sunday of each month in the Asheville area to explore issues in a social environment.

Parents-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)

Dan or Joan at 277-7815 (days)
or 669-2635 (weekends)

A support group for parents who have gay and lesbian children. Gay men and lesbians are also welcome. Group led by Dan and Joan Marshall. Meets second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM, All Souls Church Library.

Phoenix

PO Box 18332, Asheville, NC 28814

Transgender support group for transgenderists, transsexuals, crossdressers, and anyone wishing to explore his/her androgyny. Counseling and referrals to professionals also provided. Meets bimonthly.

SALGA (Southern Appalachian Lesbian and Gay Alliance)

254-0292

PO Box 197, Asheville, NC 28802

A group working for full human rights for gay men and lesbians through education and promotion of supportive legislation. Sponsors numerous projects aimed at improving public attitudes and the legal status of gay men and lesbians.

WNCC/NLC (Western NC Committee of the National Lesbian Conference)

Cindy or Angela 251-0475

WNCL/GPC (Western North Carolina Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee)

Ron 258-3318

Boone

Parents-FLAG

Terry 264-4109

Asheville Area

Parents-FLAG

Jim and Jean Allen 696-8250

Far West Counties

MTN-GLO (Mountain Gay/Lesbian Organization)

Jess 586-3998

PO Box 205, Sylva NC 28779

A group for gay men and lesbians in the western part of WNC. Meets the second and fourth Monday of each month (except summer) at 7:30 PM. Call for locations.

Western Piedmont

NC Royal Court

328-4451

PO Box 9402, Hickory, NC 28803

A general service organization for the gay/lesbian community.

East Tennessee

LETSA (Lesbians of East Tennessee & Surrounding Area)

PO Box 905, Mtn. Home, TN 37684

A lesbian support and social group. Meets 1st Tuesday (support) and 3rd Tuesday (potluck & games).

Other

TOSF (Tarheel Outdoor Sports Fellowship)

Send SASE to PO Box 10644, Greensboro, NC 27404.

A high adventure group for gay outdoorsmen. Hiking, backpacking, caving, boating, etc. Day and overnight trips.

Reporting discrimination, harassment, violence

The SALGA Documentation Project documents cases of discrimination, harassment, violence, etc., against gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, HIV+, or PWA's (or anyone perceived to be one of these). We need incidents from Asheville or Buncombe County, whether or not they were reported to other authorities. We are especially interested in cases that happened in 1991, but will document any case, no matter how long ago it happened. You may do this anonymously, and all information is strictly confidential. To tell your story by phone, call 253-1656. (Phone line supported by a grant from Resist.)

HIV Organizations

Asheville

AIDS Ministries Joan Marshall 277-7815

HIV+ Support Group

Led by Joan and Dan Marshall 277-7815 or 669-2635 Meets every Friday at 6 PM.

M.A.C. (Mountain AIDS Coalition) 299-1633

An advocacy group providing a unified voice and common channel for beneficial action for HIV+ individuals, MAC offers problem-solving assistance, regardless of the stage of HIV progression. Meets monthly.

WNCAP (Western North Carolina AIDS Project)

252-7489

PO Box 2411, Asheville, NC 28802

WNCAP offers the following programs for PWA's:

- Lunch Time Learning--Fridays, 11:30 - 1:00
- Therapeutic Counseling Group--a daytime therapy group
- Chi Kung--slow movement meditation exercises similar to Tai Chi.

WNCAP also offers the following support groups in the Asheville area:

• Family and Friends Support Group

For HIV+ people, families, friends, care givers, and significant others. Led by Dan Marshall (277-7815 or 669-2635). Co-sponsored by All Souls Church. Meets first and third Thursday at 7:30 PM.

• HIV+ Support Group

For HIV+ people only. Meets every Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

Call WNCAP for more information about the above groups.

Boone

Hope Support Group

Terry 264-4109

Rt 5, Box 549A, Boone, NC 28607

Haywood County

Haywood County HIV Support Group

WNCAP 252-7489

Hendersonville

HIV Support

WNCAP 252-7489

Family and Friends

WNCAP 252-7489

Hickory

ALFA (AIDS Leadership Foothills Area)

(Serves Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Rutherford, and McDowell Counties)

Greg Young 757-3334

PO Box 2987, Hickory, NC 28603

Johnson City, TN

Tri-Cities AIDS Project

(615) 928-6101 or (615) 753-9647

Support group for HIV+ people. Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 6:30 PM.

Student Groups

Appalachian State University

SAGA (Sexual Awareness Group of Appalachian) John Majors, (704)262-8327

ASU Box 8979, Boone, NC 28608

Meets Thursdays at 8:30 PM at the ASU Student Union.

University of North Carolina at Asheville

251-6515

A gay and lesbian support group. Meets weekly at the Counseling Center.

Warren Wilson College

Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Coalition

Pete Tolleson 298-3325, ext. 350 (w),
298-8805 (h)

Meets Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.

Cullowhee

Rap group Michelle Mazzucco 227-7469

East Tennessee State University

Lambda Society (615) 929-2243

PO Box 12011

E.T.S.U., Johnson City, TN 37614

Nightclubs

Asheville

O. Henry's, 59 Haywood Street 254-1891

Scandals, 11 Grove Street 252-2838

The Getaway, 11 Grove Street 252-2838

The Hitching Post 252-8729

38 N. French Broad

Trax II, 38 N. French Broad 258-TRAX

Hickory

Cabaret, 101 N. Center Street 322-8103

Duncan, SC

Hilltop Lounge

(803)877-1787

1706 Wade Hampton Blvd.

Greenville, SC

Bushwhackers

(803) 234-6767

Old Airport Road

The Castle, 8 Le Grande Blvd (803) 235-9949

Spartanburg, SC

Cheyenne Cattlemen's Club (803) 573-7304

995 Asheville Hwy

Johnson City, TN

New Beginnings

(615) 282-9898

2910 N. Bristol Hwy

Roanoke, VA

The Park, 615 Salem Ave. (703) 342-0946

Restaurants

Cahoots, 11 Grove Street, Asheville

252-2838

Malaprop's Cafe, 61 Haywood St., Asheville

254-6734

Houses of Worship

Unitarian Universalist Church

254-6001

#1 Edwin Place, Asheville

All Souls Parish in Biltmore

274-2681

#1 Angle Street, Asheville

Unity Center, Arden

684-3798

Airport Road, Arden

Metropolitan Community Church

(803) 233-0919

37 E. Hillcrest Dr, Greenville, SC

Metropolitan Community Church

(615) 926-4393

At Holston Valley Unitarian Universalist Church

Johnson City, TN