

**HIGH HAMPTON INN, AN ICON OF SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY, CELEBRATES 90 YEARS OF
MAKING MEMORIES IN 2012**

CASHIERS, NC – Originally a summer retreat for Civil War General Wade Hampton and his family in the mid 1800s, the iconic High Hampton Inn first opened its doors as an inn in 1922, and on April 27, 2012, the historic estate will celebrate a rare milestone – 90 years of welcoming guests. For the past nine decades, the current owners, the McKee family, have made the historic Inn a destination where generations of families and friends can bond with one another in a stunning Blue Ridge Mountain setting. Reminiscent of the great camps of the Adirondacks, this Southern interpretation is often compared to the resort made famous by the movie *Dirty Dancing*. High Hampton prides itself on being different from most resorts – with no televisions and telephones in the guest rooms, High Hampton strives to bring visitors back to a simpler time.

What appealed to guests about High Hampton in 1922 is the same in 2012. Tradition reigns at High Hampton Inn, where gentlemen don coats and ties for dinner, high tea is served everyday at 4 p.m., miniature donkeys Fred and Ed still offer children hayrides each summer, and Southern favorites like High Hampton Fried Chicken make an appearance on the menu each week. At an elevation of 3,600 feet above sea level, “air conditioning” in the summer is still a cool mountain breeze through an open window, especially since evening temperatures drop into the low 60s in July and August. Free from the trappings of technology, the Inn encourages guests to unplug from today’s seemingly omnipresent tech-fueled world and reconnect with family and friends.

High Hampton Inn’s mountain setting makes it the ideal location for outdoor recreation. A George W. Cobb-designed golf course, six clay tennis courts, miles of hiking trails, and a 35-acre lake for swimming, boating and fishing await the active set. A European spa with a plethora of pampering treatments is perfect for those looking to relax. The interactive summer children’s programs are perfect for families looking for entertainment that doesn’t require a gaming system.

The Inn’s holiday House Parties have become a tradition for many families. These three-day or longer events take place on holiday weekends or to celebrate seasonal events and feature picnics on the side lawn overlooking the lake, live music and entertainment, and family games and activities. High Hampton Inn also offers a number of workshops and golf and tennis clinics throughout the year.

Located in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, High Hampton Inn gives visitors easy access to the quaint antique shops, boutiques, and art galleries located throughout Cashiers and nearby Highlands. The area’s unique geography also boasts hundreds of waterfalls, quiet lakes, stone mountains, and rhododendron forests.

Memories and families are at the core of High Hampton. In the estate's more than 200-year history, it has changed hands only three times. In the mid-nineteenth century, General Wade Hampton, who would later become governor of South Carolina and then a U.S. Senator, purchased the property. He later gave the property to his niece, Caroline Hampton, and her husband, Dr. William Stewart Halsted. In 1922, E.L. McKee, a Sylva businessman and industrialist purchased High Hampton, starting a family tradition that continues with his grandson, Will, who oversees the property today.

For more information or reservations, please call (800) 334-2551 or visit www.HighHamptonInn.com.

About High Hampton Inn

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 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 myriad 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 www.HighHamptonInn.com or contact reservations toll-free at (800) 334-2551.

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