



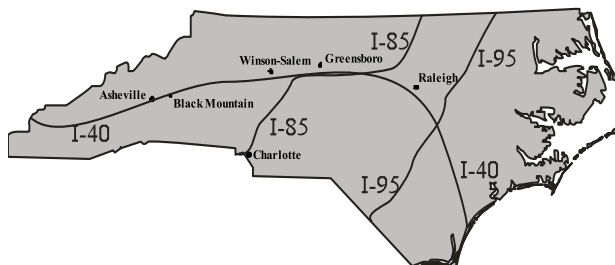
The Site

Located literally on the side of a mountain in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly conference center offers a uniquely secluded, serene, and quiet setting conducive to relaxation, contemplation, and concentration. Undisturbed by traffic, city noises, air pollution, or even the constant din of televisions, the players will be surrounded by a beauty and unhurried calm that will enhance and deepen their go-playing experience. With all the nostalgic charm of a rustic summer camp yet the amenities of a full service conference center, this special site offers something for everyone.



Surrounding Area

Just a country mile from the conference center is the town of Black Mountain (population 7,500) with an eclectic offering of shops and bars. Asheville, a major tourist destination, is located 15 minutes to the west. The Asheville Airport is about 25 minutes away. There are direct flights from many U.S. cities. The population of the Asheville area is over 400,000.



On the traditional day off, visit the spectacular **Billmore House** and majestic grounds, the largest residence in the United States. Hike in the many nearby state and **national parks**, or take a **whitewater rafting** trip. And there is the charming destination of **Asheville** itself, with a mix of mountain culture and city sophistication, fine dining, art and music.

Go Go, and More Go

Experience a full week of Go, with countless tournaments from the six round US Open every morning, to Midnight Madness late every night, and anytime self paired games. There will also be the first in the U.S. Go Symposium, with presentations on Go by scholars from around the world. You can even climb a mountain and play a game of Mountain Top Go and have the game reviewed by a pro.



Professional Instruction

Speaking of pros, has your Go playing fallen into a rut? The U.S. Go Congress is your best chance to quickly improve your ability to play Go. With more than a dozen professional instructors from the U.S, Japan, China, Korea, and elsewhere, there will be a wide variety of lectures, simultaneous exhibitions, and other opportunities to deepen your understanding and enjoyment of our game.



Accommodation for all budgets

There is a variety of on-site housing available. You can choose from hotel-style singles to very economical dorm style doubles with a shared bathroom. There

are also a limited number of family cottages available suitable for families and groups.

Dorm-style rooms have two single beds, are smaller than hotel style rooms and are offered with or without private bath.

A Great Place For Kids

We will have special activities for kids, both go-related and otherwise. In addition, the site included many summer-camp like recreational facilities including a pool, hiking trails and an evening bonfire. For additional fees, children and adults can take a wide variety of classes at the facility including:

- A full range of arts and crafts
- Nature exploration
- Challenge ropes courses
- Swimming lessons

This is the year to bring your whole family!



For more information, pricing and registration go to:

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Come for the go,
Come for the comradery of
old friends,
Come for the relaxing mountain air.

Whatever your reason,
we are looking forward to seeing you
at the



August 4th-12th
in beautiful
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Graciously hosted by the
Triangle Go Group