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"The tree which moves some to tears of joy is in the eyes of others only a green thing that stands in the way. Some see nature all ridicule and deformity... and some scarce see nature at all. But to the eyes of the man of imagination, nature is imagination itself."

William Blake

Summit Handbook & Schedule are Almost Ready.

We always knew that Summits were a tremendous learning experience. Little did we know what a learning experience it would be to try to coordinate dozens of teachers and nearly 100 class and activities. We want to apologize that we have not posted our adult schedule or the Program Handbook as promised on Tuesday. We expect it will be posted to our website in the next few days. Once it is posted, you will be able to review the offerings and then download and print the class registration form. The registration form can be returned by email, fax or regular mail. All registration forms that are received by July 16 will receive the same priority. Thank you all for your patience.

Summer Reading – Family Nature Summit Book Club

Nothing is better than enjoying a good book on a sunny summer day. If you are looking for a good book, consider one of the two books that will be discussed by the Family Nature Summit Book Club at the Summit in August. During the week we will have two book club discussions led by Summiteer Linda Sherman-Nurick. Even if you are not able to attend the book club meetings, reading one or both will provide a common topic during meals and breaks. Having these in your bag can make the time to travel to the Blue Ridge Assembly, fly by.

Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life by Barbara Kingsolver

Best Selling Author Barbara Kingsolver returns with her first nonfiction narrative that will open your eyes in a hundred new ways to an old truth: You are what you eat.

[Click here to link to Amazon](#)

If the link does not work type the following into your browser

<http://www.amazon.com/Animal-Vegetable-Miracle-Year-Food/dp/0060852550>

Thirteen Moons: A Novel by Charles Frazier

A bountiful literary panorama again set primarily in North Carolina's Great Smoky Mountains. The story takes place mostly before the Civil War this time, and it is epic in scope. With pristine prose that's often wry, Frazier brings a rough-and-tumble pioneer past magnificently to life, indicts America with painful bluntness for the betrayal of its native people and recounts a romance rife with sadness.

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http://www.amazon.com/Thirteen-Moons-Novel-Charles-Frazier/dp/0812967585/ref=dp_return_1/105-8440303-3789246?ie=UTF8&n=283155&s=books&qid=1183644789&sr=1-1

If you are looking for a third book to round out your summer, Summit hike leader Danny Bernstein will be available at the summit to sign a copy of her current book.

Hiking the Carolina Mountains by Danny Bernstein

The mountains of western North and upstate South Carolina are a hiker's paradise. Rich with human history, they are also home to some of the greatest biological diversity in the world. Hikers here are treated to thousands of miles of trails offering fantastic views, stunning wildflower and fall foliage displays, and gigantic trees in old growth forests. This guide lists 57 day hikes ranging in length from 2 to 13 miles, with destinations like the waterfalls of Dupont State Forest, the Blue Ridge Parkway's beautiful Craggy Gardens; the ruins of George Vanderbilt's palatial Buck Spring hunting lodge on Mt. Pisgah; and the summit of Cold Mountain.

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