“Forget fair and balanced—we're the only news source up here.”

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A WORD ON WEATHER
Weather on the mountain can be a bit volatile. Expect sun one minute and rain the next, oppressive heat in the morning and a chill in the afternoon. While *The Crumb* does its best to provide you with accurate weather information, please be aware that the editor's degree in meteorology was from an unaccredited online institution in the Maldives.

WEDNESDAY’S WEATHER:
High 70°
Low 45°

Well, Hello There

*The Crumb* welcomes you to the 88th Annual Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference. Today’s edition of *The Crumb* will fill you in on such basics as bookstore hours and how to make departure arrangements. Hereafter, it will contain daily schedules, program changes, and announcements of special events. You will find copies each morning by the dining room door.

Letters to the editor of *The Crumb* and community announcements may be left in the box marked *The Crumb* outside the back office; personal advertisements are not accepted.

Hours of Operation

Back Office: Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Front Desk: Daily, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Switchboard: Same as Front Desk

Library: Open at 7:00 a.m., locked at 1:00 a.m.
Librarian on site daily, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Apple Cellar: Same hours as the Library

Bookstore: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Changes or additional operating times will be noted in *The Crumb*.

Director: Michael Collier
Assistant Director: Jennifer Grotz
Administrative Manager: Noreen Cargill
Bread Loaf Campus Facilities and Services

Back Office

The back office is in the west wing of the Inn, next to the Blue Parlor. The staff is happy to help with any photocopying or faxing needs as well as any questions you may have.

If you would like to arrange a special discussion or activity, please post an announcement in The Crumb. In the past, Bread Loafers have organized AA meetings, groups to talk about writing and parenting, touch football games, and tennis matches. The back office staff would be happy to help you plan an activity by scheduling an appropriate meeting place.

Barn Social and Barn Pub

The Barn is a place for participants to gather and socialize. On most days, from 5:30 p.m. until just before dinner, a Barn Social takes place with soda and munchies available free of charge and beer or wine that can be purchased for $2 a glass. And the Barn Pub takes place from 9:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Randy Stockwell, bartender for Middlebury College and the Conference, will make you feel welcome. Stop by to say hello.

Bells

We’ll start your day with a wake-up bell at 7:30 a.m.; thereafter you’ll hear a bell to announce the start of each meal, as well as ten minutes and then again five minutes before the start of each lecture and reading.

Blue Parlor Readings

During the Conference, Bread Loafers are invited to take part in the Blue Parlor readings. These informal readings, hosted by coordinator Mario Zambrano, will take place in the Blue Parlor in the Bread Loaf Inn. These readings provide an opportunity to share some of your writing and to meet Bread Loafers from other workshops. Spots are limited so those interested in reading will be asked to sign up in advance. Details about the Blue Parlor organizational meeting will be noted soon in a forthcoming issue of The Crumb.

Bookstore

Books by faculty, fellows, and contributors are for sale in the Bookstore, as are miscellaneous supplies—soap, toothpaste, stationery, phone cards, and tee shirts. The store is located in the basement of the Annex; the entrance is at the rear of the building. Cash, Visa, MasterCard, personal and traveler’s checks are accepted.
**Computer Lab in the Apple Cellar**

A computer room is located in the basement of the library on the Bread Loaf campus. Should you have any questions regarding computer or printer matters, the Middlebury College helpdesk will be available by phone (dial 2200 from any campus phone) or email (helpdesk@middlebury.edu) on weekdays from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You’ll find wireless internet access at many locations on campus. The name of the network is midd-standard, and the case sensitive password is Middlebury-wireless.

**The Crumb**

Read *The Crumb* daily for program changes and special events. You don’t want to show up for a meeting with an editor only to discover she’s on the other side of the campus.

All lectures and readings are given in the Little Theatre. Locations of craft classes, discussion groups, workshops, panels, informal readings, etc., will be announced in *The Crumb*.

Informal, impromptu readings and meetings are encouraged; we’ll be glad to help schedule them and note them in *The Crumb*.

*The Crumb* routinely features hard-hitting journalism by correspondents from all over the Conference. If you see a story worth reporting, we encourage you to submit it in the box marked *The Crumb* by the back office or by e-mail to blcrumb@gmail.com.

**Faxing**

There is a fax machine in the back office. We will send faxes for you after you’ve completed a cover sheet. If you receive a fax, we’ll put it in your mailbox (another reason to check your mailbox frequently). The fax number is 802-443-2087.

**Front Desk**

See the front desk for check cashing, issues regarding your room or any aspect of the physical plant, lost and found items, local lore, postage, transportation tips, and general information. There is a limit of $50 per person, per day, in cashing personal and/or traveler’s checks. Two party checks are not accepted.

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**Healthcare on the Bread Loaf Campus**

For Physical Health Care:

For non-emergency health matters, a self-care cart is available near the lobby of the Bread Loaf Inn. The cart is stocked with items such as Band-Aids, Advil, and Tylenol. Should you find that the cart does not address your particular concerns, the Bread Loaf Inn front desk staff will help you with a referral. The Parton Center for Health and Wellness on the Middlebury College main campus will be available on weekdays during the first week of the session, and there is a hospital located in Middlebury, Porter Hospital.

For Physical Health Emergencies:

In serious medical emergencies such as difficulty breathing, significant loss of blood, unconsciousness, or back and neck injuries, call 911. PERSONS WITH NECK OR SPINE INJURIES SHOULD NEVER BE MOVED—ALWAYS CALL 911.

1. Call 911 from any on campus phone. A sign near each phone lists important details including the exact address and phone number for that location.
2. Contact the front desk staff at x2700 to let them know.

For Mental Health Care:

For mental health matters, contact the director, assistant director, or administrative manager (Michael, Jennifer, or Noreen) for a referral.

For Mental Health Emergencies:

The emergency team at the Counseling Service of Addison County is available around the clock. Dial 9 and then 388-7641 from any campus phone.

**Library**

The Library is the white building behind the Theatre. In addition to its permanent collection, there are books by faculty and fellows, magazines, and the daily issue of the *New York Times*. You will also find a complete set of the 2013 workshop packets on the reserve shelf.
Laundry

Washers and dryers are in the Laundry House in front of the Barn. The Front Desk can give you change, and laundry soap is sold in the bookstore.

Linens

Sheets, blankets, and towels are provided. The towels will be replaced once during the Conference, and in an effort to conserve energy, bed linens will not be replaced during the session. Nevertheless, a fresh set of bed linens can be requested if you would like to replace them. Please contact the Front Desk staff about making these arrangements.

Mail

The Post Office (with limited services) is located in the Front Office. Outgoing mail leaves at 1:30 p.m. Incoming mail is ready for distribution in the late afternoon. UPS mailing is available at reduced rates.

Check your mailbox at least daily. Messages from us, from your colleagues at Bread Loaf, and from people at home will all be placed in your mailbox. If you have trouble opening your mailbox, the front desk staff will be glad to help you. Most Bread Loafers will share a mailbox with one other person; when picking up your mail, please be sure it is addressed to you.

Please use the following address when receiving regular mail:

Your Name
Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference
4265 Route 125
P.O. Box 216
Ripton, VT 05766

You should use the following address when receiving something from Fed Ex or UPS:

Your Name
Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference
4265 Route 125
Ripton, VT 05766

Mail can only be received Monday, August 12, through Thursday, August 22. We cannot be responsible for mail arriving after August 22, as the Bread Loaf post office will be closed.

Lunch (staggered lunch schedule)

Lunch will be served buffet style, and to avoid long lines, we urge you to follow the procedure noted here, based on your workshop schedule:

On days when your workshop does not meet, please go to the dining hall starting at noon.

On days when your workshop does meet, please go to the dining hall between 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Lunch service continues until 1:30 p.m.

Should a line form at the dining hall door, you can scoot in through the dining hall door to start at the salad bar, if you like.

The first Thursday and final Friday

On the first Thursday and final Friday, when all workshops meet at 1:30 p.m., we ask the poets and nonfiction writers to show up at 11:30 a.m., and fiction writers to please wait until noon to enter the dining hall. On this day, service will continue until 1:00 p.m.

We’ve arranged for you to join your faculty workshop leader and fellow(s) for lunch on this Thursday, if you like. We’ll include more details about this in the Thursday, August 16, issue of The Crumb, so you’ll know where to look for them in the dining hall. It will be a nice way to meet some in your group before the first workshop gets started that afternoon.

Massage

Massage appointments are available for a fee payable to the visiting masseuse, Jayne Webb (Bread Loaf School of English grad, 1968). Other modalities of healing are also available. Jayne will post sign-up sheets on the morning of August 14, and appointments will be available starting that day. The sheets will be posted on the bulletin board near the dining hall. A discount is offered for the slots scheduled early in the session. Jayne encourages people to sign up for appointments early as the slots are limited and tend to fill up quickly.
Meal tickets for those staying off campus

It is possible to buy tickets for individual meals. Tickets can be purchased at the Front Desk.

Newspapers

Copies of the *New York Times* will be in the Library every day. If you have subscribed in advance, you may pick up your copy at the Front Desk around 11 a.m., beginning Thursday, August 15. There may be a few extra copies at the Front Desk, available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parking

Please park your vehicle in the large parking lot in front of the Barn. It is illegal to park on the highway, and you may get a ticket.

The space in front of the Inn is reserved for the Bread Loaf van. The space behind the Inn is reserved for delivery trucks; the lawn adjacent to the north side of the Little Theatre is not a parking area.

Phones

In most cottages, there is a phone on each floor. This can be used to call out if you have a calling card number.

Incoming calls may be taken through the Bread Loaf switchboard (and direct calls to dorms and houses will transferred over to the switchboard after four rings). The front desk number is 802-443-2700 (hours 8:30 a.m. –10:00 p.m.). Tell people who may call you to keep time differences in mind. If your hall phone rings, answer and take messages for your hall mates. They'll return the favor for you. Please remember to check your mailbox frequently for phone messages.

Photocopying

Members of the office staff will be glad to copy limited quantities of material for you at the rate of 10 cents per page. It helps if you give them lead time. At the copy center, you will find sheets you can fill out with the details of your order.

Downtown Middlebury

Trips to Middlebury are daily (except for the first Thursday and Monday). The van will depart from the front of the Inn at 1:45 p.m. and will return to Bread Loaf at about 4:00 p.m. The driver will leave Middlebury at about 3:40 p.m. for the return trip. He will not be able to wait for stragglers. There is no charge for a trip to town on a scheduled run. The Front Desk has information on hand regarding churches, shopping, restaurants, etc. The sign-up sheet is posted daily at the front desk for that day's trip.

Off-Campus Opportunities

Middlebury College Main Campus

The Library located on the main campus in Middlebury has an extensive collection, and it is available to you. You can also leave a note on the desk in the Bread Loaf library if you would like the librarian to bring up a book for you.

During the time of the Conference, the Middlebury College fitness center and pool will be open on weekdays for a limited number of hours (see hours noted below). The athletics facility staff will have a list of Conference participants on hand, so you will just need to give your name to a staff member upon entering the building. The Bread Loaf Inn front desk staff would be happy to give you directions to the athletics complex.

*August 17 to 18:*

Fitness Center—10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Pool—1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*August 19 to 23:*

Fitness Center—6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and noon to 2:00 p.m.
Pool—6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and noon to 2:00 p.m. (and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tues./Thurs.)

*August 24:*

Fitness Center—10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Pool—1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Bread Loaf History Slideshow

Middlebury College professor David Haward Bain will offer his annual slideshow and talk on the history of the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference Thursday night (tomorrow night) at 9:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre. Bain, the author of *Whose Woods These Are: A History of the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference*, traces the lively history of the Conference from its founding to present.

Bain’s talk will feature anecdotes about some of the notable names in American letters, and the slideshow features candid photos of writers at work and at play, including some current faculty. This talk on the history of the Conference, which has hosted such writers as Robert Frost, Ralph Ellison, Truman Capote, Sinclair Lewis, Carson McCullers, Anne Sexton, John Gardner, Eudora Welty, John Irving, Toni Morrison, Wallace Stegner, Richard Wright, Archibald Macleish, and Richard Wilbur, provides participants with a context for the work ahead of them and a rich sense of the Bread Loaf tradition.

From the Pages of Bread Loaf History

“No great writer ever became one in isolation. Somewhere and some time, if only at the beginning, he had to experience the excitement and intellectual ferment of a group something like this.”

—From John Ciardi’s “Introductory Remarks at Bread Loaf” (1958)

“Many words have gone forth from Bread Loaf into print, and many of them distinguished words. And many people have felt themselves humanly enlarged and fortified by the experience of ‘the mountain.’”

—From Theodore Morrison’s *Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference: The First Thirty Years*