

Lodging Facilities: Awi Haven lodging is in two homes. One is the “stone house” built in 1940 over the original plank and board home. The second is the “white house,” built in 1956. The stone house has 4 bedrooms (2 rooms with a queen, 1 with a full, and 1 with a twin) , 1 and 1/2 baths, a fully stocked kitchen, a large sitting/dining area, and a lovely front porch with mountain views. The white house has 2 bedrooms (1 king and 1 full) with a full bath, fully stocked kitchen, large sitting area with fireplace, a front and back porch with mountain views and deck. There is a large finished basement for ‘messier’ artmaking. Two local artists in the cove (a 10 minute walk) will rent groups their stand alone guest cottage with 2 bedrooms, full bath, and full kitchen. All linens are provided in all places.

Group space: The living spaces in both houses are large enough for a group of 8-12 to comfortably meet. If you are planning on doing art, you would gather in the white house and spread out. The 1950’s tobacco barn as well as the ‘original home shed’ are in the process of being restored for use and will hold larger groups. The restoration is aiming for function and not fancy. When this is complete, there will be 4-5 additional bedrooms as well as multiple rooms for group gatherings. It will have 2 bathrooms. Currently the interior in the barn is cleaned out but not ‘finished.’ It is usable for groups who do not mind that the ‘floor’ is the actual ground.

Additional Options:/Add-ons:

FOOD/Meals. Emily Wood who owns and operates Good Fight Flowers lives nearby. She will work with you to cook meals for your group. You will set this up on your own. Through the Awi website, let Virginia DuPre know you Emily’s contact info and she will apprise Emily of your reservation and to expect to be contacted by you.

Grounds:

Awi sits on 90 acres of woodland forest and meadowland. There are trails for wandering. Awi is nestled at the end of Doug Cove Road and is surrounded by mountain ridges.

Internet: Both lodging spaces are equipped with fiber optics wi-fi. You can put your phone on wi-fi calling and have both phone service and internet service. This service is better than in Asheville and Atlanta. In honoring the commitment to Awi being a place for connecting with the earth through silent and semi-silent (quiet) retreats, **there are no big screens at Awi.** The wifi is provided for those who may be writing and studying while here. We ask that you do not use your phone and computers in public spaces if you are on individual retreat. The use of computers on your self led retreats will be up to your group’s facilitator. We also encourage you to take a break from social media while you are here.

Location and Getting Here:

Awi’s 90 acres is nestled in the end of the cove on Doug Cove Road in Marshall, NC. Because of the mountain roads it takes about an hour from Asheville and Johnson City to get here. The closest airport is Asheville. A bigger airport would be Charlotte NC which is 3 hours away.

Groceries, Gas—The closest grocery store is an Ingles in the town of Marshall. It is a 25 minute drive away, so you will want to stop before you come to Awi.

Reservations/Cost: Each house can be rented for a total of \$300 for 3 nights. A 3 night minimum is required for group retreat rentals. When group retreats are not meeting, rooms are available for individuals to book for a private retreat. Room rental is \$50 a night with 2 two night minimum. For individuals who would like to rent a house out for a month, the fee will be \$700. You make reservations by contacting Virginia DuPre through the Awi website. She will send you a link for payment. Once your payment is

Groups will pay their full payment as a deposit to hold their reservation, however if a cancellation is made up to a month prior to your reservation, all but \$50 will be refunded. If a group cancels less than a month out, 1/2 of your reservation will be refunded. If you cancel less than two weeks prior to your reservation, you will forfeit your payment. Individuals will pay for 1 night as a deposit on their reservation with a 2 night cancellation deadline. The balance for your stay will be expected sometime the day of your arrival. Contact Virginia DuPre through the Awi website to receive payment instructions.

Liability Waiver Each person attending retreat at Awi will need to read and sign the liability waiver attached and return it to virginia dupre at virginahdupre@gmail.com to complete your reservation.

How We Operate:

There are no staff at Awi. Local residents are paid to clean between uses as well as to mow the meadow, etc. This means, your beds will be made with clean sheets and towels provided. The houses and grounds will be well kept. On the day you are learning, we ask that you strip your bed and bring your sheets and towels to the 'mud rooms' of either the white house or the stone house. (Both mud rooms are off of the kitchens. Separate the sheets from the towels. If you are in a group, please bring all linens from the kitchen as well—napkins, towels. Please take ALL of your food regardless of whether you think others might use it later. This helps us from having a stockpile of as sundries. "Leave it as you found it" accept for stripped beds and used bathrooms/showers is the guideline for checking out. Trash cans emptied into one bag in kitchen, beds stripped, sheets, towels taken to laundry at white house, and ALL belongings removed from kitchen. Please **do not** gift the houses with food or objects. Please sweep, and clean the kitchen. You can leave the dishwasher running and leave dishes to dry in the dish dryer but please do not leave any dirty dishes. We ask that you say a blessing/prayer for the next person staying in your room and house as well as for the land's wellbeing.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF MADISON

WAIVER AND RELEASE

THIS RELEASE REQUIRES YOU TO PERMANENTLY WAIVE IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

Name of Retreat Participant; hereafter designated by use of the personal pronouns "I", "Me" or "My":

Retreat Dates:

For and in consideration of My attendance and participation in the retreat sponsored by Awi Haven, LLC, dba Doug Cove or dba Spider's Bowl Retreats ("Awi") for the retreat dates set forth above ("The Retreat"), including the permissions, privileges, and access granted to Me for use of the buildings, grounds, equipment, and amenities ("The Accommodations") available during The Retreat, I hereby accept full and complete responsibility for My use and enjoyment of The Accommodations provided by Awi.

I realize and understand that numerous things can happen, including reasonably foreseeable dangers and risks as well as unforeseeable dangers and risks, which are inherent in any human activity. Such risks may include, without limitation, bodily injury, accidents, illness, or other harm normally related to gatherings, travel, social and recreational activities, and activities of daily living. There may also be additional dangers and risks that are less familiar, including without limitation risks related or native to the area, such as dangerous or harmful plants and animals, water features such as streams, waterfalls, or ponds, slippery rocks or other surfaces, snowy or icy or other weather-related conditions, steep slopes, thick woods, trees that may fall or otherwise cause dangerous conditions, natural or human-made paths that pose certain risks, geographical conditions existing in the area where activities may occur that could pose certain health risks or causes of injury, and other natural or human-made hazards that would otherwise be new or unknown or unfamiliar to Me. I acknowledge that My use of The Accommodations and My participation in any activities during or related to The Retreat are at My own risk, and that I am mindful of the dangers attendant upon any such use.

I understand and agree that I am solely responsible for My personal safety and for My personal property.

If I have any child or children accompanying Me, I accept full responsibility for each of My children's safety and I am solely responsible for monitoring My children at ALL times.

On My behalf and, if applicable, for My children, and for My and My children's heirs, successors, executors, and assigns, I hereby forever release and indemnify, and waive my right to make any claim against, Awi and its respective principals, agents, employees, successors, and assigns from and against any and all claims for loss, damage, illness, injury, or bodily harm, whether to persons or property, arising from or related to My use of The Accommodations and all of the areas and activities available to Me.

This waiver and release shall be binding on Me and My heirs, successors, executors, and assigns.

I certify that I have read, understood, and agree to the foregoing Waiver and Release. I further certify that I understand this Waiver and Release was prepared by legal counsel for Awi, and that I have received this Waiver and Release document in advance with sufficient opportunity to seek independent legal counsel of my choice prior to signing it.

Signature:

Printed name:

Date: