

Mini/Camp



Consultants Consulting Each Other
April 19-22, 2018

Mountain View Lodge, near
Appomattox and Lynchburg, Virginia

What is Mini Camp?

Mini-Camp is a shorter, more intimate version of Consultants' Camp, which was founded in 1988 as an environment where consultants of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and interests can share ideas, grow professionally, and have fun. Consultants' Camp provides an open, supportive and commercial-free environment where we can learn from each other.

Our second Mini-Camp will be held in 2018. Its format is similar to Consultants' Camp, but its smaller size allows for more personal work—for your consulting process, or your relationships, or yourself.

Who attends?

We expect that most people attending Mini-Camp will have attended Consultants' Camp. Mini-Camp, like Consultants' Camp, is also open to newcomers invited by an existing Camper. Campers are a varied group of consultants from around the world, who share an interest in learning and improving their consulting work. We define consulting in a broad context, to include anyone who provides advice or support to others.

Campers share a mutual respect and appreciation for people, and for the interaction between people and the technologies with which they work.

Not a typical conference

Mini-Camp is unusual. PowerPoint is absent. Instead, we confer, we simulate, we explore collaboratively. The setting, size, and structure of Mini-Camp provide a safe environment for exploring the most delicate territory.

Mountain View Lodge sleeps 10 people (five couples). Nearby hotels and B&B's have additional capacity. We've set a maximum of 20 for Mini-Camp.

Sessions are small, ranging from three to 20 people. Session format can be tutorial, discussion, simulation, or experiential. Sessions can be passionate and personal, and are always respectful.

You may attend as many or as few sessions as you wish, and you may choose to host sessions. On Thursday evening, we gather for a welcoming supper and to devise the agenda for the weekend. Like Consultants' Camp, we expect the agenda to evolve.

Participation in Mini-Camp, like Consultants' Camp, is by invitation, and any Camper can invite you. If you'd like an invitation, and you aren't already a Camper, ask the Camper who gave you this document to sponsor you.

What is the program?

Mini-Camp explores topical issues in personal development, business, organizational development, and consulting. Compared with Consultants' Camp, we expect the intimacy of the smaller group to create more opportunities for personal work.

The Consultant's Camp program has always been outstanding, and we've all come away with invaluable learnings. We expect Mini-Camp to be just as enlightening.

Mini-Camp begins with dinner at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 19, and ends after lunch on Sunday, April 22, though some people might stay on for a short vacation. (If you want to do this, let us know soon so we can make adjustments to the rental.)

Sessions are usually one to three hours long. They vary in format, depending on the goal and the host's choice.



What are the main benefits?

Mini-Campers shape their own experiences. Typical benefits are:

- Learning about yourself, your relationships, and how you can grow
- Exploring new approaches with experienced, supportive experts
- Testing new approaches to challenges
- Connecting with a like-minded support group
- Renewing energy and purpose from the supportive, stimulating environment
- Creating and renewing close friendships

How do I get there?

Mountain View Lodge is near Appomattox and Lynchburg, Virginia. Here's the location of Appomattox: <https://goo.gl/maps/5G7njwEXTcC2>. Nearby airports are [Lynchburg Regional](#), [Richmond International](#), and [Raleigh-Durham International](#). We'll send the precise location of the Lodge in early April.

Campers usually share rides from the local airport to the site of Camp. After you register, you'll receive a welcome packet with information about how to offer rides and ask for rides.

What about food and lodging?

Mini-Camp begins with a welcoming supper at 6pm Thursday, April 19. Your fee covers this, plus other incidentals. The Lodge has five bedrooms and sleeps 10. All sessions will be in the Lodge, unless the session host specifies another location.

Expenses for the Lodge itself will be shared by the room (not the person) using the fairest formula we can devise. As is customary with Camp, we'll have an optional Lunch Club, but for Mini-Camp it will also cover breakfast.

We hope to fill the Lodge first to minimize individual expenses we need to fill the Lodge. The rooms are all private with private baths. You'll be notified by March 20th if you get a room, or we'll let you know if the Lodge is full and you need to make other arrangements. Please register early so we can arrange rooms.

We'll work out cost sharing for Mini-Camp as fairly as possible for everyone, wherever you stay.

We're new to this and making up the rules as we go along but we promise we won't be making a profit.

How do I register?

To register as a first-time Camper:

- Get an invitation from a Camper who will be at Mini-Camp as your sponsor. Your sponsor or the camp leader will send you a registration packet.
- Complete the registration form (<http://c4i.co/1ec>) and follow the payment instructions on the form. The camp fee (\$50.00) covers only our costs.

The location:

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near Lynchburg and Appomattox, Virginia

After registering for Camp, there is no need to contact Mountain View Lodge. In fact, you can't—there is no office. It's just a house. We'll send the precise location and directions in early April.



The Lodge's patio