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1	I think it is great to have a neighborhood camp that can also add to ecological field experiences of school age children	Gina Thornton
2	As a neighbor who backs up to the swim club, when the new owner took over and claimed to be community friendly but then restricted all trail access through his property for all of the surrounding neighborhoods and connecting trails, that is not very community friendly. Due to the noise that already come from the camp, I would not favor extending the operating season.	n/a
3	No comment	George Sampson
4	As a homeowner in Westwoods neighborhood and member of the Blue Ridge Swim Club, I fully support the expansion of the Field Camp. The addition of a shelter close to the upper parking lot would provide a kitchen and bathroom more easily accessible to participants than the lower pavilion. I applaud the owner's plan to provide outdoor educational programs to school groups and am grateful for his stewardship in preserving this valuable property.	Cynthia Benton-Groner
5	We do not oppose this proposal. It seems in line with current usage.	Cassandra Hamernick
6	As a near neighbor (2969 Catlett Road) and long-time member of the Blue Ridge Swim Club, I am fully supportive of Todd Barnett's plan to build additional facilities that will enhance the safety and utility of the Club and Camp. Previous work done at the pool, including the building of a pavilion and repair of old bathrooms, has been done with high quality and attractive materials. Todd has always faithfully restored and maintained the historic and natural character of the Blue Ridge Swim Club and I am confident that all new construction will be done in this spirit.	James Mandell
7	I am opposed to the request for a zoning change as the consequences for our neighborhood include noise from daily operations and special events at the facility, and increased traffic on Owensville Road that will make worse the already dangerous intersection of Holkham with Owensville, and Owensville with 250.	William A> Petri, Jr.
8	We strongly oppose the proposed Special Use Permits for the Blue Ridge property in Ivy, VA. These proposals are major changes to the existing special use permit and are not compatible with the rural/residential nature of our community. If approved, they will negatively impact the quality of life in our neighborhood and our property values. We also believe they will affect surrounding neighborhoods.1. We oppose the expansion of operations to include April thru November. This will more than double the use of and substantially change the nature of the existing property and convert a quiet swimming club and summer camp into a commercial-use, year-round event venue. As proposed, this small rural property in the middle of several residential neighborhoods can become a destination for hundreds of visitors daily (up to 200 at any one time) for 8 months of the year. It is not compatible with the quiet enjoyment of our own residential property to bring in school buses, dozens of cars, and delivery trucks associated with the numerous events which are contemplated under this special use permit. The Blue Ridge property is not suited for large social gatherings – weddings, parties, and other events with amplified sound – as it is too close to our home and others nearby. The application suggests that the Blue Ridge property will be a site for school trips, but this 12-acre tract is completely unneeded as a new natural area/park for county residents. Albemarle County has a bounty of recreational options with multiple large, well-resourced county parks and natural areas. We are only a few miles from both the GW National Forest and Shenandoah National Park. The expansion of special use from 3 months to 8 months should be rejected.2. We oppose the construction of the 2,000 square foot pavilion and 2,000 square foot storage shed in their proposed location. Under the proposed plan, the new parking and both new structures are situated on the top of the ridge directly behind our home. Currently, the deciduous tree cover obscures the construction site from our property in the Summer months. However, we have a direct view of the Field Camp buses and trailers which are parked on that ridge in the Fall, Winter and Spring. Unfortunately, the expanded parking lot and the two new structures will sit in full view for us most of the year. In that location, they will also bring the greatly increased traffic and noise from parties, field trips, and other activities into our back yard. We believe that most camp and pool activities are currently conducted at lower elevations behind the ridge line and their noise is generally blocked from our property. However, building these new facilities on top of the ridge, and only 500 feet from our back door, will bring all the action right to us. If new structures are to be built – they should be located adjacent to the pool and the current pavilion – not on the ridge top. They should be shielded from neighboring properties with a buffer of vegetation - at least two rows of large evergreens to eliminate visibility and reduce noise pollution. The application indicates that the purpose of the new Pavilion will be to shelter children in bad weather while they are waiting for transportation. If this is truly the objective, there is no need for a kitchen or for 2,000 square feet of space. A bus shelter can be much smaller and needs no plumbing. It appears that the primary purpose of the new structure may be as the main camp activity center and an event venue for large groups - Not for safety. Shifting many of the camp activities into this new structure will increase the noise, as will	Robert & Sandra Luck

	adding large groups of party goers in that structure. Construction of the new structures should be rejected, unless they are located more appropriately and obscured from neighboring properties.3. We request that any special use permit that is approved be set to expire after 12 months to allow re-evaluation annually	
9	We oppose the 2 new Special Use Permits for the Blue Ridge Field Camp & Swim Club property which is adjacent to our neighborhood on Holkham Drive. We believe that the expansion of the Blue Ridge Field Camp & Swim Club property operations from 3 months (currently) to 8 months (proposed) is completely inappropriate and will bring commercial-type activity to our rural/residential neighborhood on a regular basis - with much more traffic, more noise, and a negative impact on our property values. We also believe that the expansion of their facilities (two large new buildings and more parking) along the ridge top is highly undesirable - increasing the visibility and noise from their special events and daily camp activities. The proposed construction area borders our Lewis Hills HOA common area - and may negatively impact our creek and trails if more traffic at the Camp is permitted to enter our trail system. Combined - these two proposals could convert this quiet rural property with a rustic pool and summer camp into an event venue for hundreds of visitors - as proposed, they would be allowed to host up to 200 guests daily from April 1 to November 15. Please note our opposition to these proposed special use permits. The property is not zoned for these new purposes and should not be granted an exception that affects all of our homes on Holkham Drive.	Skye and Michael O'Donnell
10	As a homeowner whose property is near by to the Blue Ridge Swim Club, I support the approval of the special use permits. I consider the Blue Ridge Swim Club and Field Camp to be an asset to Lewis II neighborhood and the Albemarle community. The Field Camp has been a good neighbor to myself and the adjoining properties.	Keith Gearhart
11	We are against this proposal it's not what the property is intended for and would bring unnecessary noise and traffic to our community.	Brian Wright
12	Todd Barnett mailed me a letter telling me about this process and his desire to improve the camp - I am so impressed with what he has done with the place! I fully endorse his plans. I am a next door neighbor and have a great affection for that pool. My grandmother bought the place in the 50s and ran it as a private club through the 60s. My father, sisters, myself and my children have all worked there. This is a unique community asset like no other. Todd has walked that fine line between preserving the character and intention of the place while keeping it economically viable. The way I see it, this is less about further developing the space, but rather keeping it around for another generation. While I can't imagine there would be any opposition to his plans, if there is I can only guess it would come from people relatively new to the neighborhood and who have yet to explore the beautiful place Todd has maintained and protected.	Jonathan Baker
13	In general, since Mr. Barnett has owned the property he has been very respectful of the surrounding neighbors and the camp program has been quiet. The only exception was the first or second year when he hosted about 6 music events in the evening, when they could easily be heard when sitting on our back porch. If Mr. Barnett limits the use of the property for campers and field trips, we would support the special use permit. But we would not support larger commercial venues such as weddings, parties or amplified music. We are frequent users of the natural area and trails and enjoy crossing the Blue Ridge Pool property to reach the trails across the power lines. Mr. Barnett currently asks neighbors to stay off the trails on the camp property from 8:30 to 4:30 weekdays when camp is in session, which we understand prevents disruptions. We would regret losing use of the trails for another 4.5 months of the year, but if this expansion of the months of use helps make the BR Pool and Camp a success, we would support the proposal. We would prefer keeping the forest, streams and natural area intact, rather than turning the property into a housing development.	Regina O'Donnell & John Voss
15	I live in the Westwoods neighborhood, and I support the amendment to the special use permit. Community members frequently use the Field Camp trails for exercise and walking their pets. Field Camp has been a great steward of the land. The proposed building will provide safe shelter for campers in the event of thunderstorms. The extension of the dates of operation will give K-12 county students will a unique opportunity to "Learn Outside."	Kimberly McKinley Taylor
16	I think this will improve the facilities and operation of the Blue Ridge Swim Club.	Mike Gorman
17	This seems like a worthwhile project. I fully support it.	Paul Groner
18	I am a member of the Blue Ridge Swim Club -- I first began swimming at Blue Ridge pool in 2002 (after a serious injury to a leg), and became a certificate member of the BRSC several years after the 2002 season. I live on Owensville Road, about 2 1/2 miles north of the swim club property. I have observed the improvements that Todd Barnett has made to the Blue Ridge Pool since the agreement was signed between him and the BRSC. He has improved the property in a way that is	Allan Megill

	<p>very respectful of its historical character. It became clear some years ago that the BRSC could no longer sustain the expenses needed to keep the pool going. Barnett has found a way of keeping this historic pool economically viable.</p> <p>This historic pool is clearly an asset to the community.</p> <p>As someone who lives on Owensville Road, I don't anticipate that I or my family will experience any ill effects (e.g., increased traffic) from the changes that Todd Barnett requests.</p> <p>I am not one of the "ancient" members of the Blue Ridge Swim Club, nor am I an officer of the organization. I hope that you will take seriously the thoughtful comments that I am sure you will receive from the officers and long-term members of the Blue Ridge Swim Club.</p> <p>Allan Megill</p>	
19	I 100% support this proposal for enhancing the property of the Blue Ridge Swim Club	Jennifer Elliott
20	I feel that the more outdoor/nature oriented opportunities our children can be given, the better.	Sandra Williams
21	I approve of it.	Ruth Barolsky
22	This proposal is a great use of the Blue Ridge Swim Club property. Everything Todd Barnett has done to the property is beautiful and well thought-out. It is very easy to visualize the new facilities as an extension of what he has done thus far. If I still had young children I would want them to participate in the programs that he is proposing.	Margaret Gorman
23	Scott. Please make sure the boundary fence is on the owner's submitted plans, as we discussed earlier this week.	Randall Switz
24	<p>Dear Mr. Clark:</p> <p>I am writing on behalf of my wife and me to strongly oppose the proposed SpecialUse Permits for the Blue Ridge Field Camp & Swim Club property in Ivy, VA. As a resident and homeowner in the Lewis Hills RPN, I am concerned that this proposal aims to substantially change the existing special use permit(s) in a manner not compatible with the rural/residential nature of our community. If approved, they will negatively impact the quality of life and property values in our and surrounding neighborhoods.</p> <p>The proposed expansion of operations (April-November) will more than double the use of and substantially change the nature of the existing property. This change would convert a quiet swimming club and summer camp into a commercial-use, year-round event venue. As proposed, this small rural property in the middle of several residential neighborhoods would become a destination for hundreds of visitors daily for 8 months of the year. This is not compatible with the quiet, rural, noncommercial setting of the surrounding properties. The increased amount of traffic would bring more buses, cars, and commercial vehicles associated with the numerous events which are contemplated under this special use permit. The Blue Ridge property is not suited for, nor should be permitted to hold, large social gatherings – weddings, parties, etc. with amplified sound – as its proximity is too close to the homes nearby.</p> <p>The application suggests that the Blue Ridge property will be a site for school trips, but this privately-owned 12-acre tract is completely unneeded as a new natural area/park for county residents. Albemarle County has a bounty of public, recreational options with multiple large, well-resourced county parks and natural areas. We are only a few miles from both the GW National Forest and Shenandoah National Park. The expansion of special use from 3 months to 8months should be rejected.</p> <p>I strongly oppose the construction of the 2,000 square foot pavilion and 2,000 square foot storage shed in the proposed location. Under the proposed plan, the new parking and both new structures are situated on the top of the ridge directly behind Holkham Dr. The tree cover only obscures the construction site in the Summer months. However, the Field Camp buses and trailers are visible in that location in Fall, Winter, and Spring.</p> <p>The expanded parking lot and the two new structures will sit in full view for many in our neighborhood for most of the year. I am also concerned that the proposed plan will bring increased traffic and noise from parties, field trips, and other activities into the surrounding area. I believe that most camp and pool activities are currently conducted at lower elevations behind the ridgeline and their noise is generally blocked from our neighborhood. However, building new facilities on top of the ridge, and only 500-700 feet from Holkham Dr, will bring all the noise into our neighborhood. If new structures are to be built – they should be located adjacent to the pool and the existing pavilion</p>	H. J. Derr

	<p>and be shielded from neighboring properties with a substantial and adequate buffer of vegetation to eliminate visibility and reduce noise pollution.</p> <p>The application indicates that the purpose of the new pavilion will be to shelter children in bad weather while they are waiting for transportation. If this is truly the objective, there is no need for a kitchen or 2,000 square feet of space. A bus shelter can be constructed to solve this problem. The primary purpose of the new structure is to serve as the camp “Headquarters” and as an event venue for large groups. Construction of the new structures should be rejected.</p> <p>Additionally, I believe special use permits for the property should be reviewed annually and set to expire after 12 months. An annual approval or renewal requirement would protect neighbors from misuse of the special use permit for this property. Most importantly, these permits should not be transferable nor a right that stays with the property in perpetuity. Annual renewal of all special use permits should be required.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my input regarding this proposal. I strongly urge you to prevent the expansion of commercial activities in our residential environment. We want to preserve our property value and that of our neighbors. We want to ensure that the excellent quality of life in rural Ivy remains intact.</p>	
25	<p>Dear Mr. Clark:Our property borders the Blue Ridge Swim Club and Field Camp. Just as we were strongly opposed to his initial Special Use Permit in 2011, we are now adamantly opposed to each of the amended Special Use Permits requested by Mr. Todd Barnett for Blue Ridge Swim Club and Field Camp.A. A) We oppose the change of operations expansion from just the summer months for Field Camp to April through November. Though Mr. Barnett cites a justification for an amended permit as an educational site for various area schools, we see no need for that, given the multitude of Albemarle County parks, Ivy Creek Natural Area, and recreation facilities that are open year-round. To us, it is apparent that Mr. Barnett envisions the property as a commercial event venue. This is a quiet residential neighborhood; we should not be subjected to the additional traffic, congestion and noise that such events will bring. Reject this amended permit allowing eight months of operation.B. B) We also oppose new construction of a 2,000 square foot pavilion and a 2,000 square foot “storage” shed. Each of those buildings would be within our view, destroying the natural beauty of our location and likely lowering our property value. It’s upsetting enough that we currently have to see the parked Field Camp vehicles along their driveway — we are deeply troubled by how much worse our viewshed will be if this permit is allowed. As stated above in paragraph A, it appears to us that the purpose of this permit is provide an event venue and to be the focal point of Field Camp activity thus bringing the greatly increased noise much closer to us than that from activity at the pool on the other side of the ridge. Reject the construction of these two buildings.Your consideration of this matter on our behalf is greatly appreciated.</p>	Warren and Pamela Yursik
26	<p>Dear Mr. Clark:We are writing in support of the proposed Special Use Permits for the Blue Ridge Field Camp & Swim Club property in Ivy, VA. Our home in Lewis Hills III, is south of the property and within walking distance to the pool.We have known Todd Barnett, Field Camp and Swim Club owner, for several years and our sons attended Field Camp when they were younger. We are members of the Swim Club and consider it and the Blue Ridge Field Camp and asset to the community.Since the summer camp has been in operation we have not noticed an increase in traffic or noise. The main contributor to traffic in the area is parents and buses delivering and picking up children from nearby Meriwether Lewis Elementary School. With the current limit of 200 guests to the property, we do not believe that there will be an appreciable increase in traffic.The back of our house faces north and is aligned with the swim club. We enjoy sitting on our deck in the day. The only noise associated with the swim club and field camp is the sound of children enjoying themselves outside. To our way of thinking, these are sounds and experiences that should be encouraged.Todd and the Field Camp have been good neighbors. The camp attendees do not cross over onto the neighboring properties and Todd has permitted nearby homeowners to use the walking trails that cross back and forth between the swim club property and the Lewis Hill III common property. Many of our neighbors are swim club members who enjoy the accessibility and convenience of a ‘neighborhood’ pool that they can walk to and from and whose teenage children work as lifeguards.Thank you for considering our input regarding these special use permits. We support the special use permits and urge you to approve them.</p>	Keith and Cheryl Gearhart
27	<p>Hi Scott,Thank you for your work on this. I am a homeowner on Holkham Drive, which is close to the site in question. I’m also a co-owner of the Common Area which is directly adjacent to the Blue Ridge Swim Club and Field Camp property. I am opposed to the new amended Special Use Permits (the SUPs) under consideration for the following reasons:1. The proposed building structures (4,000 square feet in total) and parking lots are too close to our neighborhood trails, which are co-owned by</p>	Thomas Sheehan

	<p>me and the other property owners in the Holkham neighborhood.2. Although I'm against the new structures and parking lots; if they are approved, I request that they're on the other side of the property, away from the Holkham-side.3. The new buildings, with a commercial nature to them, as well as the proposed parking lots, go against the zoning in this area, which is for rural and residential use.4. I'm concerned about the environmental impact of these new structures, parking lots, and expanded capacity of the Blue Ridge Swim Club and Field Camp operating 8 months a year vs. only in the summer months.5. Furthermore, I am worried about people coming over to our trails; I would request a fence be built by the applicant, if these SUP amendments are approved, which I'm against.6. Also, what happens with a new owner? The Blue Ridge Swim Club and Field Camp is owned by a for-profit entity. The new SUPs will allow the applicant, and more concerning, future owners of the property to use the property for weddings, wine tastings, events, etc. 8 months of the year vs. just the summer months.7. I'm concerned about all the cars, trucks (delivering supplies to the grounds), busses, in addition to air pollution, environmental pollution, etc., so close to our residential, rural neighborhood. 8. This area should be maintained as a rural, residential area and not an area for camps, events and activities beyond the summer months. In summary, I'm opposed to the new SUP amendments under consideration. Also, I'm against any removal of expiration dates associated with the SUPs. If these new SUPs are passed, which I'm opposed to, there needs to be an expiration date attached to them. Thank you again, and please feel free to write me back or call. Please confirm receipt of this email comment.</p>	
28	<p>Mr Clark:</p> <p>Received UNDATED notice from Todd Barnett re above requests for permit to build two structures on Blue Ridge Swim Club property at 1275 Owensville Road.</p> <p>I have some comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 First, I have no problem with extending the length of the camp season. 2 The addition of the two structures large structures does concern me. Is there a generally available site plan indicating the locations planned for these two sizable buildings? Would it be possible to put such a plan on line so neighbors could learn where they will be sited? <p>I look forward to hearing from you.</p>	Shirley Cunningham
29	<p>My name is Nachel Mathoda. I live at 1365 Owensville Road with my husband, Morgan Ashcom. We have owned this property, which is adjacent to the Swim Club, since July 2017. Yesterday I submitted a question regarding the size of the structures (due to what I believe was a typo in Todd's letter). I have since become aware that there is some distant neighborhood opposition to his plan. I wanted to reach out to convey my support for the Swim Club under Todd's leadership generally and the expansion of club use beyond the current Memorial Day to Labor Day limit. I'm not sure if we are the closest home to the property, but we are certainly one of the closest. We have loved living next to the Swim Club and have had no issues with noise, pollution, or any other concern. Frankly, the sound of children laughing and playing on the occasion that we do hear something is delightful. Todd has been an excellent neighbor, and we have no objection to his proposed plans, assuming the structures are reasonably sized. Please let me know if you have any questions.</p>	Nachel Mathoda & Morgan Ashcom