

Welcome to Harwood The VanLandingham Estate Inn and Conference center

Welcome and thank you for considering the VanLandingham Estate Retreat & Conference Center for your very special occasion. Whether you are visiting our Estate for business or leisure, we offer you a unique opportunity to step out of the mainstream and into an environment of urban sophistication. Bringing together convenient location, modern facilities and personalized service, The VanLandingham Estate is designed to make your time with us a truly memorable experience.

This information has been prepared to provide you with the information necessary to make your event at the VanLandingham Estate as convenient as possible. For guests who are considering us for the first time, this information will help you take full advantage of our services and facilities. For our many returning clients, the information contained in this guide will help keep you updated as we continue to improve and enhance our services.

Charlotte is a beautiful and lively city with many choices for meetings, retreats, and galas. We are honored that you are considering us. Please feel free to consult any member of our staff with questions you may have.

Thank you again for considering the VanLandingham Estate. We hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

The Management & Staff of The VanLandingham Estate

The Vanlandingham Estate Inn and Conference Center

Whatever the occasion, The VanLandingham Estate is just the place for opulent, festive and decidedly fresh entertaining. From business dinners and awards ceremonies to company picnics, the main house and gardens cater to your every need. The main house of the Estate, Harwood, contains the Living Room, Dinning Room and Solarium. With the addition of the Garden Room, The Estate can accommodate receptions for up to 350 and seated dinners for up to 200 guests in the gardens.

Harwood

\$325

Harwood, the Main House, includes the Living Room for meeting space and Dining Room for lunch plus outside patio and garden areas for break-out sessions or relaxing lunch during nice weather. The Harwood has High Speed Internet access.

The Garden Room

\$425

Located adjacent to the main house, this 1275 square foot private and elegant room overlooks our beautiful landscaped gardens. The Garden Room has large mullioned windows and skylights that reflect all the light you need to focus a productive meeting. The room can accommodate up to 80 guests for business meetings and 100 for seated dinners. The Garden Room is a perfect setting for all your meetings and special occasions. The Garden Room is equipped with High Speed Internet access and cordless microphone.

The Carriage House Verandah

\$225

Suitable for 8 guests or less. Enjoy the seclusion of the Carriage House that includes an enclosed sun porch with sofa and chairs and a dining table for four with an patio with outdoor gas fireplace for your breakfast, lunch or breaks. The Carriage house Verandah is equipped with High Speed Internet access.

Oculus

\$225

The Orangery, a working French-style greenhouse, sits on a knoll overlooking the historic lily pond. French doors open to allow for ample cross ventilation and wonderful aromas from the nearby herb gardens. Just relax or conduct your business at a beautiful teak table that seats up to 12 guests. Oculus can also accommodate up to 18 guests conference style or 24 for a seated meal.

**We gladly waive Estate Fees for groups of 30 or more
for weekday corporate events!**

History of The VanLandingham Estate

Ralph and Susie Harwood-VanLandingham built the VanLandingham Estate in 1913. Ralph moved his wife, as well as, twin son and daughter to Charlotte from Georgia. His decision evolved when his father invited him to join his cotton brokerage firm in Charlotte. Though already quite wealthy, the move occurred at the time of the big textile boom, making the cotton brokerage industry and the VanLandingham's even more prosperous.

It was actually Susie that helped draw the plans for the house, which was designed for entertaining. They acquired the \$6,000 for the house and the 5 acres. This area, now Plaza-Midwood was originally called Chatham Estates, an exclusive community of 5-acre lots. The median of what is now "The Plaza" was the old trolley line. When the depression hit, most landowners divided and sold their land, but The VanLandingham Estate remained intact.

The house is a California bungalow, a new style during the 1900's, complete with sleeping porches. Some of the original furnishings still remain including the hall mirror, the couch in the living room, the couch and matching chair in the upstairs foyer, as well as the dining room table, chairs, and built in china cabinets. Most of these furnishings were brought from the Majestic Hotel on Peach Tree St. in Atlanta, which was previously owned by Susie. The VanLandingham family owned a mountain home in Linville, NC, where they spent their summers in cooler climate. They re-created the mountain feeling here on the estate by covering the grounds with rhododendrons, cedars and cypress, including a picturesque garden amidst the acres. In fact, the VanLandingham Family had stone delivered from Linville. This stone became incorporated in the structure of the house, as well as around the driveways and gardens.

The estate was left to his son Ralph Jr., who never married. Upon his death in 1970 the house and the grounds were willed to UNCC, in the hopes that it would become the Chancellor's residence. Since UNCC already owned a home in Myers Park, they graciously held the VanLandingham Estate for seven years.

Before selling the estate, The VanLandingham Glen was created on the UNCC campus using rhododendron transplants from the garden. In the first attempt to sell the home, the house was almost sold to a developer who wanted to destroy the house and build a high-rise. Thankfully, the house was saved when it was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. UNCC then sold it to the Cline family as a personal residence. The Cline's owned it for 10 years and in 1986 it became the Charlotte Symphony ASID designer house. Jack Bowden then purchased the home in 1987. He accomplished major renovations by redoing bathrooms, updating the plumbing and heating systems, adding air conditioning, gas logs in the fireplaces and many other improvements. Jack began to receive special requests from friends and neighbors to have weddings and small gatherings on his large property; thus he decided to open the estate to special occasions to hold weddings, receptions and several other social gatherings.

After Jack's death in January 1994, his daughter Margaret and her husband Mark Gilleskie took over the business. They presided over major landscaping improvements and complete renovation of the carriage house.

Today, this magnificent estate is owned and operated by a group of local businesspersons, known as Unique Southern Estates. They are also the proud owners of The Morehead Inn in Dilworth. Since the purchase, Unique Southern Estates has spent over one million dollars in renovations, going to great lengths to paint the entire house (inside and out) updating plumbing, and restoring original fixtures in the bathrooms. The grounds and gardens are always in bloom year round. The décor in each room has been carefully selected so that every room provides a unique experience. The Garden Room serves as a large conference center as well

as an elegant addition to host Social events. The Estate constructed a large French Orangery (greenhouse) in 2003. The VanLandingham Inn and Conference Center is a beautiful place to relax and rest your soul.

General Information

Welcome and thank you for considering The VanLandingham Estate for your Corporate Business Meeting or Luncheon. The VanLandingham Estate offers a unique opportunity to step out of the mainstream and into an environment of urban sophistication. Bringing together convenient location, modern facilities and personalized service, everything we do at The VanLandingham Estate is designed to make your time with us a truly memorable experience.

Payments & Cancellations

An Estate fee is charged for all events and private parties. A credit card number (imprint) is required along with a signed contract, in lieu of a payment at time of booking. Payment may be made by check or credit card – MasterCard, Visa, and American Express. All payments are due at the end of the event. Any cancellations within a seven-day period of your event, the client will be responsible for any anticipated revenue.

Guarantees

The exact per guest menu price will be finalized and agreed to no later than seven days prior to the event. This minimum number of guests will be considered a guarantee for which you will be billed. An increase in the guaranteed attendance will be accepted up to 24 hours before the function. The Estate will prepare for the number of guest guaranteed only; we will not prepare for any percentage over the guarantee.

Food and Beverage

Our award-winning chef will cater all the food and beverage for your event. VanLandingham Estate requires a lunch or dinner with all corporate functions. Final menu selection is due no later than seven (7) days prior to the function. Custom menu items may be provided for the client and prepared with the approval of the chef. Lunch prices start at \$16.95. Left over food items may not be removed from the property due to insurance restrictions. The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Commission regulates the sale and service of all alcoholic beverages. Therefore, all alcoholic beverages will be supplied and serviced by the VLE. Services will be provided on a flat rate basis per guest, per hour for our bars. A bartender fee of \$75 will be charged for the first bar, \$60 for each additional bar thereafter.

Service Charge and Tax

There will be a service charge of twenty percent (20%) on all food, beverage, rentals, and set-up fees.

Sales tax of eight and one half percent (8.5%) for all food and beverage, a seven and one half percent (7.5%) service charge tax, and a sales tax of seven and one half percent (7.5%) will be added to any miscellaneous rental portions of your bill.

Multiple Entrees

If multiple entrees are requested for seated luncheons, the following stipulations will apply:

1. Multiple entrees will be limited to two (2) selections, not including requests for vegetarian entrees.
2. If there is a price difference between the two entrees, the higher price will be charged for all entrees.
3. Normal guarantee procedure is required with indications for each entrée.
4. Some form of indications is required by the client for the guest tables, ie. place cards

Parking

The Estate has limited parking. There are 40 parking spaces on the property. If groups have additional needs, ask your event planner for additional parking instructions. Under no circumstances can groups park on the streets surrounding the Estate – it is strictly prohibited by the owners and towing is enforced.

Liability

The Estate is not responsible for damage to or loss of items left on the property prior to or following any event. The customer is responsible and shall reimburse VLE for any damage, loss or liability incurred by VLE due to negligence of the client, the client's guests, or any persons or organizations contracted by the client to provide goods or services before, during and after the event.

The VanLandingham Estate Breakfast Menu

Continental Breakfast

A traditional continental breakfast of fresh baked breads and pastries along with a generous tray of seasonal fruits. Served with assorted juices and unlimited pots of our special coffee.

\$8.95 per guest

The Farmer's Market

The following breakfast items are served in addition to the Continental Breakfast only for the listed price.

Bagels with assorted Cream Cheeses	\$1.50 per guest
Southern Country Ham Biscuits	\$1.50 per guest
Assorted Yogurt	\$1.00 per guest
Country Style Scrambled Eggs with Onions, Ham, and Cheese	\$1.50 per guest
Cheese Grits	\$1.50 per guest
Sourdough Pancakes with fresh Fruit and hot Maple Syrup	\$1.50 per guest
Home style French Toast with hot Maple Syrup	\$1.25 per guest
Hand-Cut Home-Fried Potatoes	\$1.25 per guest
Vegetable and Herb Quiche	\$2.50 per guest
Bacon, Sausage, OR Country Ham	\$2.00 per guest
Eggs Benedict	\$2.50 per guest

Prices do not include appropriate sales tax & service charge.

The VanLandingham Estate

Light Lunch Menu

Soups, Salads & Sandwiches Plate

Lunches

Choose ONE item from each group below.
Includes iced tea, coffee & a Chef's choice side item.

\$19.50 per guest

Specialty Salads

Baby Spinach with Warm Bacon Vinaigrette
Estate Salad
Traditional Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken or Shrimp
Fresh Fruit Salad
Greek Salad
Chef's Salad

Soups

Creamy Potato Bacon
Tomato Basil
Cream of Mushroom
Chicken Noodle
Cream Broccoli
Country Vegetable
Seafood Bisque
Vegetable Beef
Cream of Asparagus
Clam Chowder

Sandwiches

Chef's Choice Assorted Deli Sandwiches
Chicken Salad Melt
Turkey Club on Wheatberry Bread
Proscuitto on a Croissant with Apple and Brie
Caribbean Chicken Wrap
Roast Beef & Boursin Cheese on French Baguette

Prices do not include appropriate sales tax & service charge.

Southern Comfort Plate Lunch Entrees

Entrees (choose 1)

Poultry:

Herbed Baked Chicken Breast
Roasted Turkey Breast
Chicken Pot Pie
Almond Chicken Salad
Smothered Chicken Breast with Gravy
Chicken & Dumplings
Fried Chicken Breast

Beef:

Shepard's Pie
Beef Tips
Meat Loaf
Stuffed Green Peppers
Salisbury Steak & Gravy
Beef Stroganoff
Country Fried Steak with Gravy

Seafood:

Fried Catfish
Fried Salmon Patties
Lemon-Dill White Fish

Pork:

Roasted Pork Loin with Apple Gravy
Pork BBQ
Fried Pork Chops
Roasted Pork Chops

This menu offers one entrée, any two
Sides, choice of bread & one dessert,
iced tea & coffee.

***\$16.95 per
guest***

Sides (choose 2)

Black-eyed Peas	Yams
Green Beans	Lima Beans
Creamed Corn	Peas & Carrots
Stewed Squash	Fried Corn
Macaroni & Cheese	Cole Slaw
Cornbread Stuffing	Pinto Beans
Squash Casserole	Corn Pudding
Steamed Broccoli	Tossed Salad
Parsley New Potatoes	Buttered Rice
Green Bean Casserole	Collard Greens
Steamed Cabbage	Whipped Potatoes
Macaroni Salad	

Breads (choose 1)

Cornbread
Buttered Biscuits
Dinner Rolls

Desserts (choose 1)

Peach Cobbler
Apple Pie
Chocolate Cake
Pound Cake
Key Lime Pie
Banana Pudding
Bread Pudding

Prices do not include appropriate sales tax &
service charge.

Refresher Course

Snacks for a mid-morning or mid-afternoon break.
All breaks include unlimited bottled water, sodas and coffee served all day.
\$8.50 per guest

Assorted Mini Desserts

Miniature desserts and petit fours.

Cookies & Milk

Homemade cookies and brownies with ice cold milk.

Chips & Dips

A selection of dips, chips, breads, and spreads.

Sundae Bar

Chocolate and vanilla ice cream with all the fixin's.

Savory Sampler

A selection of olives, sausages, cheese, and nuts.

Midwood Tea

Hot crumpets, scones, and delicate finger sandwiches with a selection of gourmet teas.

Unlimited bottled sodas & waters as well as our special blend of coffee \$3.00 per guest
(This price good if you order the Continental Breakfast, but not a Break Out)

Unlimited bottled sodas & waters as well as our special blend of coffee \$5.00 per guest
(This price good if you do NOT order the Continental Breakfast or any Break Out)

Prices do not include appropriate sales tax & service charge.

Picnics for Two at The VanLandingham Estate

Roses are red, violets are blue....nothing's as nice as a picnics for two!

All pic-nics are served either at a private table or on a large blanket in the area of your choice on the Estate's five-acre garden and grounds*. Picnics baskets and wine are completely ready and waiting upon your arrival!

Simply Southern

Barbecue Sundaes
Fresh Fruit Salad
Green Bean, Corn and Tomato Salad
Buttermilk Biscuits
Round Hill Chardonnay or Hard Lemonade
Banana Puddin'
\$25.00/guest

Simply Proper

Assorted Tea Sandwiches
Hearts of Palm with Tomatoes and Currants
Asparagus with Parmesan Butter
Fresh Croissant with Honey Butter
Coffee & Tea or *Clos du Bois Sauvignon Blanc*
Chocolate-Toffee Trifles
\$35.00/guest

Mediterranean

Ham, Brie and Pepperoncini Panini
Prosciutto with Melon
Bruchetta with White Beans, Olives & Tomatoes
Crusty Baguette with Grapes and Cheese
DuBoeuf Gamay Beaujolais
Tiramisu
\$35.00/guest

Splendor in the Grass

Orange-Scented Crab Cakes with Fresh Tomato Relish or
Roasted Oysters on the Half Shell
Lilliputian Lamb Chops
Sautéed Baby Patty Pan Squash
Goat Cheese and Fontina Risotto
Yalupa Cuvie Brut
Chocolate Croissant Bread Puddings
\$50.00/guest

**Weather permitting. Various interior options exist for bad weather.*

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Traveling I-85 North Take exit #41 (Sugar Creek) come to the stop light, make right turn onto Sugar Creek. Go through 6 lights until you reach Eastway Dr. and turn right. On Eastway go to 3rd light, turn right onto Central Ave. At 4th light, turn right onto The Plaza. The Estate is ½ mile up on the Right side.

Traveling I-85 South Take exit #41 (Sugar Creek) come to the stop light and make a left onto Sugar Creek. Go to Eastway (7 lights) turn right. On Eastway go to the 3rd Light, turn right onto Central Ave. At the 4th light, turn right onto The Plaza. The Estate is ½ mile up on the right side.

From I-77 North Take Brookshire freeway exit 11 - 277 Hwy exit, stay in left lane on I-277 Follow I-277 until you reach Hwy 74 East, take 74 East to the second exit, (Briarcreek). Take Briarcreek exit, at the stop sign make a right on to Briarcreek, go to the 2 stop light and make a left on to Central Ave. Follow Central Ave. for 2 miles until you reach the intersection of The Plaza, make a right on the Plaza, The Estate will sit ½ mile up on your right.

From I-77 South Take John Belk Exit toward Ericsson Stadium this is I-277, stay on I-277 until you see the exit for (74 east, Independence BLVD.) Take this exit to the second exit, (Briarcreek) Take Briarcreek exit, at the stop sign make a right on to Briarcreek, go to the 2 stop light and make a left on to Central Ave. Follow Central Ave. for 2 miles until you reach the intersection of The Plaza, make a right on the Plaza, The Estate will sit ½ mile up on your right.

From Airport Follow Airport Expressway away from the airport. Airport "Exit" to 1st stop light -- Old Dowd Road. Turn Left on Old Dowd to stop sign -- Little Rock Road. Turn Right on Little Rock to 1st light -- Wilkinson. Turn Right on Wilkinson Blvd. Follow Wilkinson towards "Uptown" It will become John Belk Freeway/ I-277 stay on I-277 Hwy until you see the exit for (74 east, Independence BLVD.) Take this exit to the second exit, (Briarcreek) Take Briarcreek exit, at the stop sign make a right on to Briarcreek, go to the 2 stop light and make a left on to Central Ave. Follow Central Ave for 2 miles until you reach the intersection of The Plaza, make a right on the Plaza, The Estate will sit ½ mile up on your right.

From 74 West Take the Briarcreek exit, it is across from the Ovens Auditorium. You will come to a stop sign on ramp, make a left onto Briarcreek. Go to the second stop light, make a left onto Central Ave. Go to the 3rd light (The Plaza) and make a right. The Estate will sit ½ mile up on the right, right passed the Holy Trinity Church.

From Uptown Take Tryon Street North to 7th street, follow 7th street until you reach The intersection of Kings Dr. & Central Ave. Make a left on to Central Ave. go to the 5th light (The Plaza) make a left on to The Plaza. The Estate will sit ½ mile up on the right.