

# The Joseph M. Hutchison Amphitheater

## A TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE

Dear Friend of the NYSC,

Professor Joseph M. 'Hutch' Hutchison has been at the heart of the National Youth Science Camp and the National Youth Science Foundation pretty much from the beginning. I remember fondly that when I arrived as a callow camper from Florida in 1966, he was there to greet us, kind and generous of spirit to me, and to all of us young'uns.

At the November 2007 meeting of the Foundation Trustees, others paid eloquent oral tribute to Hutch, and I will not attempt to expand on those good words. What I will offer however, is a thought about creating a more enduring embodiment of our appreciation.

Of course, Hutch would not cotton to anything that he could carry away or hardware that would sit on his shelf. That is just not like him.

It emerged that there is a beautiful natural amphitheater (or at least the makings of one) on the fine property that the Foundation has acquired. Now, my perception of Hutch is that he brings folks together for the pleasure of company, of conversation and of thoughts and ideas, as sharers and seekers. So it seemed that gently shaping this rough natural feature into a true gathering place could be a fitting celebration of the great spirit that Hutch has shown over the years in sustaining and nurturing the Science Camp and the Foundation. This is in the classical tradition, as Greek theaters historically were situated in naturally shaped areas that were only lightly sculpted. And those theaters were the center of civic life, from entertainment to government.

The proposal is that this be named the 'Hutchison Amphitheater' and that we, as his colleagues and friends, contribute a nice amount to support its creation. To that end, I am offering a challenge grant of \$10,000 to match contributions, with the hopes that we can raise an additional \$10,000 - \$20,000 dedicated to the creation of this particular element of our new home.

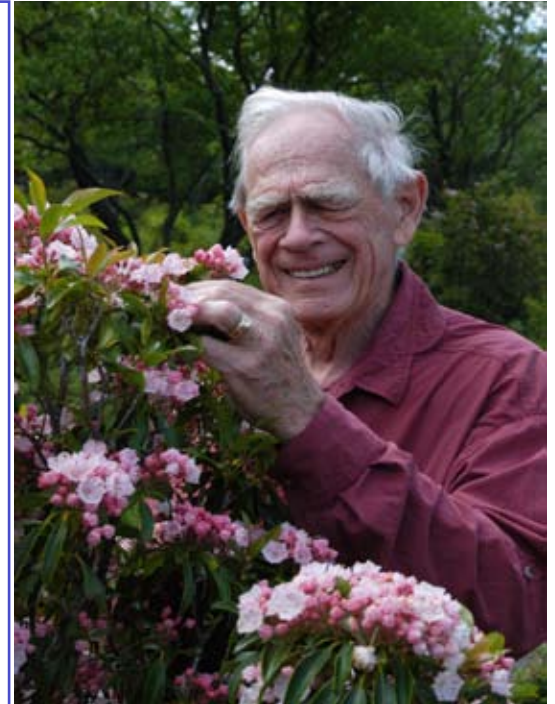
In order to present this recognition to Hutch at the April 19, 2008, meeting of the Trustees, we must meet this challenge quickly. I hope that you will join me in this effort. We will then continue this celebration of Hutch and his service to the Foundation and the NYSC with the NYSC Alumni at the 45th Reunion on July 5, 2008.

Thank you all in advance for your generosity and thoughtfulness towards a person who has epitomized the highest values of this Foundation and our commitment to the future.

Sincerely,

Zane Gresham, Florida 1966

Trustee of the National Youth Science Foundation



**Professor Joseph M. 'Hutch' Hutchison**  
Chairman Emeritus

Professor Joseph M. 'Hutch' Hutchison has a long and notable tenure with the National Youth Science Camp and the Foundation. Along with Professor Chuck Cochran, Hutch was a key figure in the design and operation of the first NYSC in 1963 and directed the NYSC from 1971 to 1975 including the first coed year. He also played a critical role in many improvements to Camp Pocahontas' physical plant, including renovations to the dining hall, lecture hall, and water plant.

For more than 10 years, Hutch served as Chairman of the Foundation's Board of Trustees. During his tenure as Chairman, Hutch was instrumental in the selection of a site to construct the National Center for Youth Science Education near Davis in Tucker County, West Virginia, and directed the creation of two new programs (the Youth Science Leadership Institute and the West Virginia Governor's School for Mathematics and Science).

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