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### Poconos chosen for beauty

MOUNT POCONO — Several grateful merchants and numerous residents of Mount Pocono, although well aware of the members of the World Wide Church of God presence, have always asked, "Why here in Mount Pocono?"

The question asked more out of ingenuitiveness than out of a jaw forger for the thousands of World Wide Church of God members who congregate for the annual event, can be answered simply.

Mount Pocono was selected as a potential festival site in 1966 because of the area's beauty and excellent accommodations.

Hundreds of the World Wide Church of God members will tour the scenic Pocono Mountains when they are not attending church services.

Throughout the Poconos amusements and scenic areas are abundant and a survey reveals that in the past most of the church's members have utilized these accommodations to the fullest.

Although the Fall season means the closing of the golf season, it has been reported that the Poconos' 42 golf courses will be made available for those spare afternoon moments in a World Wide Church of God member's spare time.

The Pocono Mineral and Gem Co. reports that about 1,000 people, broken up into a conglomeration of small groups, visited the exhibit last season.

Two "farms" in the Pocono Mountains played host to several World Wide Church of God members last fall.

The Pocono Wild Animal Farm and the Pennsylvania Dutch Farm, both report several hundred families visited their grounds last year during spare moments.

Large family groups are expected to visit other scenic attractions as well.

Administrators at Menyanthes U.S.A., a regular year-round attraction, because of its wax museum, a miniature circus and several old fashion specialty shops, expects a large turn out of interested visitors from the World Wide Church of God this year.

Pocono Mountain Aviation also expects a business boom during the nine-day period.

The reason for their optimism is the fact that the Poconos are at their best for scenic beauty during the early autumn.

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