

## Collection Summary

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**Title:** Mount Madonna Center (Hanuman Fellowship)

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**Span Dates:** 1988-2014

**Language:** English

**Geographic Location:** Watsonville, California

**Abstract:** This collection consists of programs, general correspondence, and a newsletter.

**Historical Notes:** Mount Madonna Center is a conference and retreat center located on 355 acres of mountain-top redwood forest and grassland overlooking Monterey Bay, between Santa Cruz and Monterey, in Northern California. Mount Madonna Center ("MMC" or "the Center") is a residential community founded on the principles and practices of Ashtanga Yoga (a classical system consisting of eight "limbs"). The Center offers conference and retreat facilities where various programs on self-development and spiritual practices are presented. Although the Center has a foundation of spiritual life, the outer environment is like an intentional village or community setting. In this way, it is not strictly an "ashram", but rather a center where people come to live and work in a spirit of selfless service or karma yoga. The Mount Madonna community consists of about 80 to 100 people. This number is made up of about 70 long-standing residents and around 20-30 people in rotating programs. Our residents include single people, couples, elders, monks, nuns, and families. A core staff provides continuity and guidance for the community, while YSC and other program participants continually bring fresh insights and enthusiasm. In addition to the residential community, Mount Madonna houses a conference center and a private school. So, depending upon the number of program participants at any given time and the occasional school event, the Center may grow to over 300 people. **Sources:** [Mount Madonna Center](#)

## Selected Search Terms

**Subjects:** Communal living; Collective settlements; Housing, Cooperative; Commune; Yoga; Aṣṭāṅga yoga

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