

## MICHAEL HAMMES APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF FOOD & BEVERAGE AT WINTERGREEN RESORT IN VIRGINIA'S BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS



**WINTERGREEN, Va. (Aug. 29, 2017)** — Michael Hammes has joined Wintergreen Resort as Director of Food and Beverage. Hank Thiess, Wintergreen general manager, announced the appointment of Hammes, who possesses over 20 years of experience in the culinary and hospitality industries.

"We're thrilled to welcome Michael to the management team," Thiess said. "His breadth of experience and demonstrated capacity for innovation will really benefit our culinary operations and, in turn, our members and guests."

A graduate of the University of Missouri, Hammes has managed high-profile businesses, restaurants, hotels, and resorts with celebrity owners, chefs, and guests (Landry's, Vail Resorts, Wolfgang Puck's, Dean & Deluca, and multiple international Planet Hollywood locations). With balanced strength in communications, marketing, and operations, he will assume a culinary leadership position and showcase these skills by motivating and inspiring employees to excel.

Prior to joining Wintergreen, Hammes was director of food and beverage at Omni Barton Creek Resort and The Woodlands Resort and Conference Center, both in Austin, Texas.

Previously, he was director of food and beverage at Landry's San Luis Resort & Conference Center, a Four Diamond Signature Resort with the highest occupancy and average daily rate on the Gulf of Mexico, in Galveston, Texas. He is an active member of International Association of Conference Centers and National Restaurant Association.

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**About Wintergreen Resort:** Wintergreen Resort is an 11,000-acre, four-season resort located in the Blue Ridge Mountains southwest of Charlottesville, Va. This beautiful hideaway is the ultimate vacation and conference spot, nearly 230 condominium-style accommodations; 45 holes of championship golf; snow skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing; an award-winning tennis program; a full-service, destination spa; 40,000 square feet of meeting and event space; and savory dining options. The resort is located adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway in beautiful central Virginia near Charlottesville, just 90 minutes from Richmond, Va., three hours from Washington, D.C. and Raleigh, N.C., five and a half hours from Philadelphia, and eight hours from Atlanta. For more information, guests can call (434) 325-2200 or visit the resort's web site at www.wintergreenresort.com.

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