



CAMP RIDGECREST

For Boys

RIDGECREST, N.C.

A Message to PARENTS . . .

Do you want to make a real investment in the future of that boy of yours? Then give him the opportunity of spending a summer at Camp Ridgecrest for Boys.

Nestled among the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains, Camp Ridgecrest will provide a wholesome, well-spent, fun-filled summer for your youngster. Here abounds nature's finest: sunshine, fresh air, majestic mountains and peaceful forests in "the Land of the Sky." Boating, swimming, horseback riding, tennis, crafts, and hiking are just a part of the complete camp program.

A capable and experienced staff guides and ministers to the needs of the campers.

We propose to help build in your boy the finest in physical, mental, and spiritual qualities. To help him live with others—to learn to give and take. Camp Ridgecrest instills life-lasting values. It is a BOYHOOD'S DREAM COME TRUE.

We promise a sincere, conscientious job, in a camp with a heart and a purpose, with Counselors interested in boys, men who will be your boy's friend.



Distinctives . . .

1. Purposeful training for developing individual initiative.
2. Wholesome recreation under Christian leadership.
3. Twenty-six years of distinctive service.
4. The only camp of its kind owned and operated by the Baptist Sunday School Board.



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MEMBER SOUTHEASTERN SECTION AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION

PERRY MORGAN, Business Manager

GEORGE W. PICKERING, Director

RIDGECREST, NORTH CAROLINA

UNDER AUSPICES OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF THE
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

1954 SEASON

JUNE 7-JULY 12 ★ JULY 15-AUGUST 19

RIDGECREST BAPTIST ASSEMBLY, WILLARD K. WEEKS, MANAGER

"God, give us hills to climb and strength to climb them"

A CAMP WITH A PURPOSE

Cities with their hurry and bustle, their activity and business often overlook these ideals. There is something in the gems of nature that pierces the innermost recesses of our being. Especially is this true in the case of a boy. Universally he is interested in nature. A boy, too, likes to be with other boys. He is content in a congenial group. A boy needs and responds to leadership and guidance, if this is sympathetic and understanding.

Camp Ridgecrest, sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board, has emerged in response to the clarion call of these needs of boys. Through the years of its history the purpose has been to bring peace, love, and happiness to the hearts of the boys through the guidance of a consecrated Christian staff of men who spend a few weeks in busy, joyous, and meaningful living together.

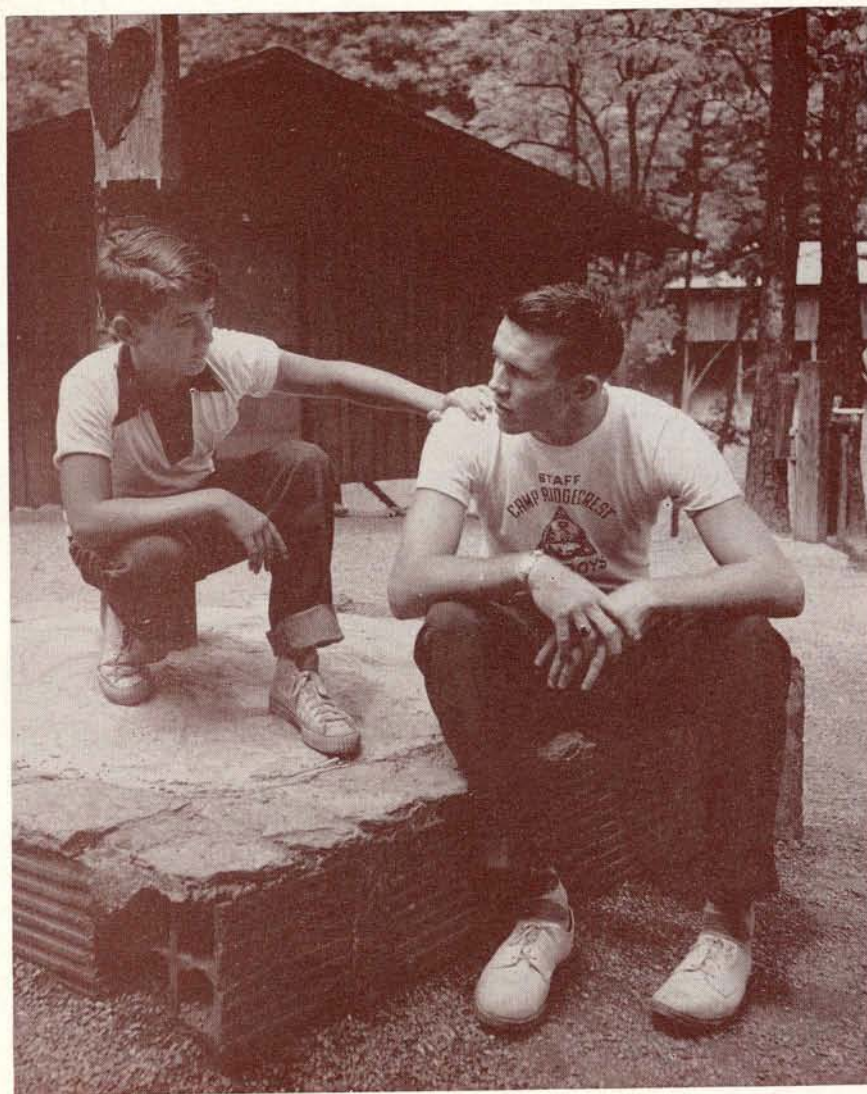


WE SERVE THIS AGE GROUP

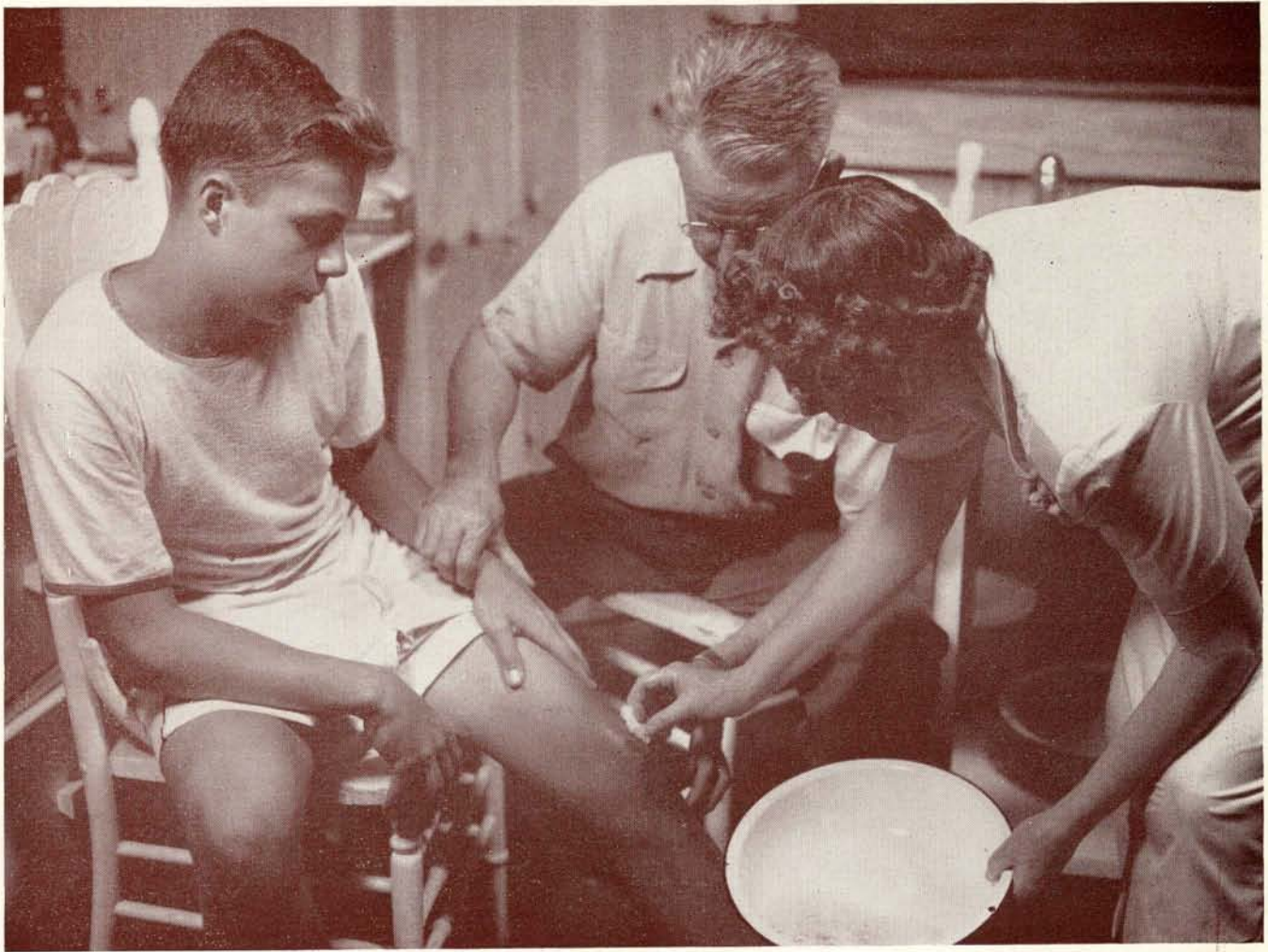
The age limits are nine to sixteen. The camp is divided into separate age groups—one the Junior Camp (approximate ages 9 to 11), the other the Senior Camp (approximate ages 12 to 17). Each camp is then divided up into tribal groupings. Each age grouping has a separate program arranged to suit their needs.



*"A fellow finds a
friend in his counselor"*



BRYCE FINCH



BILL THOMAS

Expert medical service available

The water comes from a 113,000-gallon reservoir on the Assembly grounds and is tested regularly by the North Carolina State Board of Health. The camp has modern plumbing in every detail, providing tubs and showers with hot and cold water.

Two clean, spacious, well-screened open-air dining rooms adjoined by an up-to-date kitchen and pantry are presided over by a competent and well-trained dietician. In the preparation of meals only the highest quality foods are used. Many vegetables come from our Assembly garden.

Everything possible is done at Ridgecrest to assure the highest degree of health of the campers. The following are some of the steps taken to this end: Examination of each camper by the camp physician at regular intervals; careful checking each day of health charts which show tooth brushing, baths, elimination, weight, and general health condition. Additional Grade A milk is furnished for boys who are underweight. Physicians of Black Mountain, just two miles from camp, are ready to serve the boys at any time, day or night. A registered nurse is on the camp staff and is in charge of first aid and the camp clinic. Camp Ridgecrest holds a sanitation "Grade A" certificate from the North Carolina State Board of Health. A Health and Accident Insurance Policy is carried on each camper.

HEALTH IS OUR CHIEF CONCERN



Excellent BUILDINGS *and* EQUIPMENT

Camp Ridgecrest has a choice site adjoining a beautiful five-acre lake which is fully equipped according to the waterfront standards of the Red Cross. The Lodge, a three-story building, is in the center of camp and has in it the main administrative office, guest rooms, the camp Post Office, and toilet rooms and showers.

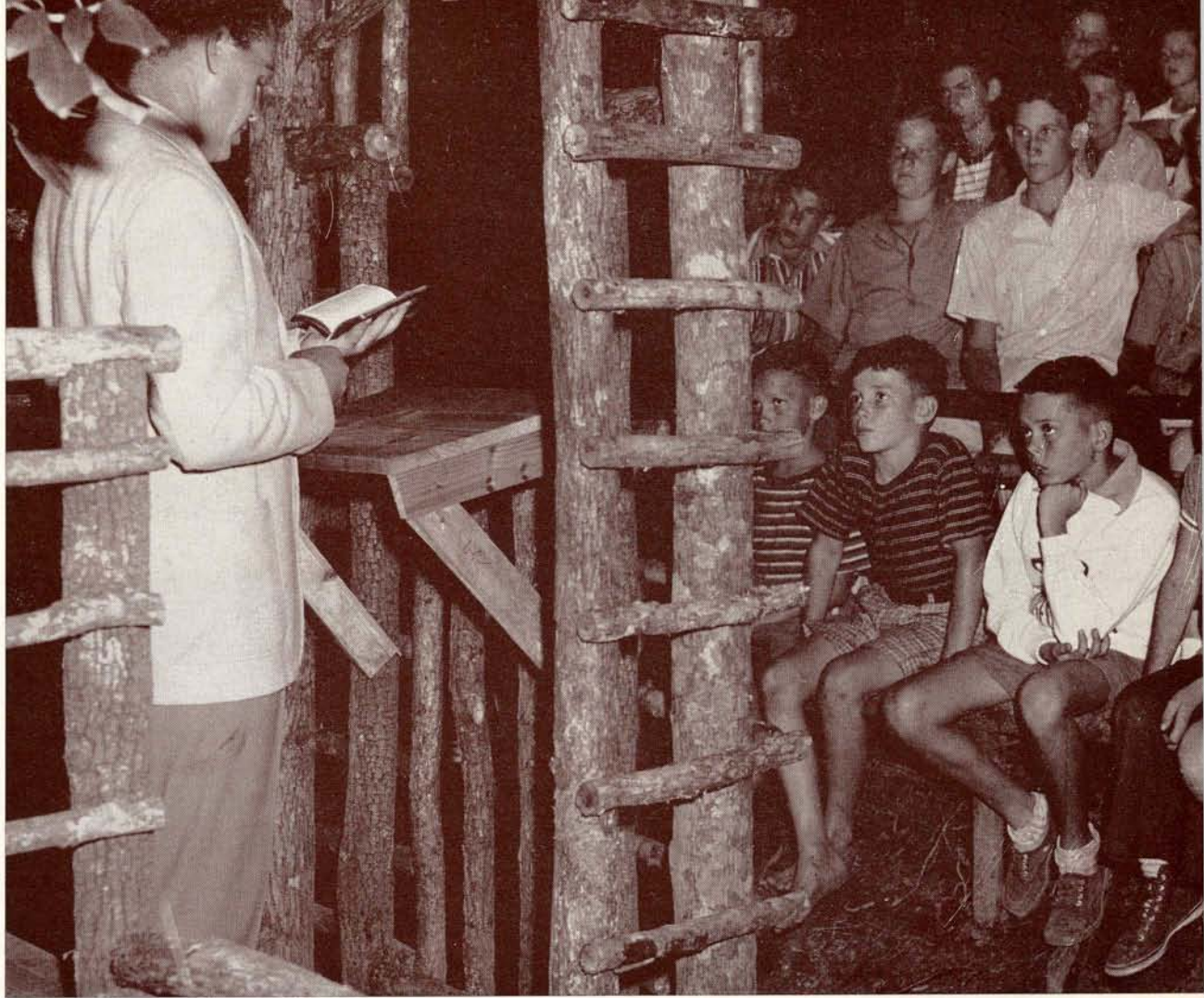
Comfortable and well-equipped cabins cover the adjacent hill. These have ample openings for ventilation and are carefully screened. On the average, six campers and two counselors live in each cabin. Lockers, tables, and chairs afford comfort and convenience. A cot with springs, mattress and pillow is assigned to each camper.

The Counselor's Lounge serves as a place for relaxation and fellowship for those in charge. It is located on the side of a hill near the center of the camp, overlooking the Parade Ground, the Flag Pole, the Lake, and the Tennis Courts. Fidelis Hall, or the Little Gym, has served the

camp for many years. Adjacent to it is the craft center. A camp recreation center named Spilman Lodge (named for the first Manager of the Southern Baptist Assembly Grounds) is the largest log building in North Carolina. It contains a modern up-to-date Gymnasium with a basketball court measuring 85 feet by 45 feet. Two spacious Dining Halls occupy the two great screened porches with seating space for 200 campers. A large modern kitchen with a pantry adjoins the Dining Halls. Contained also in this enormous building on the lower floor are a recreation hall and a large shower room system with a visitor's locker room. Other equipment which can be utilized by campers in outside sports are an athletic field, eight tennis courts, volleyball courts, a track for field events, two archery ranges, a Council Ring, a small softball diamond, a rifle range, lovely lake, a riding paddock and baseball diamond. See Map of Camp on back cover.

Spilman Lodge





"I will lift up mine eyes..."

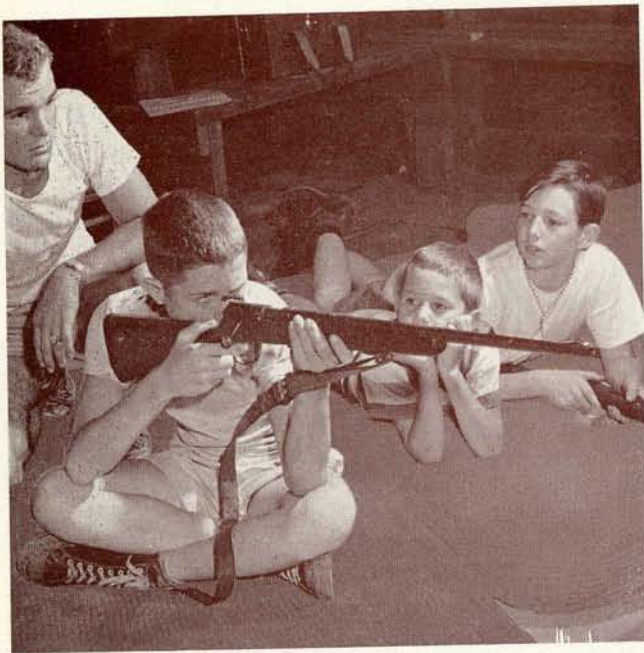
MORNING WATCH

One of the most beautiful spots and one of the most worthwhile features of the camp is the outdoor chapel, which is impressively situated beneath a natural arch of rhododendron trees. The only additions of man to this natural place for worship were the piecing together of rustic logs for bridge, seats, and pulpit. Here the campers can realize how the groves truly could have been God's first temples and instantly feel the spirit of reverence. Order in worship service is no problem at Ridgecrest. Under such surroundings the boys have the privilege of hear-

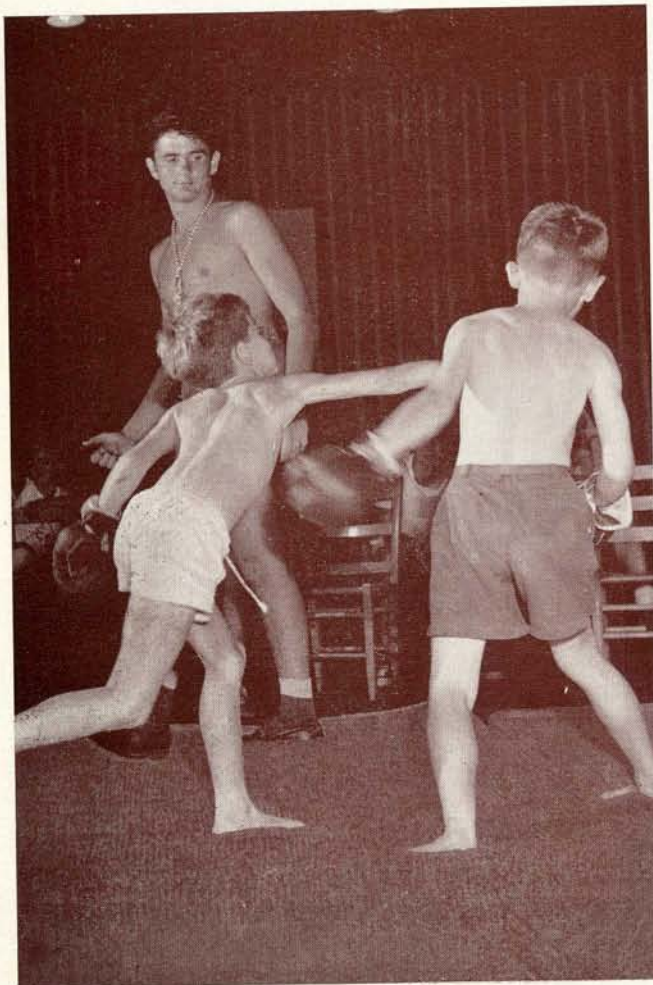
ing many outstanding men who appear on the Assembly program. The truths instilled into the campers in this inspiring place are carried over into the everyday camp life and on into the days to come.

An outstanding and significant part of each day is the Morning Watch. In the chapel, campers and counselors assemble for a period of meditation, Bible reading, and prayer. Each day thus begins on a high plane of spirituality. Further, every effort is made to maintain this high level throughout each day.





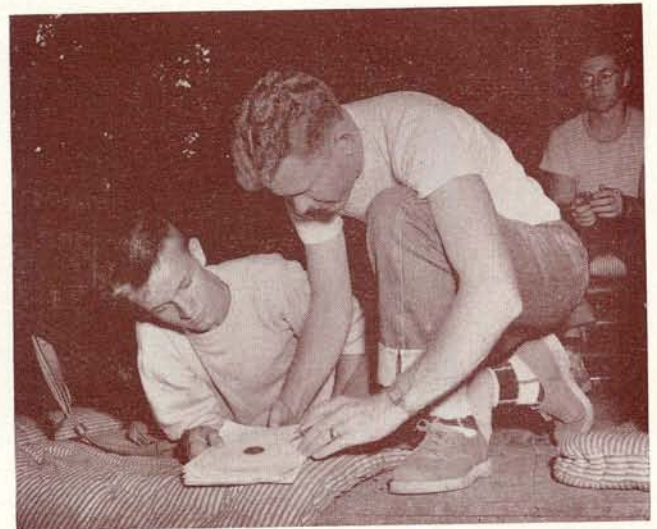
*Aim for the bull's eye
★
Plenty of follow through*



MARKSMANSHIP

Camp Ridgecrest is a recognized unit of the National Rifle Association, Junior Division. Rifles, cartridges, and targets are furnished, but these are used only when supervised by an instructor and at designated periods of the day.

There is a desire in the heart of every boy to fire a rifle and hit the bull's-eye. Under safe and careful leadership many campers attain the coveted honor of becoming pro-marksman, sharpshooter, or expert.



*Ten good targets mean
another rank!*

BOXING ★ WRESTLING

These manly arts are also featured at Camp Ridgecrest. After periods of instruction, boxing and wrestling tournaments are arranged in the different age groups of campers. Careful supervision is given and boys are only allowed to box with boys of their age group and of equal weight and ability.

ARCHERY

The day of the bow and arrow has returned. Camp Ridgecrest is in step with the trend of the day in offering archery as an important and interesting activity. Not only do the boys hit the mark with the arrows flying from the taut bow, but they also show their skill in actually making their archery materials. Camp Ridgecrest is a member of the Camp Archery Association.



BRYCE FINCH

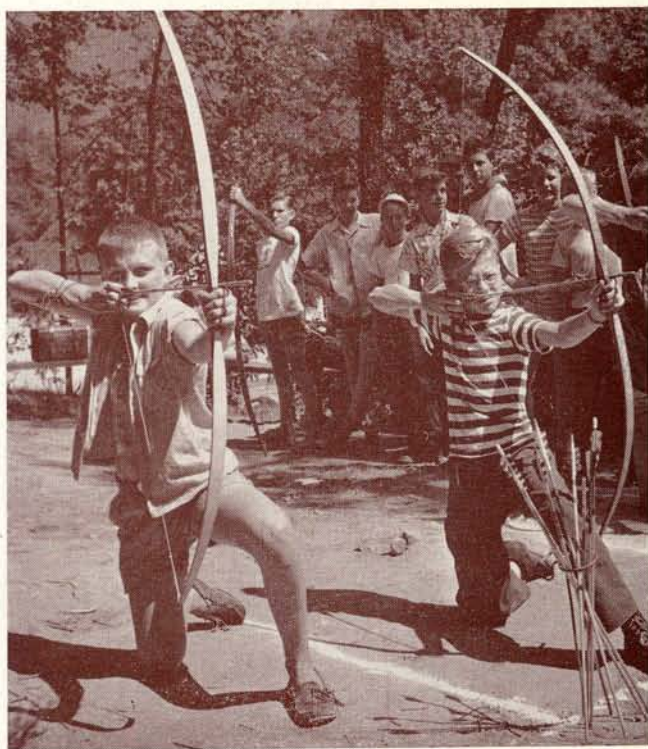
"... and from 30 yards"

BASKETBALL

Camp Ridgecrest thrives on basketball with classes and games for all age groups. Outstanding ball players from well-known colleges and universities serve as counselors and instructors. Much time is devoted to basketball on rainy days and evenings and competitive games are scheduled with nearby camps. The basketball court at Camp Ridgecrest is recognized as one of the finest.

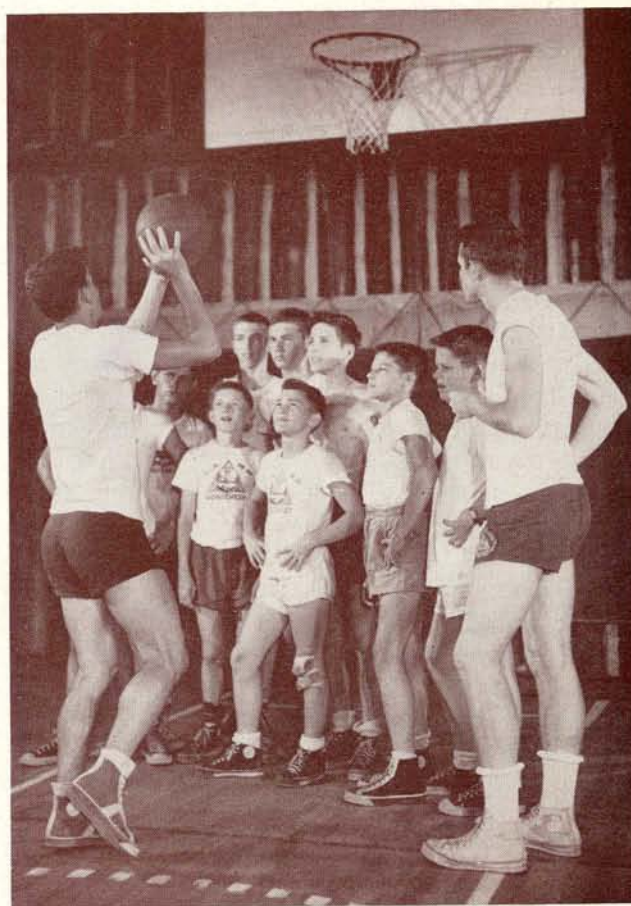


"This is the way to ring it"

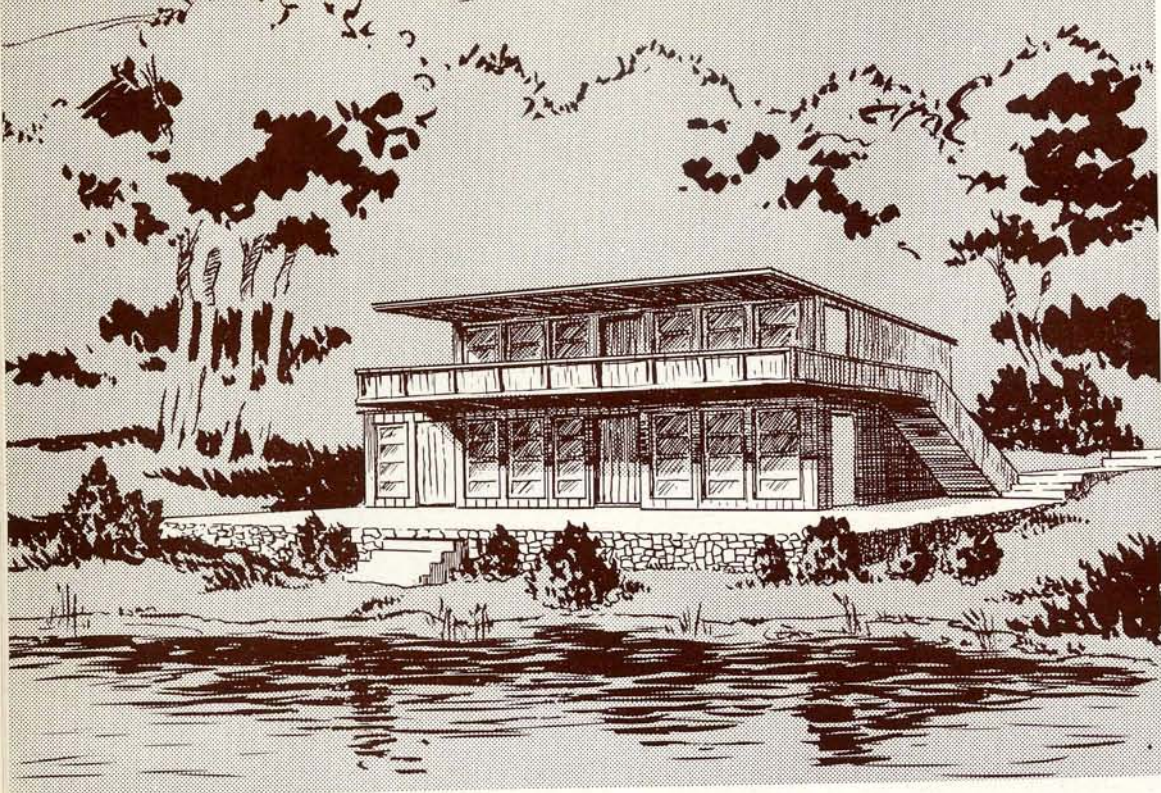


BRYCE FINCH

A tournament adds interest to the competition



BILL THOMAS



*A thoughtful gift
of parents
and friends*

ROGERS' RETREAT

Campers' Lounge and Health Resort

Rogers' Retreat is a new building at camp that is just being completed. The main floor of Rogers' Retreat houses our new campers lounge. It is a place where boys can go for a quiet moment to enjoy playing a game of checkers or chess or to read some good adventure book or to congregate for a good ole "bull session". Connected to this rustic lounge is "The Pendleton Room", a small prayer and conference room. Also there is a kitchen where small groups may be served refreshments.

Parents of our campers and friends have made this building possible. Gifts which we still

need continue to come in and are deeply appreciated and will make the enjoyment of this beautiful and useful building possible.

On the upper story of Rogers' Retreat is our Health Resort or the infirmary. It is equipped as a small hospital having a ward, first aid room, diet kitchen, nurse's room, and two baths. There is a lovely view overlooking Lake Ridgecrest flanked by majestic mountain tops. We hope that it will not be thought a real privilege to have to visit the infirmary but the setting is inviting. An experienced graduate nurse lives at the Health Resort.

My Son Goes to Camp

He started off at dawn for summer camp—
 How long he had been waiting for this day!—
Our little lad, whose face still bears the stamp
 Of babyhood; who has never been away
From home at night . . . who hove a heavy pack
 To boyish shoulders, sudden-squared with pride;
Departed, laughing, not once looking back—
 I'm glad he didn't know his mother cried.

Dear Father-God, take special care of him—
 He's very trusting, and he is so young.
Return him sun-burned, sturdy, sound of limb;
 With songs of wind and water on his tongue;
With friends, adventures, camp-fire dreams to prize;
 With memories of mountains in his eyes.

BY ETHEL ROMIG FULLER



*"With memories of mountains
in his eyes"*





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1953 STAFF

DIRECTOR

George W. Pickering, New Orleans, Louisiana; B.S. and Education, Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi; Coach and teacher Sanford Prep., Wilmington Delaware; Book Store Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee; Camp Ridgecrest 1947-1953, Director 1950-1953.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Phil Trautner, Minneapolis, Minnesota; B.S.; Sioux Falls College, University of Minnesota; Teacher and Head Coach in public schools, Pierre, South Dakota; Camp Ridgecrest 1952-1953.

JR. PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Tom Mauldin, High Point, North Carolina; University of North Carolina; Camp Ridgecrest 1946-1953.

SR. PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Jim Carlin, Daytona Beach, Florida; Tulane University, Stetson University; Camp Ridgecrest 1952-53.

HEAD COUNSELOR

William Rogers, Tabor City, North Carolina; Wake Forest College; Camp Ridgecrest 1944-1953.

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Terry Young, Houston, Texas; The Rice Institute; B.A. Baylor University; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

Bernard Cochran, Lakeland, Florida, B.A. Stetson University; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; Camp Ridgecrest 1950-1953.

AQUATIC DIRECTOR

Dusty Crawford, Ocala, Florida; Baylor University; Camp Ridgecrest 1951-1953.

CAMP PHYSICIANS

H. R. Miller, M.D., Black Mountain, North Carolina; Frank Howard Richardson, Pediatrician, M.D., F.A.C., Black Mountain, North Carolina.

CAMP NURSE

Miss Joan Tipler, R.N., Grand Junction, Tennessee; Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.

CAMP SECRETARY

Miss Tissie Wascom, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Louisiana State University.

CAMP BOOKKEEPER

Miss Johnnie Scribner, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Louisiana State University.

CAMP HOSTESS AND CABIN MOTHER

Mrs. J. C. Hough, Star, North Carolina; B.A. Virginia Intermont, High Point Colleges; Camp Ridgecrest, 1951-53.

DIETITIAN

Ernest Lawing, Ridgecrest, North Carolina; Dining room manager and dietitian, Camp Ridgecrest, 1947-1953.

MAINTENANCE GROUNDS, EQUIPMENT

Hezekiah Greenlee, Ridgecrest, North Carolina; General worker,

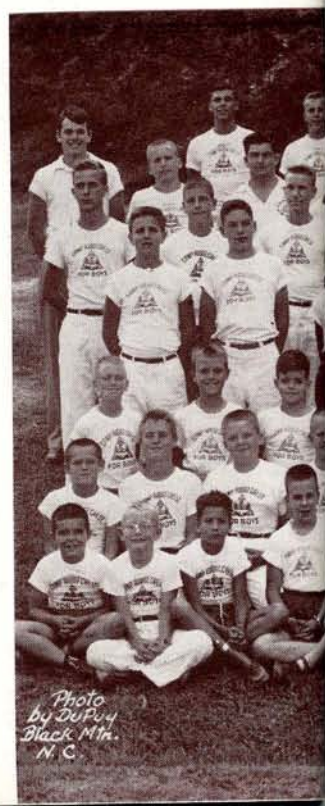


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1953 COUNSELORS and LIFEGUARDS

Luther Osment, Waco, Texas; Baylor University
 John Hough, Leaksville, North Carolina; Mars Hill College
 Cecil Lipscomb, Jackson, Mississippi; Mississippi College
 Fred Hodges, Amsterdam, Georgia; Florida State University
 Jon Harris, Tullahoma, Tennessee; Vanderbilt University
 Jimmy Holbrook, Russellville, Arkansas; Ouachita Baptist College
 Carl Carpenter, Kingfisher, Oklahoma; Oklahoma Baptist University
 Gene Johnson, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; B.A. Louisiana State University
 Jim Rodgers, Winter Haven, Florida; Stetson University
 Ed St. John, Jacksonville, Florida; Howard College
 Tommy Knotts, Augusta, Georgia; Mercer University
 Eldred Blackwell, Forest, Louisiana; Baylor University
 Henry Lee Taylor, Tallassee, Alabama; Auburn University
 Bill Bonner, Chipley, Georgia; Mercer University
 Dick Burt, Abilene, Texas; Hardin-Simmons University
 David Ridley, Columbus, Georgia; Mercer University
 Tom Upshaw, Birmingham, Alabama; B.A. Howard College
 Bill Holley, Blountstown, Florida; Stetson University

Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly and Camp Ridgecrest, 1920-1953.
 Ralph Greenlee, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

BUSINESS MANAGER

Perry Morgan, Ridgecrest, North Carolina. One time Businessman and teacher in Public Schools of North Carolina; Secretary, North Carolina Baptist Training Union Department 1920-1927; Secretary, North Carolina Baptist Sunday School Department 1928-1936; Promotion Secretary North Carolina Baptist Convention 1931-1936; Statistical Secretary North Carolina Baptist Convention 1928-1936; Business Manager Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly 1936-1946; Business Manager Camp Ridgecrest, 1940-1953.

1953 JUNIOR COUNSELORS

Nathan Brooks, Alexandria, Louisiana
 Bobby Chapman, Columbus, Georgia
 Paul Caudill, Memphis, Tennessee
 Don Westmoreland, Asheville, North Carolina
 Billy Rogers, Waco, Texas
 Joe Upton, Washington, D. C.
 Charles Pendleton, New Orleans, Louisiana
 Tommy Rogers, Tabor City, North Carolina
 Henry Bowers, Knightdale, North Carolina
 Bill Park, Sanford, Florida
 Buddy Kemper, Columbus, Georgia
 Jim Rose, Pikeville, North Carolina



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CAMPERS OF 1953 SEASON



First Session

Allbright, Edward P.	Odessa, Texas	Lambert, Tommy	Fayetteville, North Carolina
Allen, Robert	Nashville, Tennessee	Law, Charles Edward, Jr.	Alexandria, Virginia
Avery, Marion Russell, III	Tampa, Florida	Lennon, Wayland, Jr.	Fairmont, North Carolina
Bailey, Robert Hamilton	Toccoa, Georgia	Lyons, Louie Burbage, Jr.	Yemassee, South Carolina
Ball, Byrd McNeil	Baton Rouge, Louisiana	McCall, Douglas Henry	Louisville, Kentucky
Ballard, William Paul	Shannon, Mississippi	McCall, Duke Kimbrough, Jr.	Louisville, Kentucky
Barker, James Hiram	Alexandria, Louisiana	McCall, John Richard	Louisville, Kentucky
Barnes, William Joseph	Tampa, Florida	McCollum, James Herbert, Jr.	Fairmont, North Carolina
Barrett, Harry Esmond, III	Houston, Texas	McCrary, Robert Hilton, Jr.	Alexandria, Louisiana
Behm, Raymond G., Jr.	West Palm Beach, Florida	McDonald, Jesse Lee	LaGrange, Georgia
Bevan, Alfred Beynon, Jr.	Norfolk, Virginia	McLemore, Archie Melton	Columbia, South Carolina
Boettner, George R., Jr.	Lenoir, North Carolina	McNeill, Robert Hayes, II	Morehead City, North Carolina
Bowers, James Scott	Raleigh, North Carolina	McRae, M. David	Fairmont, North Carolina
Bradshaw, John Rodman	Stanford, Kentucky	Mathis, Samuel Jackson, Jr.	Blackville, South Carolina
Bradshaw, Richard Allen, Jr.	Salisbury, North Carolina	Mays, Don Pinkney	Yemassee, South Carolina
Brinson, Lee Woodard	Fayetteville, North Carolina	Miller, Jim	Memphis, Tennessee
Brinson, Oscar R., III	Fayetteville, North Carolina	Mitchell, George Wesley, Jr.	Asheville, North Carolina
Brittain, Thomas Mercer	Taft, Texas	Molina, G. Pedro G.	Matauzas, Cuba
Bull, William Frederick	Miami, Florida	Montague, Daniel Dean	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Cannon, Walter Hillman, Jr.	Bradenton, Florida	Murray, Elwyn Grey, Jr.	Rose Hill, North Carolina
Carr, Joseph Edward	Slidell, Louisiana	Murray, Melbrille Monroe, Jr.	Fayetteville, North Carolina
Cates, Paul Judson, Jr.	McDonough, Georgia	Myers, Dan L., Jr.	Tampa, Florida
Clark, Charles Blanchard	Alexandria, Louisiana	Myers, George M.	Tampa, Florida
Clegg, Gerald Marius	Wilson, North Carolina	Nessmith, Gordon Willis	Waycross, Georgia
Clement, Danny	N. Augusta, Georgia	Nicholls, Claude Allen	Cocoa, Florida
Collier, Charles Roger	Whiteville, North Carolina	Olive, Michael Grayson	High Point, North Carolina
Collier, William Johnson, III	Houston, Texas	Overby, Joseph Randal, Jr.	Smithfield, North Carolina
Collins, Alexander Martin	Fairmont, North Carolina	Patten, David James	Miami, Florida
Collins, Hugh George, Jr.	Fairmont, North Carolina	Partridge, Thad., Jr.	Mobile, Alabama
Conner, James Michael	Savannah, Georgia	Patterson, James Perry	Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
Courtney, Monore Wilton, Jr.	Baton Rouge, Louisiana	Pearce, Maunsel B., Jr.	Alexandria, Louisiana
Crockett, David Cyrus	Nashville, Tennessee	Pendleton, Raymond A.	New Orleans, Louisiana
Crosthwait, Edward Lee	Memphis, Tennessee	Pendleton, Robert H.	New Orleans, Louisiana
Cumber, Jerry Mitchell	Raeford, North Carolina	Platt, Lucas Oliver	Columbus, Mississippi
Davis, James Herman	Memphis, Tennessee	Porter, James White	Severn, North Carolina
DeLong, Edward Knox, II	Oak Ridge, Tennessee	Porter, Julian Patrick	Severn, North Carolina
Denny, Robert Stanley, Jr.	Nashville, Tennessee	Rankin, W. Howell	Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Diehl, Earl Henry	Plant City, Florida	Reid, Kermit Eugene	Waycross, Georgia
Edwards, James Cooper	Tampa, Florida	Renno, Richard H.	Alexandria, Virginia
Ellis, Richard Archie, Jr.	Columbia, South Carolina	Roach, Robert Howard	Reidsville, North Carolina
Eure, Darden Johnson, Jr.	Morehead City, North Carolina	Root, Paul Adelbert, Jr.	Greensboro, North Carolina
Farrar, Bill Jephtha	Alexandria, Louisiana	Roseberry, James Deloy	Shreveport, Louisiana
Fisher, James Allen	Fairmont, North Carolina	Rothwell, Harry Gordon	St. Petersburg, Florida
Fisher, Pittman Lancaster, Jr.	Fairmont, North Carolina	Routh, Charles	Nashville, Tennessee
Floyd, Larry Claude	Fairmont, North Carolina	Sale, Harold Reeves, Jr.	Lexington, South Carolina
Floyd, Patrick III	Fairmont, North Carolina	Shaw, William Wesley, Jr.	New Orleans, Louisiana
Floyd, Vann Justin	Fairmont, North Carolina	Shuford, Walter Julius, Jr.	Mt. Airy, North Carolina
Floyd, William	Fairmont, North Carolina	Sitton, Robert E.	Tampa, Florida
Floyd, William Carlton, Jr.	Fairmont, North Carolina	Smith, Hoke, Jr.	Fairmont, North Carolina
Farmer, William Floyd, Jr.	Scotland Neck, North Carolina	Smith, Thomas R., III	Bradenton, Florida
Gordon, William Harry	West Palm Beach, Florida	Sprinkle, George Claggett, Jr.	Winston Salem, North Carolina
Gorman, Richard Forbes	Winterville, North Carolina	Squires, Thomas Gregory	Macon, Georgia
Grant, Edwin Stanley	Nashville, Tennessee	Stewart, Lawrence Calvin, Jr.	Winter Haven, Florida
Grant, William Maxun	Nashville, Tennessee	Stillwell, Robert Royall	Savannah, Georgia
Grantham, Vardell G., Jr.	Fairmont, North Carolina	Stillwell, William Hatten	Savannah, Georgia
Greeson, James Larry	Elon College, North Carolina	Storey, William Albert	Tampa, Florida
Habel, Sammy	Chapel Hill, North Carolina	Taylor, Alan Ferguson	Black Mountain, North Carolina
Hall, Stewart Holmes	Gaffney, South Carolina	Thomason, Richard Sumner	New Orleans, Louisiana
Hamby, George Andrew	Fayetteville, North Carolina	Tulloch, Earl Franklin	Winston Salem, North Carolina
Hamilton, Edward Archie	Memphis, Tennessee	Turner, James William	Lakeland, Florida
Harris, Jim	Fort Worth, Texas	Walker, Lary Lee	Dyersburg, Tennessee
Hecht, Charles William	Miami, Florida	Watson, Stephen Lawton, III	Lakeland, Florida
Herring, Julian Nathan	Charleston, South Carolina	Webster, Willie B.	Fairmont, North Carolina
Hill, William Edward, Jr.	Nashville, Tennessee	Welch, Maxie Bryant, Jr.	Scotland Neck, North Carolina
Holland, Joseph Ferris	Chester, South Carolina	Wendler, David Erwin	Lexington, North Carolina
Jackson, Elbert Curtis, Jr.	Fayetteville, North Carolina	Wentzel, Willett Elmer, Jr.	Bradenton, Florida
Johnson, Lewis Franklin	Dobson, North Carolina	West, John Quinn	Asheville, North Carolina
Jones, Troy E.	Carrboro, North Carolina	White, James Timothy, III	McDade, Louisiana
Keen, Elsworth, II	Pahokee, Florida	Wilder, Robert Lee	George, North Carolina
King, Frank W.	Hueytown, Alabama	Williams, Billie	Miami, Florida
Kirksey, Howard Graden, Jr.	Murfreesboro, Tennessee	Williams, Joseph Rodney	Jacksonville, Florida
Knott, Kenneth Elmore	Miami, Florida	Woods, Joseph Godfrey	Fayetteville, North Carolina
Koster, John Gray	Wilson, North Carolina		

1953 CAMPERS

Second Session

Ackland, Roy Donald	Nashville, Tennessee	Koberg, Roderick	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Adams, James Ballas	Anniston, Alabama	Lanford, Randall	Anniston, Alabama
Adams, Richard Peerson	Anniston, Alabama	Liberty, Stephen Parker	Clemson, South Carolina
Akers, James Curtis, Jr.	Stuart, Virginia	Liberty, Vernon Earl	Clemson, South Carolina
Allen, Edward Lewis	Washington, D. C.	Little, Joe Hamilton	Mocksville, North Carolina
Armsby, Richard E.	Washington, D. C.	Lockett, Jerry Trabue	Leesburg, Florida
Armsby, Robert H.	Washington, D. C.	McCallum, John Ford, Jr.	DeLand, Florida
Armstrong, William Stanley	Washington, D. C.	McDonald, Jesse Lee, Jr.	LaGrange, Georgia
Barham, Gerald Edward	Meridian, Mississippi	McFarland, John Ray	Kansas City, Missouri
Battles, George Frank, III	Bainbridge, Georgia	McKibbens, Benny Manly	Laurel, Mississippi
Belding, John A., Jr.	Miami, Florida	Mallory, Richard Deaver	Anniston, Alabama
Bevan, Alfred Beynon, Jr.	Norfolk, Virginia	Mathis, Samuel Jackson, Jr.	Blackville, South Carolina
Blades, Richard Morris	New Orleans, Louisiana	Maurer, Richard Lewis	Daytona Beach, Florida
Blowers, Feli Levi, Jr.	Mulberry, Florida	Meador, Thomas Niles	Erwin, Tennessee
Boone, Robert Paul, Jr.	Clinton, North Carolina	Miley, Dale Borden	Plant City, Florida
Boyd, Eugene Ware	Leesburg, Florida	Miner, Harry Walter, III	Nashville, Tennessee
Branch, Jimmy Lamar	Leesburg, Florida	Molina, G. Pedro G.	Matauzas, Cuba
Branch, Larry Lavon	Leesburg, Florida	Monk, Richard, Jr.	Anniston, Alabama
Brown, Jerry Lee	Springfield, Tennessee	Moore, Daniel E.	Bradenton, Florida
Bull, William Frederick	Miami, Florida	Moore, James E., III	Bradenton, Florida
Camp, Peter William	Miami, Florida	Morgan, Herbert Cothran	Anniston, Alabama
Cannon, Walter Hillman, Jr.	Bradenton, Florida	Myers, George M.	Tampa, Florida
Cauthen, Robert Edwin	Leesburg, Florida	Newcomer, Duncan Drew	State College, Pennsylvania
Clark, John Allan	Coral Gables, Florida	Nicholls, Claude Allen	Cocoa, Florida
Clark, William Wallace	Coral Gables, Florida	Norris, James Edward, Jr.	Columbus, Georgia
Clegg, Gerald Marius	Wilson, North Carolina	Patterson, Richard Carlton	Sanford, North Carolina
Clements, Douglas	Miami, Florida	Pendleton, Raymond A.	New Orleans, Louisiana
Cole, George Frank, III	Nashville, Tennessee	Pendleton, Robert H.	New Orleans, Louisiana
Cook, Thomas Eugene	Shreveport, Louisiana	Petty, Robert	Tifton, Georgia
Cooper, Charles Eugene	Canyon, Texas	Platt, Lucas Oliver	Columbus, Mississippi
Cox, William Warner, Jr.	Anniston, Alabama	Prather, Benton T., III	Miami Springs, Florida
Craig, James Renick	Shreveport, Louisiana	Puffer, John Wilson, III	Miami, Florida
Cross, Alfred D. Jr.	New Orleans, Louisiana	Ray, Donald Edward	Carrboro, North Carolina
Davis, Ted Earl	Coushatta, Louisiana	Reynolds, James Mallary, Jr.	Anniston, Alabama
Davis, William Edward	Wilmington, North Carolina	Roberts, Gerald Horne	Anniston, Alabama
Donavant, George Philip, Jr.	Nashville, Tennessee	Roberts, Harvey C., Jr.	Anniston, Alabama
Draper, Douglas Osteen	Nashville, Tennessee	Roberts, Jimmie Phillips	Anniston, Alabama
Durfee, Charles, Jr.	Charleston, West Virginia	Robinson, Charles Leslie	Shreveport, Louisiana
Fields, Richard Lofley	Tallahassee, Florida	Scott, Alexander Anderson	Laurel, Mississippi
Fleming, Thomas Michael	Miami, Florida	Shuford, Walter Julius, Jr.	Mt. Airy, North Carolina
Forbes, William Alfred, III	Winterville, North Carolina	Simpson, Cecil Roscoe	Bainbridge, Georgia
Fort, James Harvey, Jr.	Columbus, Georgia	Soskis, Joque Hall	Tampa, Florida
Freeman, William Laton	Enon, Ohio	Spence, Arthur Hartie	Nashville, Tennessee
Frierson, Richard Scott	Anniston, Alabama	Stewart, Everett Conn	Nashville, Tennessee
Godfrey, Richard Byron	High Point, North Carolina	Stokum, Don	Miami Beach, Florida
Goodson, Jerry Lynn	Shreveport, Louisiana	Storey, William Albert	Tampa, Florida
Gray, Don Kimbrough	Miami, Florida	Sturgis, Robert George	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Hamilton, George Emory	McDonough, Georgia	Taylor, Crawford Logan, Jr.	Anniston, Alabama
Hart, Michael Martin, Jr.	Washington, D. C.	Thomas, Robin	Miami, Florida
Harrill, James Reece	Arlington, Virginia	Tucker, James Hugh, Jr.	Mobile, Alabama
Hartnett, Jeffrey Lynn	Washington, D. C.	Tucker, John Andrews	Decatur, Georgia
Haynes, Kenneth W.	Anniston, Alabama	Van Hook, Robert Tillman	Panama City, Florida
Hecht, Charles William	Miami, Florida	Vastine, William Boone	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Hedgpath, William Carey	Lumberton, North Carolina	Vinson, Thomas Maynor	Anniston, Alabama
Hendricks, Jerry Martin	Mocksville, North Carolina	Weaver, Craig	Anniston, Alabama
Henry, Dale Carr	Canyon, Texas	White, Thomas Arlington, Jr.	Clemson, South Carolina
Hill, William Edward, Jr.	Nashville, Tennessee	Williams, Billie	Hialeah, Florida
Hooks, Charles Dozier	Leesburg, Florida	Williamson, Austin Lyman	Jacksonville, Florida
Hough, Michael Vail	Leadsville, North Carolina	Wilson, Samuel Allen, Jr.	Lincolnton, North Carolina
Johnston, James Walter	Leesburg, Florida	Wood, Ridsen Simmons	Natchez, Mississippi
Kown, Charles Lewis	Nashville, Tennessee	Yates, Larry Alan	Durham, North Carolina
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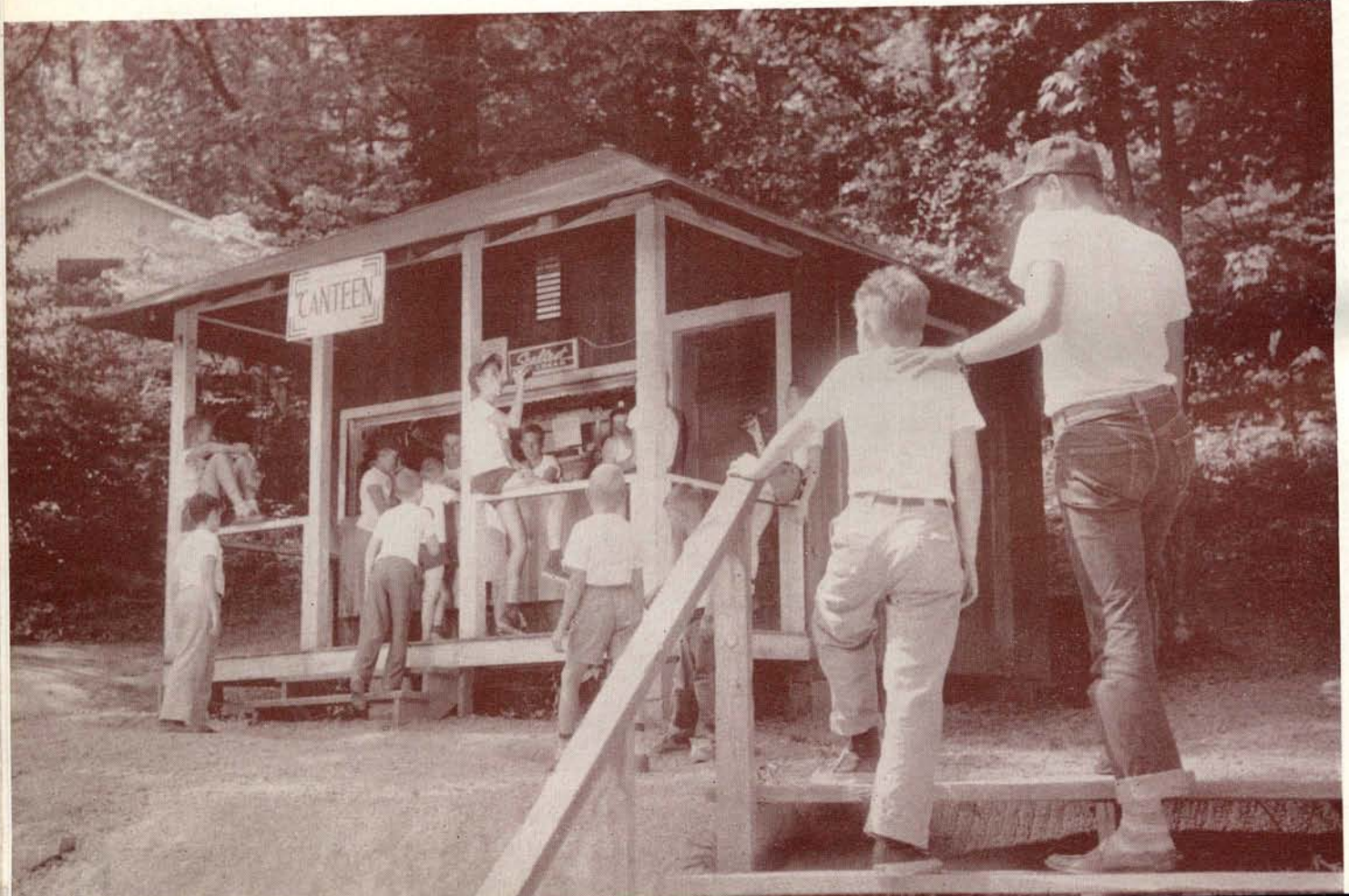
A hard-earned achievement

BANK ★ CANTEEN

A camp bank is operated for the convenience of campers and staff, eliminating the danger of the boys losing their money. The bank will be open once during each day. The boy will not need much spending money, as camera films, etc. comprise the extent of his needs. If the parents wish, the boy's spending money (with directions for its expenditure) may be mailed directly to the camp director. This banking arrangement is purely optional.

The canteen will be open for one fifteen-minute period each day, and the camper will be allowed to buy a limited amount of sweets. In addition to these, the canteen will have camp T-shirts, caps, swim suits, etc.

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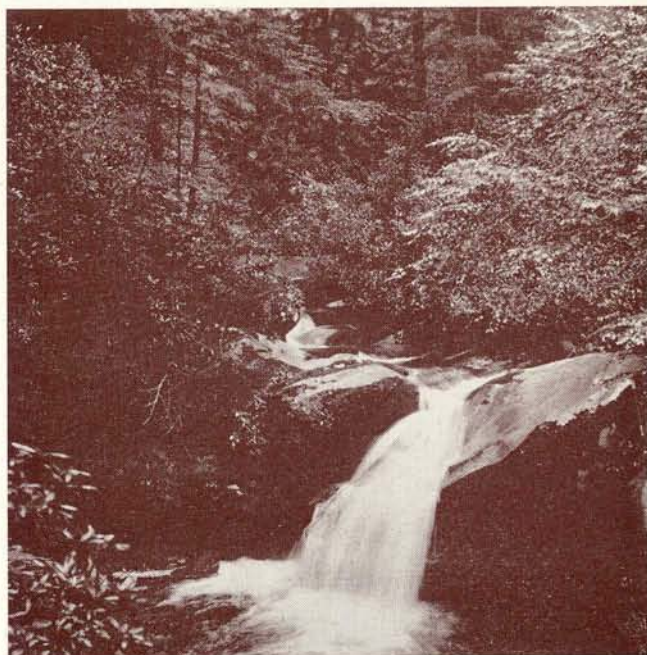
★ SCOUT WORK ★

The outdoor life at Ridgecrest lends itself ideally to Scout Craft. More than two-thirds of our campers are generally scouts. Camp Ridgecrest always hires a special trained Scouter to take charge of this department enabling many campers to pass merit badges.

★ HORSEBACK RIDING ★

Every normal boy loves the horse, the friend and helper of men of all ages. Horseback riding has constructive values found in no other sport. The camp offers this service with the distinct understanding that parents assume all liability for any accidents in connection with horses.

The Stables are nearby and the camp owns their

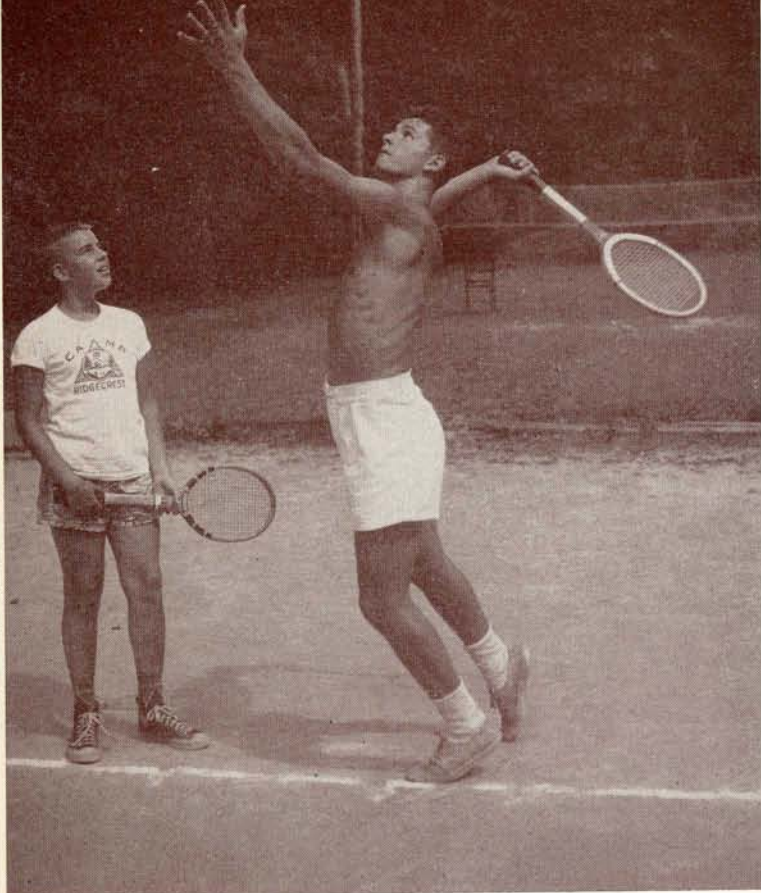


Where cool waters flow

own trained horses. The country around Ridgecrest offers many lovely bridle paths and competitive programs are arranged with suitable awards for the best riders.

MERRILL MOORE, JR.





"...like this!"

HIKING

With the vigor provided by the mountain air and the lure of picturesque scenery pulling strongly, it is not strange that hiking is popular in camp. The trips are always looked forward to, since the places visited are interesting and the experience of camping in the open is appealing.

Near-by peaks and waterfalls are the destinations for short hikes taken at various times during the season. By taking shorter hikes first, the boys get into condition for longer overnight trips. Occasionally the entire distance is walked, but when the journey proves to be too much, the boys are given a lift in trucks. The camp furnishes canteens, mess kits, utensils and all equipment necessary for safe outdoor camping.

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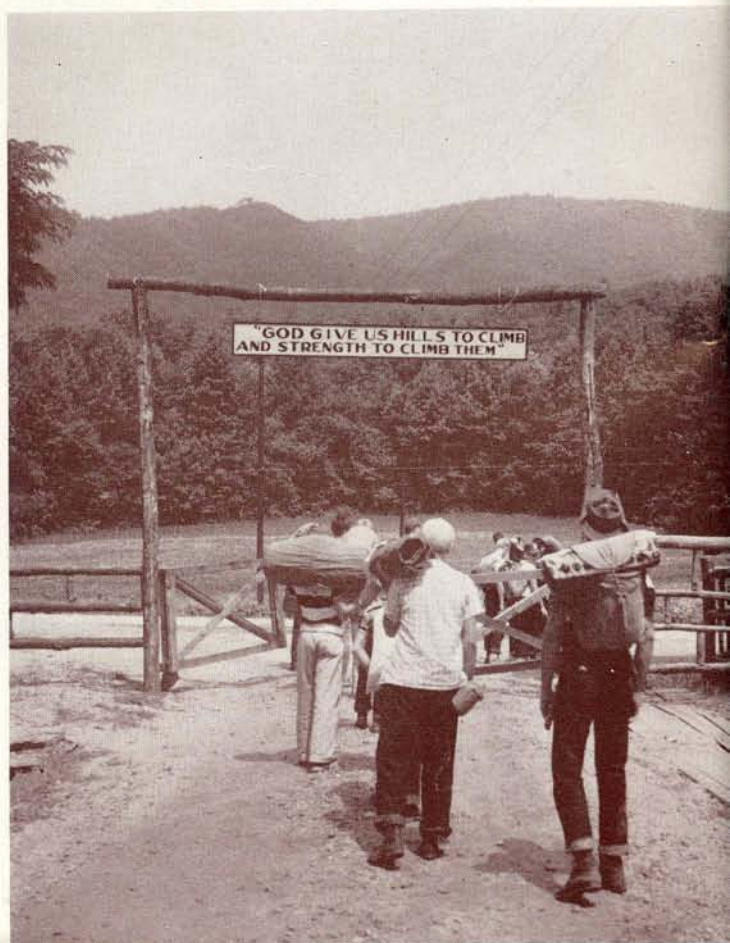
TENNIS

The swish of rackets is heard often at Camp Ridgecrest. Eight hard surfaced convenient and conditioned courts are filled during the spare moments of the campers; as well as considerable time spent in classes of instruction. Ladder tournaments are played throughout the season. At the end of each session the final tournaments for the camp championships create intense excitement. There are single and double matches in all age groups in both the Junior and Senior camps.

The coaching is skilful; and especial attention is given to such matters as foot work, net play, and serving. It is planned to have competitive matches with out-of-camp teams during the season. Players are also entered in the Y.M.C.A., Asheville, and North Carolina tournaments.

New hard surfaced courts are not pictured.

"...off on a hike to the hills"



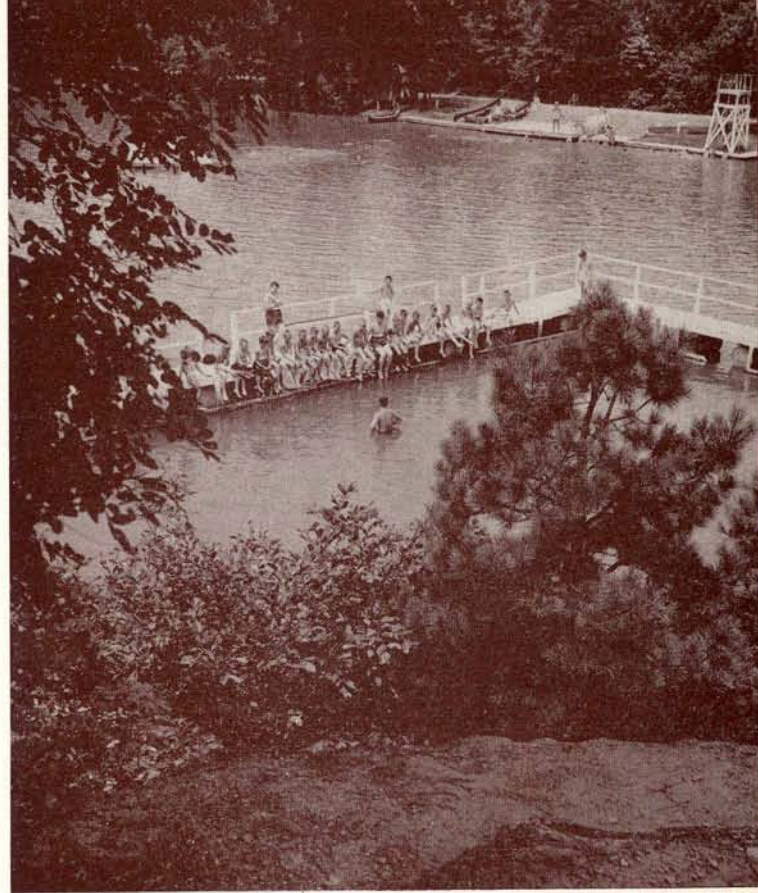
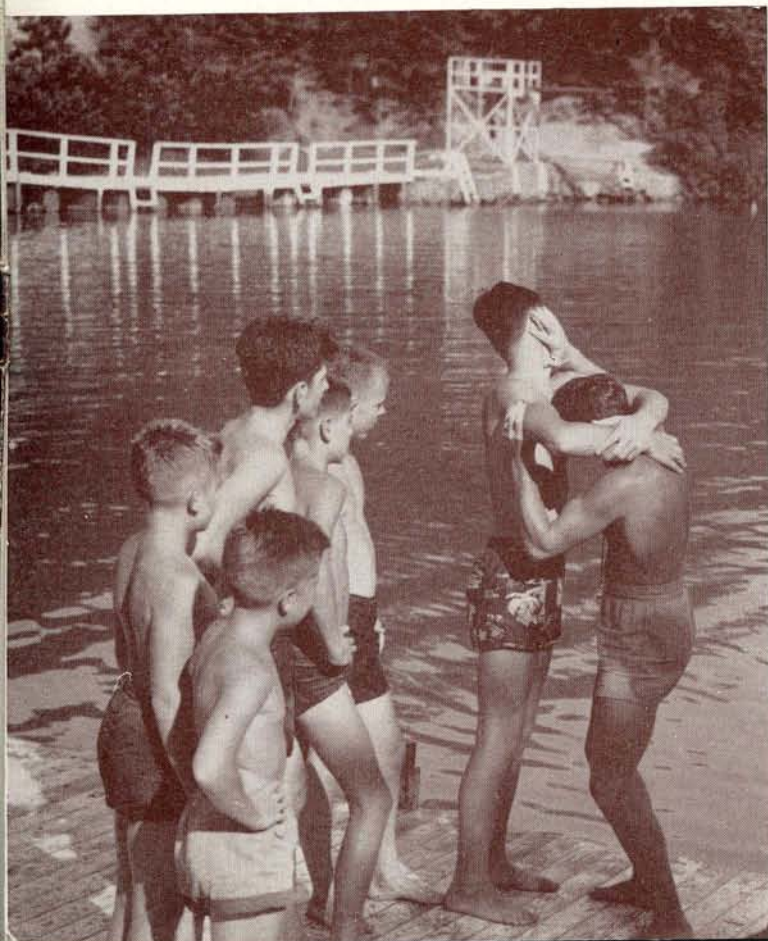


SWIMMING

Lake Ridgecrest is the chief attraction of camp life. It is an ideal lake, being large enough for swimming, boating, and canoeing, and at the same time small enough to make possible close supervision in a safe manner.

The Buddy System is used and lifeguards are on duty at all times. The boating area is separated from the swimming area by a series of floats. There is a separate area for the use of the beginners. A large steel diving tower, equipped with a one-meter and a three-meter board, canoe docks, lifeguard platforms, and floating rafts strategically placed make Lake Ridgecrest one of the finest, safest, and best equipped waterfronts in North Carolina.

A demonstration in lifesaving



BRYCE FINCH

Instruction for all ages

FIRST AID ★ LIFESAVING

Competent Red Cross Water Safety Instructors hold courses in Swimming, Junior lifesaving and Senior lifesaving. Instruction is also given in Boating and Canoeing. Camp Ridgecrest sends its Aquatic Director to a National American Red Cross Aquatic Institute each summer. An American Red Cross First Aid Instructor also gives classes in Junior, Intermediate, and Advanced First Aid. Special classes in the art of fancy DIVING are also taught.

Several Swimming meets are held during the season. These meets are conducted within divisions so that boys will compete only with boys of their own age and experience. A SWIMMING TROPHY is awarded to the best swimmer in each division.





BASEBALL

Many afternoons are given to baseball for those who wish to take part. Instruction is given those who want to learn or improve their game. Regular leagues are arranged for the older and younger boys who eagerly look forward to the scheduled games.

TRACK

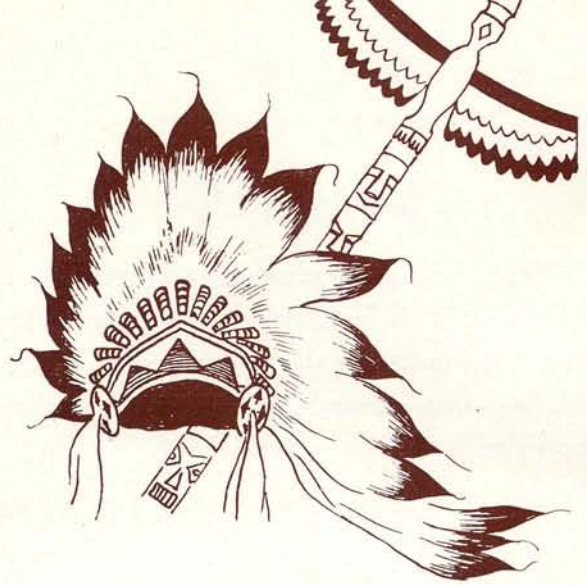
At Camp Ridgecrest future stars of the cinder path are given the chance to secure valuable training and experience. Coaching is given and at the end of the season a track meet is held. This form of recreation is especially valuable in permanently developing the muscles of the growing boy.

CAMP PAPER

Boys interested in newspaper work and aspiring to become journalists find the camp paper, THE ECHO, an interesting pursuit in writing. Under the direction of a trained counselor THE ECHO is written and printed in camp and carries items of interest to campers and parents. This weekly paper is sent to parents along with counselor's weekly report.

MUSIC

For years a choir and orchestra have been maintained. It is requested that all boys who own and play musical instruments bring them to camp. We have the opportunity to play and sing on a number of occasions.



COUNCIL RING

In a lovely spot mid overhanging trees and overlooking the Lake there is a circle of rustic seats with a stone base for a large fire in the center. Here the Hunters, Warriors, Braves, Scouts, Little Chiefs, and Big Chiefs assemble around the Council Fire for interesting hours of Indian lore. One distinctly worth-while feature of this phase of camp life is the emphasis placed upon and recognition for the attainment of strength of character. The winning of a name is the cherished honor of such attainment. Each season campers have attained the rank of Little Chief and have won a name.

COOK-OUTS

Fun, laughter and the aroma of sizzling bacon atop Roane Mountain.

TOM WALTERS



★ SPECIAL AWARDS ★

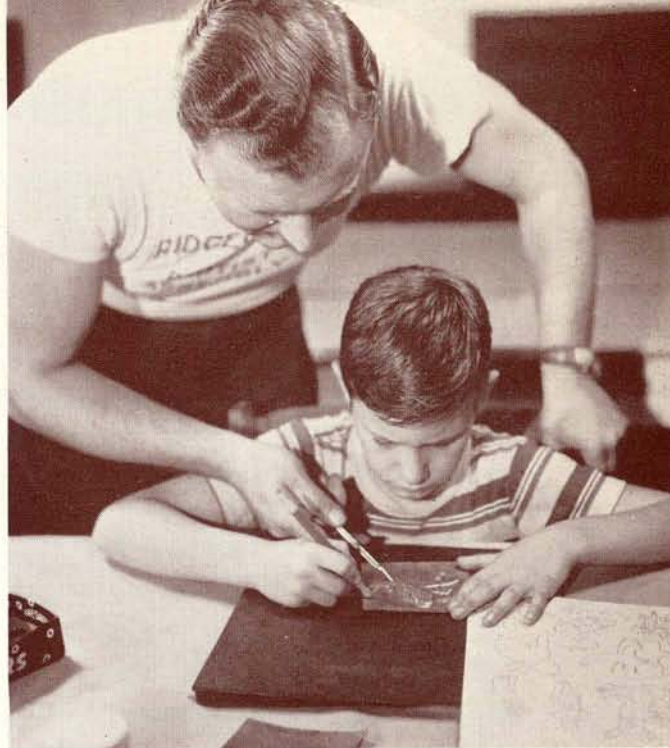
Each season three silver loving cups are awarded to the outstanding campers.

BEST CAMPER is he who proves outstanding among all the boys in camp leadership, attitude, co-operation, and camp spirit.

MOST IMPROVED CAMPER is he who has advanced most in the above qualities, and who has shown most improvement as a camper during the camp season.

BEST JUNIOR CAMPER is he who stands out among the younger boys of camp in leadership, camp spirit, and co-operation.

These special awards are among the coveted awards of Camp Ridgecrest and are selected by a vote of the Staff. There is special recognition for all campers in some manner.



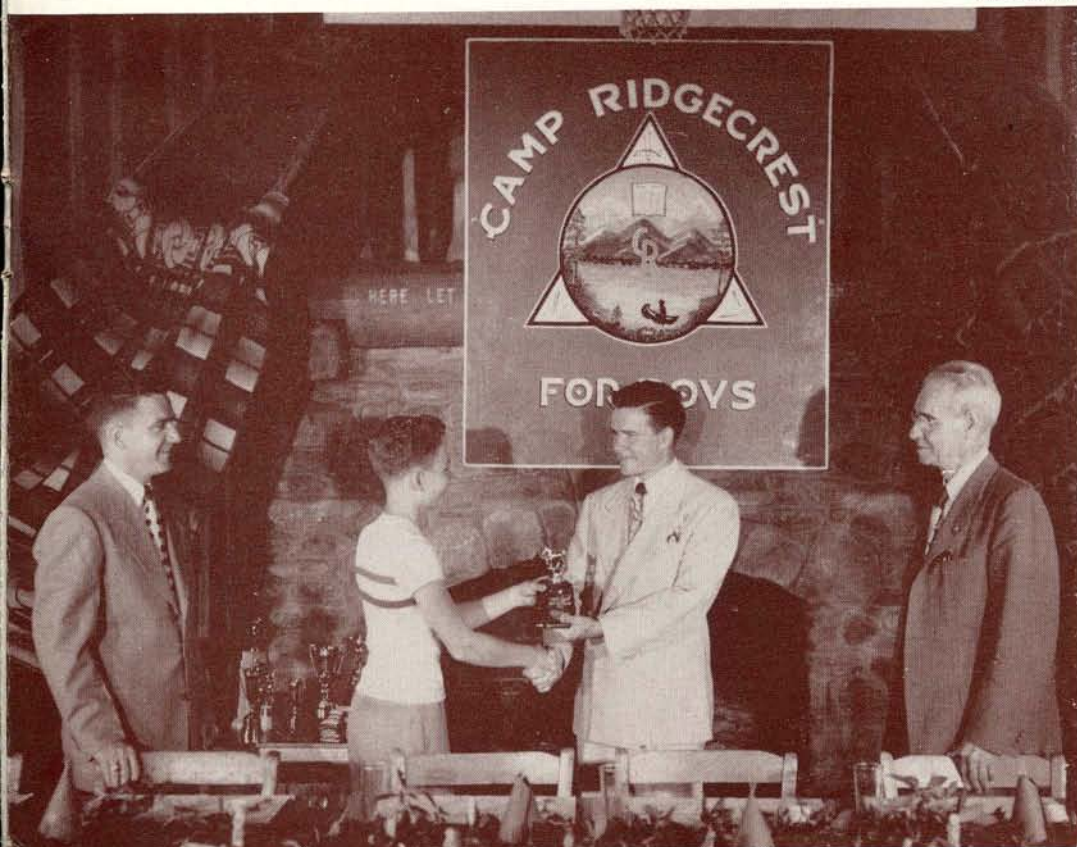
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Copper work, weaving, and various other types of hand-craft are taught by a capable instructor. We feel every boy should learn to use his hands and many find great joy and satisfaction in this method of creating. Our boys enthusiastically work on numerous articles which they proudly take home.

BILL THOMAS



Congratulations



★ EXPENSES ★

The 1954 season starts with the noon meal on June 7, and ends with breakfast on August 20. The first term of five weeks is from June 7 to July 12, the second term is from July 15 to August 19, 1954. The cost of a term of five weeks is \$175.00 and for the full season of ten weeks is \$325.00. This is an all-inclusive fee, covering laundry, first-aid medical attention, horseback riding, transportation to points of interest, accident insurance up to \$500 for accident, and up to \$100 for illness. A limited number of boys will be accepted for shorter

periods of time at \$35 per week for first term only. No refunds will be made except for illness (not homesickness) sufficient to cause a boy to return home under doctor's advice.

We advise depositing ten dollars in the camp bank for canteen expenses, hair cuts, etc.

Because of the fact that the enrolment of the camp is definitely limited, applications should be made immediately. A fee of \$10.00 is required with the application and is not returned except in case of illness. The remainder of the fee must be paid not later than the opening date of the camp term, unless arrangements are made with the Business Manager otherwise.

STAFF HEADS



George W.
Pickering
Director



Perry Morgan
Business Manager

WHAT TO BRING

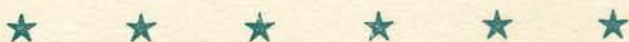
This list is only a suggestion. Where substitution can be made from what the boy already has, this is encouraged. Put your name on each article.

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| Bible | 1 pair of dress shoes |
| 2 white (or dress) shirts | 1 heavy sweater or jacket |
| 3 sport shirts (or khaki) | 3 pairs short pants or Dungarees |
| 5 cotton gym or T shirts | 2 pairs of white tennis shorts |
| 4 pairs of shorts | 2 double blankets or 3 single blankets |
| 2 pairs of sweat socks | 4 single sheets |
| 8 pairs of socks | 2 pillow cases |
| 5 handkerchiefs | 4 towels |
| 1 suit or sport coat & pants | 1 bathing suit |
| 1 pair of hiking shoes (any old comfortable sturdy shoes) | 1 raincoat |
| 1 pair of (sneaker shoes) tennis shoes | 3 pairs pajamas |
| | 2 laundry bags |

Toilet articles, stationery and pencil, tennis rackets and balls, baseball glove, bathrobe, flashlight, sweatshirt. Have name tapes or India ink in all garments. Laundry is collected and sent out once a week at no additional cost to campers. Camp colors are green and white. The canteen sells camp T-Shirts, caps, shorts and sweatshirts. Request order blank if desired.

TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS

Consult your railroad and bus agents about schedules. Buy your tickets to Ridgecrest, N. C. Camp Ridgecrest is located on the Southern Railway and Federal Highway No. 70, eighteen miles east of Asheville, N. C. All boys will be met at Ridgecrest railway station or bus station if notified of time of arrival.



A Typical DAILY SCHEDULE

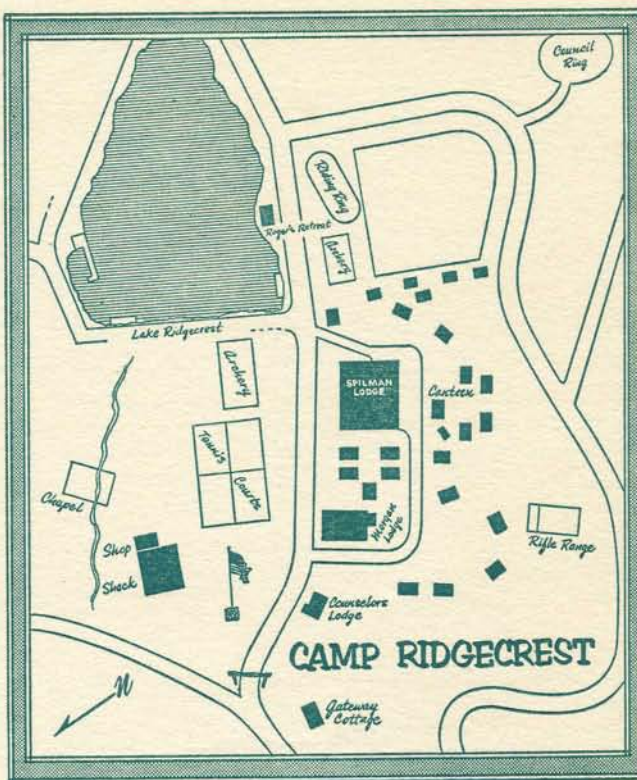
7:30 Reveille	2:00-2:45 Rest Period
7:45 Morning Watch	3:00 Period of Organized Activities
8:15 Breakfast	4:30 Afternoon swim (boating and canoeing)
9:15 Inspection	5:45 Retreat
9:30 First period Scheduled Activities	6:15 Supper
10:30 Second period Scheduled Activities	7:15 Varied night program
11:45 Life Saving, First Aid, Swimming and Diving Classes	9:00 Tattoo for Junior Camp
1:15 Lunch	9:30 Taps for Junior Camp
	Tattoo for Senior Camp
	10:00 Taps for Senior Camp

WORD to PARENTS

At camp effort is made to meet every possible need of each camper. The program has as its purpose the provision for every hour of each day. Because of this fact, parents and other relatives are *requested not to visit the boys during the first two weeks of camp.* Such visits often cause emotional upsets that leave the boy unhappy. Visitors are welcomed Sundays. Too, the meals are planned to furnish a well-rounded diet. The camp canteen, open only for a few minutes after dinner or supper, can furnish all sweets which should be eaten. *The parents are urgently requested to refrain from sending boxes of candy and sweets and funny books.*

LOCATION

The camp is ideally situated, being a part of the 2,075-acre tract of the Southern Baptist Assembly. It is right in the heart of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains—2,700 feet above sea level. To hot lowlands this region is a striking contrast. The air is stimulating and refreshing; the towering peaks are lovely and majestic. Camp Ridgecrest seeks to match the high level of its setting with the calibre of its program. The camp is easily accessible, being only eighteen miles east of Asheville. The Southern Railway has several trains each day through Ridgecrest, and there are also a number of Queen City and Greyhound busses with convenient schedules.



REGULATIONS

Effort is made to have as few rules as possible at Camp Ridgecrest. Stress is put upon the positive accomplishment of constructive results. It is our aim to create a spirit which will engage the interest and co-operation of each camper and which will effect a harmonious life together as one big family.

The relationship that exists between the staff members and campers is one of mutual respect, trust, and confidence. There is no effort made to suppress the initiative or the normal activities of any boy. However, the absolute safety of each camper must be assured, and it is in this connection that regulations are made. The use of cigarettes is absolutely prohibited—indecent or profane language will not be tolerated—no camper will be allowed in the water except during the specified periods. The breaking of these or other similar rules is considered a serious offense, and parents will be notified. The days are planned according to schedule, and formations are indicated by bugle calls.

