

CAMP RIDGECREST FOR BOYS

Ridgecrest, North Carolina



THIRTY SECOND YEAR • 1960

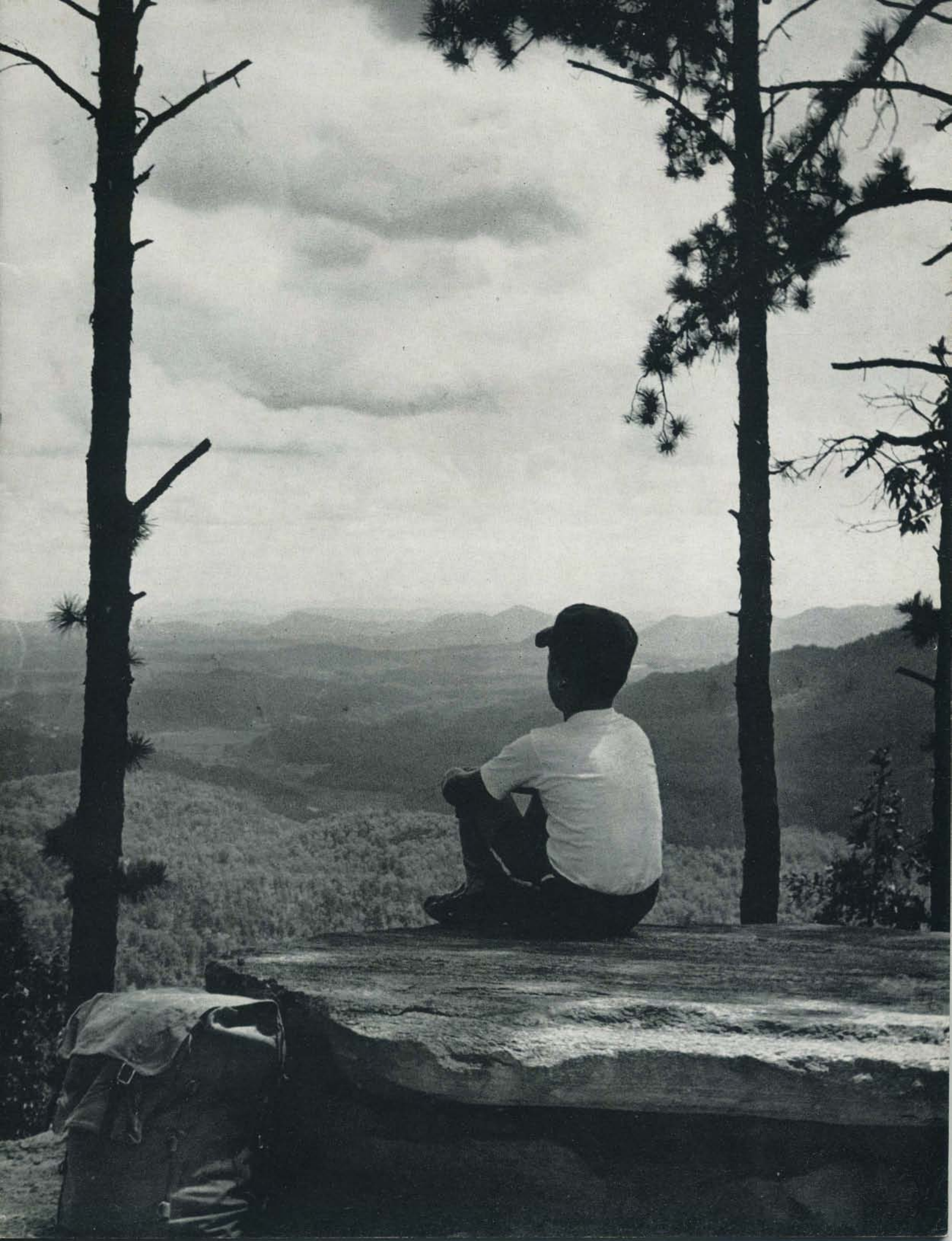
my son goes to camp



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





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RIDGECREST BAPTIST ASSEMBLY, WILLARD K. WEEKS, MGR.

Hi, Fellows—

The purpose of this catalogue is to give you some idea of Camp Ridgecrest and the exciting program it provides to give you the happiest, most wholesome and worthwhile summer of your life. If you have been a camper here before, the following pages will serve primarily to refresh your memory of the good times we have enjoyed in the past and of the prospects for many more next session. If you have never been to Camp Ridgecrest, however, perhaps you are wondering whether or not you would like camp. Maybe you are wondering what we do here to merit spending five weeks of your precious summer "freedom" at camp.

Let me begin with a question. What do you enjoy doing most? What sport or other activity is your favorite? Is it basketball? Football? Baseball or softball? Is it track or soccer? Or are you a waterfront man, with swimming and canoeing as favorites? Perhaps horseback riding is your first choice, or you may prefer more individualized sports such as archery, riflery, and tennis. With our excellent facilities—which you will see on the following pages—each of these exciting sports adds up to one thing: Camp Ridgecrest. For here, well-trained counselors give you whatever instruction and coaching you may need to improve your skill in every sport.

Yet there is much more. Indian Lore plays a central role at Camp Ridgecrest. Would you enjoy learning to make real Indian costumes and accessories? Would you like to learn authentic Indian dances and customs as the mighty Ridgecrest Indian Nation assembles each week at Council Ring? Then, of course, hiking over famous trails, such as the magnificent Appalachian Trail in the Great Smoky Mountains, singing songs and telling tales around the campfire, and sleeping out under the stars are also highlights of a session at Camp Ridgecrest.

But more important than any single activity is what we call the *spirit* of Camp Ridgecrest. This spirit grows out of the give and take of living in this wonderful environment with many other fine boys and young men. It becomes a part of each of us as we share happy and meaningful experiences, as we learn much about ourselves, about sportsmanship, and about the "game" of life. Yes, Camp Ridgecrest is a place; it is fun; it is play; it is the development of skills; it is self-reliance; but more than these, it is an experience which cannot be put into words. You just cannot explain it so another fellow will understand; he will have to come and find out for himself. I'll be looking for you next session.

Sincerely,



Skajuna

Wayne Chastain
Camp Director

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CAMP RIDGECREST for boys

WAYNE H. CHASTAIN, Director



CAMP STAFF, 1959

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Mickey, Guice, Arkadelphia, Arkansas; Handicrafts; Camp Ridgecrest, 1959

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why we are here

America's most precious possession is today's boy, for he will be tomorrow's man. A boy is the person who is going to carry on what you have started today. He is going to sit right where you are sitting and, when you are gone, attend those things which you now think to be most important. You may adopt whatever policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends entirely upon him.

He will take charge of your churches, schools, universities, and corporations. He will assume control of your cities, states, and nations. Your books, buildings, businesses—every facet of the heritage you leave behind—will be judged by him. The fate of humanity lies in his hands.

This is why we are here. The sole reason for the existence of a Christian boy's camp is to promote the physical, mental, moral, and spiritual development of the BOY. This is the sacred purpose and trust to which we at Camp Ridgecrest are committed.

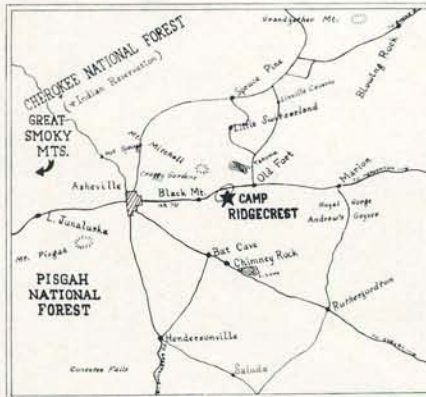
Life here at Camp is simple, virile, and robust. It is living close to nature, close to the earth; yet it is living within a community of real people. Camping is not merely preparation for life; it IS life itself. It is face-to-face contact with the ebb and flow of human experience. It is opportunity, under competent supervision, of learning to be on one's own, of experimenting with hopes and dreams, decisions and responsibility, hard work and achievement, laughter and tears. It teaches cooperation and independence. It brings out qualities of leadership that make for courageous and successful living in the world.

How can this character-building best be done at Camp? We at Camp Ridgecrest firmly believe that example is the best teacher. To this end only the finest of consecrated, Christian young men are selected to give guidance and counsel to this "most precious possession"—your boy.

Through the years Camp Ridgecrest has met this test; and many boys have become finer, stronger, more useful men because of it. Will your boy become one of these?

Ideal location

Climate and geographical setting are vital factors in the selection of a camp for your boy. Camp Ridgecrest is ideally situated in the very heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina. At an altitude of 2,700 feet, the air is always cool and invigorating, even on the hottest of summer days, and blankets feel good at night. The camp's beautiful and spacious site is part of a 1,900-acre tract which belongs to the Southern Baptist Assembly and provides abundant privately owned, wooded, mountainous acreage for all types of camping activity. Also, many nationally famous beauty spots and camping grounds in this vicinity are utilized in the camp program. The camp itself is located just eighteen miles east of Asheville. The Southern Railroad has several trains each day through Ridgecrest, and both the Greyhound and Queen City bus lines provide convenient daily schedules.

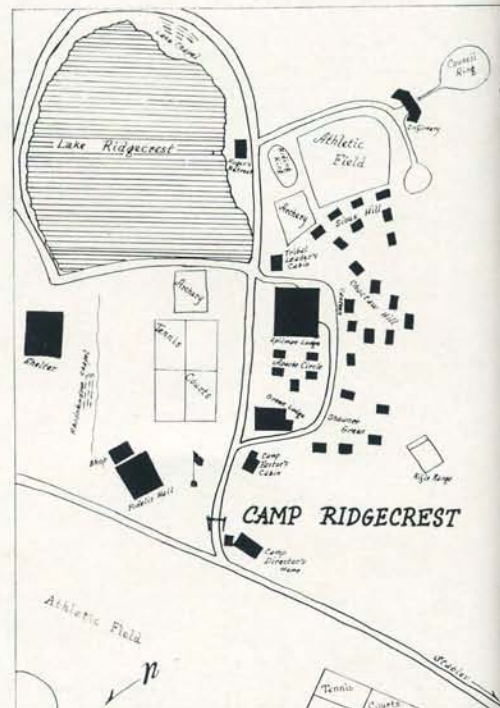


Excellent facilities

Camp Ridgecrest has a choice site, nestled in the mountains and adjoining a large, beautiful lake. The camp has modern plumbing in every detail. Crystal clear mountain water comes from the Assembly's 12-million-gallon reservoir and is tested regularly by the State Board of Health. Two spacious dining halls are served by an up-to-date kitchen and supervised by a competent dietician. Physicians in Black Mountain and Asheville are on call day or night. In the camp's new infirmary, two registered nurses are on duty around the clock. Camp Ridgecrest holds a "Grade A" Sanitation Certificate from the North Carolina State Board of Health. Campers' living quarters consist of 25 well-constructed cabins, which are well-ventilated, yet dry and fully screened. Excellent facilities are available for all types of sports. Spilman Lodge, widely recognized as the largest log building in the state, contains a modern gymnasium

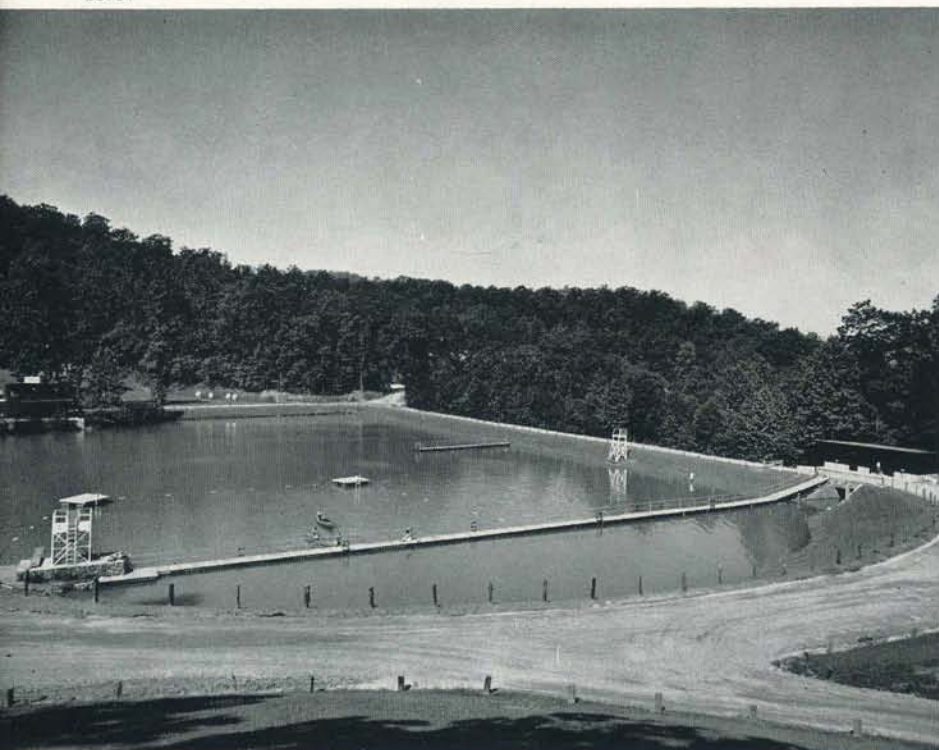
and basketball court. Fidelis Hall is utilized for movies, indoor games, and Sunday worship. A unique open-air shelter is ideal for rainy-day activities. Outdoor facilities also include two athletic fields with ball diamonds, eight asphalt tennis courts, two archery ranges, two rifle ranges, volleyball courts, riding ring and stables, the Council Ring, and—of course—beautiful Lake Ridgecrest.

THE LODGE, a rustic three-story building near the front gate, is the hub of camp life. It contains the central administrative office, the director's office, offices of bookkeeper and tribal leaders, central staff living quarters, art room, and the camp clothing store.



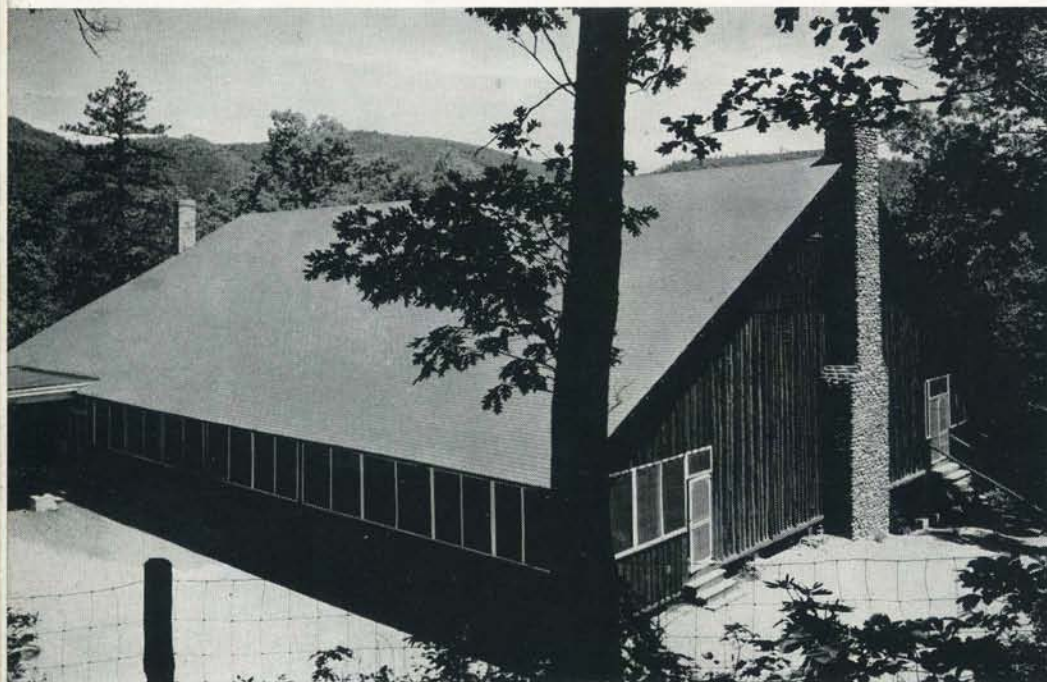


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LAKE RIDGECREST, a chief attraction of camp life, is an ideal camp lake, fully equipped according to Red Cross waterfront safety standards. A beautiful lake, it is large enough for swimming, boating, and canoeing, and at the same time small enough to make close supervision and full compliance with safety regulations possible. 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. A separate area is used to train beginners, and all classes are under the supervision of qualified Red Cross Water Safety Instructors. Equipment includes a large steel diving tower with one-meter and three-meter boards, life-guard platforms, a long pier, and strategically placed floating rafts. These facilities make Lake Ridgecrest one of the finest, safest, and best equipped waterfronts in North Carolina.



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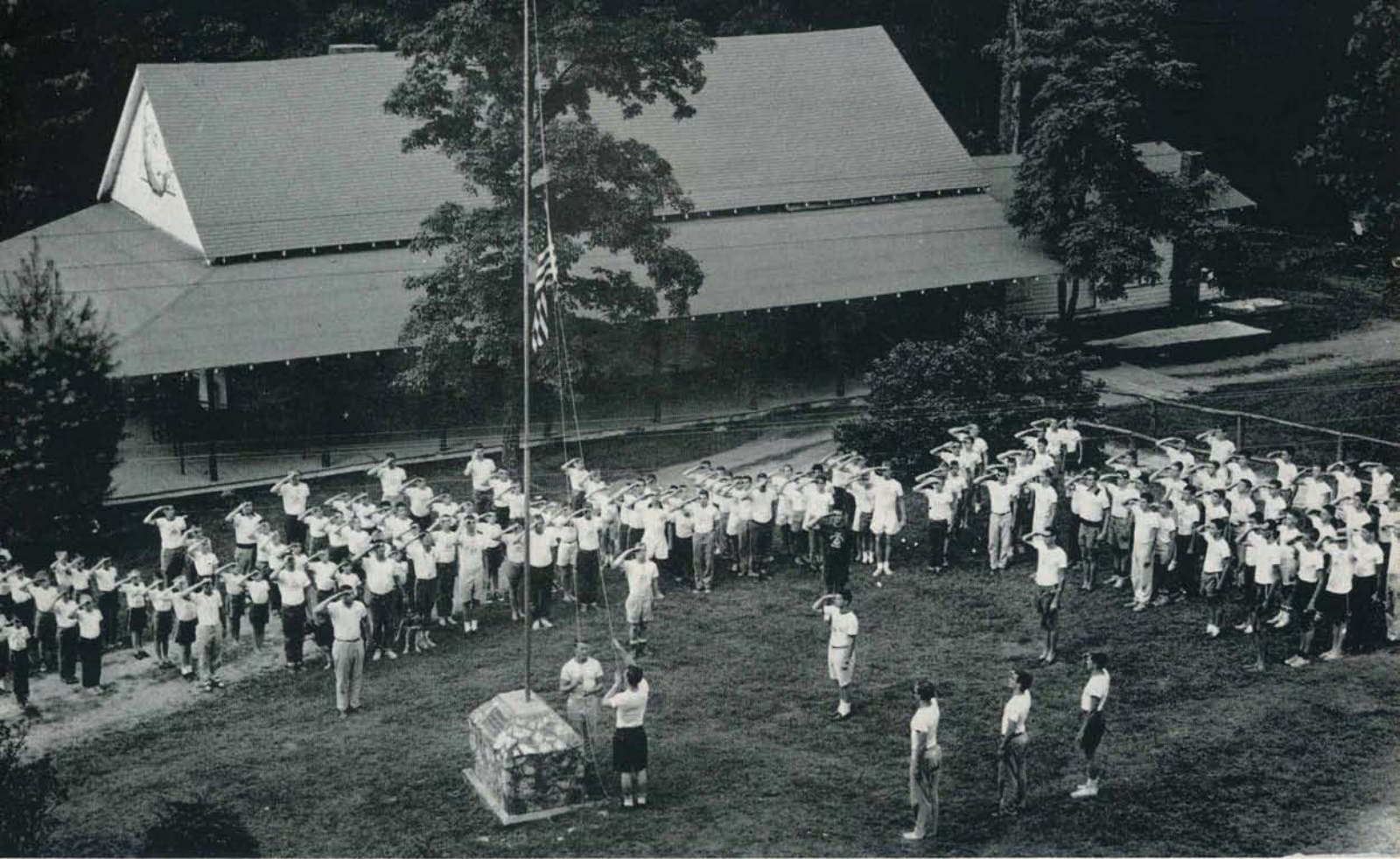
SPILMAN LODGE is widely recognized as the largest log building in North Carolina. The main part of the building contains a modern gymnasium with a fine basketball court and other gym facilities. Two spacious dining halls occupy the two great screened porches on either side of the gym. An up-to-date kitchen with large pantry and cold storage lockers adjoins the dining halls. A competent, well-qualified dietician supervises the preparation of all meals. Only the highest quality foods are used. These facilities hold a "Grade A" Sanitation Certificate from the State Board of Health. This enormous building also contains living quarters for the chef and kitchen staff, modern shower and toilet facilities, a downstairs recreation area, and a new Photography Center and darkroom.

ROGERS' RETREAT or the Campers' Lounge, is a beautiful two-story structure overlooking Lake Ridgecrest. The lounge itself, a large room with fireplace and rustic furnishings, is an ideal place for the boys to congregate during leisure time. Here they can enjoy a quiet game of checkers or chess, read a good adventure book from the selection kept there, or take part in a good old "bull session." Or they may use the adjoining small prayer and conference room for a moment of quiet meditation. The main floor also has a kitchen where small groups may be served refreshments, and campers having birthdays while at camp may have parties. The upper floor contains staff living quarters, and a beautiful patio extending out to the lake completes this functional and much-used building, which was made possible by parents of campers and other friends of Camp Ridgecrest.

FIDELIS HALL, better known as the "Shack," has served Camp Ridgecrest well for many years. Prior to 1942 it was the camp's only indoor recreation center. As the camp has grown and facilities have expanded, the "Shack" has continued to prove itself a very useful and popular building. At present it is used for staff meetings, indoor games, boxing and wrestling, gymnastics, and Sunday worship services. A huge movie screen rolls down from the ceiling at one end of the hall, making it an ideal camp theater. Adjacent to the hall is the Craft Center, where boys may participate in all kinds of handicrafts. "The Green" out beside the hall and surrounding the flagpole serves as the site for Camp Retreat and flag-lowering ceremonies each day at dusk.

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LIVING QUARTERS for campers consist of 25 comfortable and well-equipped cabins (see scale drawing, p. 6). Each has ample openings for ventilation, yet wide overhanging roofs protect these carefully screened areas in rainy weather. Cabins of younger boys house an average of six campers with a counselor and junior counselor. In the older boys' cabins, an average of seven to eight boys and their counselor live in each. Every camper is assigned a steel spring bunk with pillow and comfortable mattress, and ample locker space. Drawers, tables, and chairs afford added convenience. The boys take special pride in keeping their cabins clean and neat to meet morning inspection requirements. The boys in each cabin work together as a unit in many activities during the session, and an unusual amount of cabin pride is taken in competitive sports and games. All cabins are lighted by electricity.

health
is a chief concern

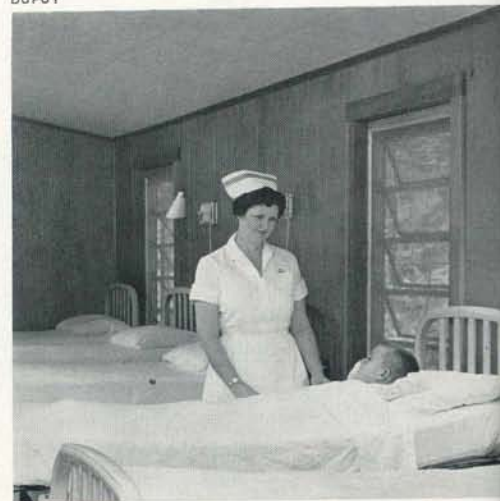
Everything possible is done at Camp Ridgecrest to assure the highest degree of health of the campers. To this end an examination of each camper is made by the camp medical staff at regular intervals. Also, careful check is made each day of health charts which show tooth brushing, baths, elimination, weight, and general health condition. Physicians in Black Mountain, just two

miles from camp, and in Asheville are ready to serve the boys at any time, day or night. Two registered nurses live in the infirmary and are on duty around the clock.

Camp Ridgecrest has one of the finest camp infirmaries in the nation. This modern, efficient structure, built to function as a small hospital, contains a twelve-bed ward, a waiting room, a first-aid room, a fully equipped kitchen, three baths, separate living quarters for two nurses, and a large porch, all of which are kept immaculately clean. An adequate Health and Accident Insurance Policy is carried on each camper.

The camp is justly proud of its good food. Grade A homogenized milk is served twice daily. Fresh vegetables and finest meats are prepared by our competent dietician and chefs for the boys' enjoyment. During the session boys usually gain weight, especially those who may have been underweight at the beginning of camp.

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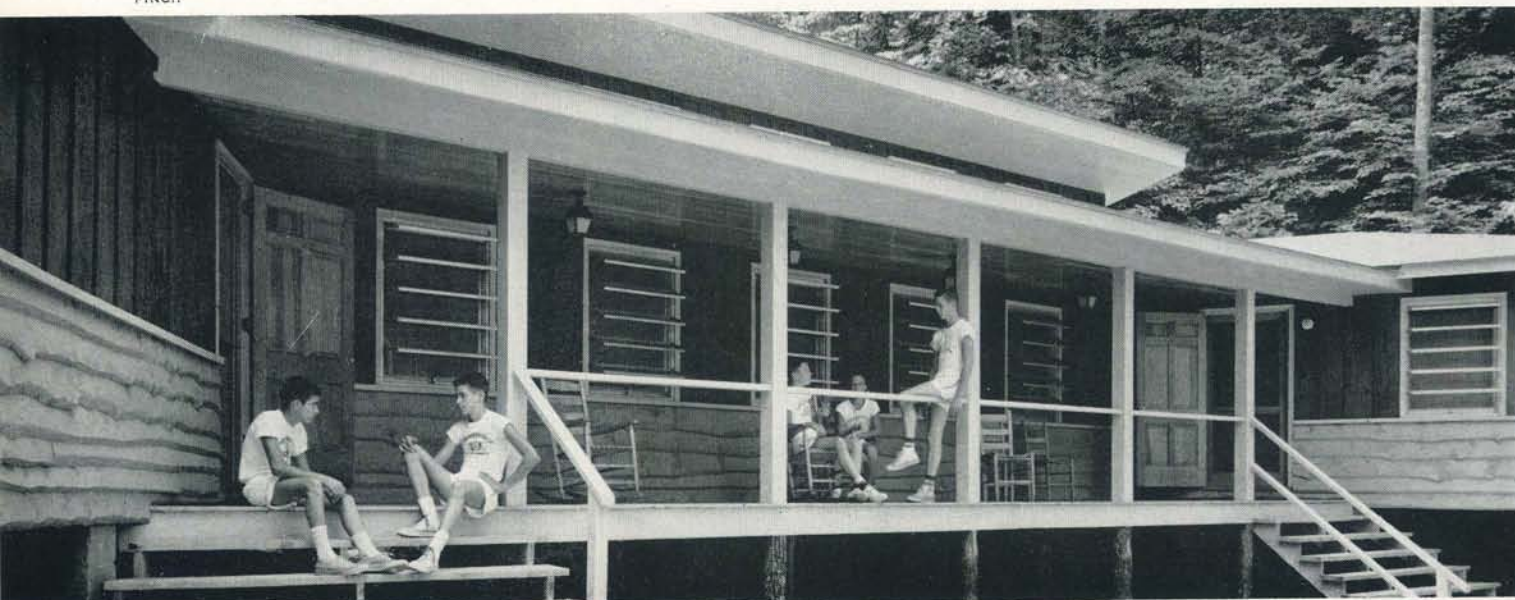
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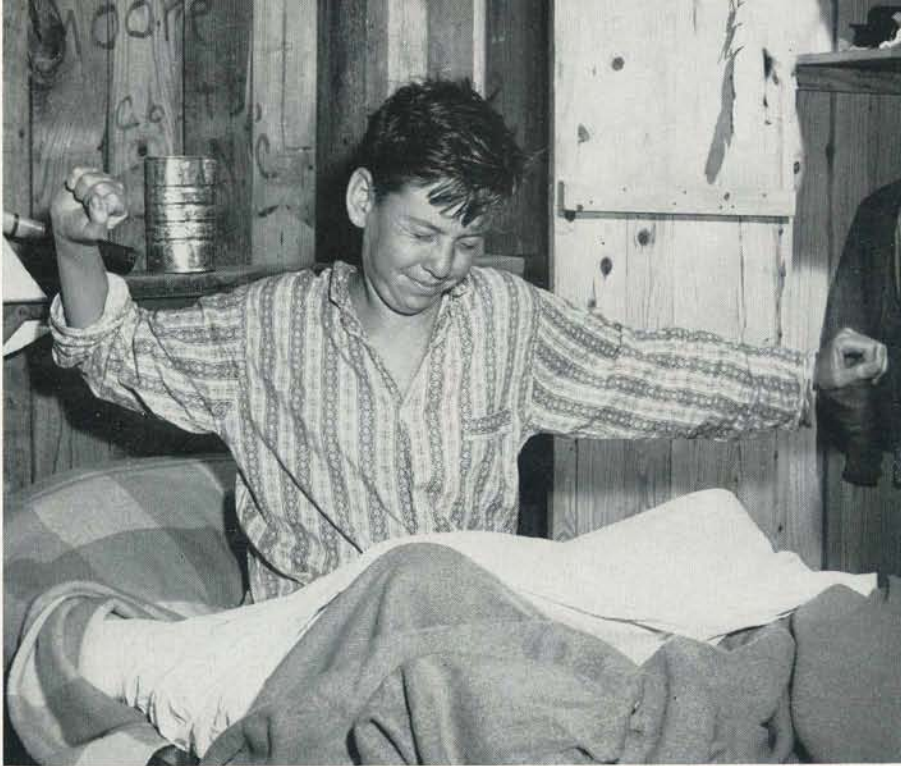


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Roll Out, It's 7 A.M.



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That All-Seeing Eye

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Daily activities

Camp Ridgecrest offers a broad and exciting program for campers from eight to seventeen years of age. From morning until night each camper's time is occupied with a wide variety of interesting and enjoyable activities. The Camp is divided into four units, or tribes, so that each age group can have a rewarding program suited to its specific interests and needs. These units are as follows:

- Apache Tribe—ages 8 through 10
- Shawnee Tribe—ages 11 through 12
- Choctaw Tribe—ages 13 through 14
- Sioux Tribe—ages 15 through 17.

The campers' schedule of daily activities is the result of much experience and careful planning. It makes the most of every hour of the day, yet rest periods and milder sports are intermingled with the more vigorous activities so that no camper will suffer from overexertion.

- 7:00 Reveille
- 7:30 Morning Watch
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Cabin Inspection
- 9:30 Tribal Group Activities and Sports
- 11:00 First Skill Instruction Period
- 12:00 Free Period (Swim, etc.)
- 12:45 Dinner
- 1:30 Rest Period in Cabins
- 2:30 Second Skill Instruction Period
- 3:30 Third Skill Instruction Period
- 4:30 Free Period (Swim, skills, etc.)
- 5:45 Camp Retreat
- 6:00 Supper
- 6:30 Canteen
- 7:00 Evening Activities
- 9:00 Junior Taps
- 10:00 Senior Taps

Naturalness of
worship



Worship at Camp Ridgecrest is a simple, natural, and integral part of camp life. Through his intimate contact with the beauties of God's great outdoors, his wholesome association with other fine boys, and the influence and example of Christian counselors, each camper may develop a greater consciousness of God's presence in the experiences of everyday life. The entire program is geared to relate worship and religious commitment to the daily routine in a natural, unforced manner.

Sunday school and worship services are held each Sunday morning, and the Sunday evening program

includes outstanding speakers and excellent religious films for boys. Also, each weekday begins with Morning Watch and ends with cabin devotions.

Quite aside from these formal worship periods, however, each counselor is expected to live a sermon in his every word and action. Staff members are constantly alert for moments when young spirits are reaching upward and when a helpful word of encouragement and understanding may be needed. Such moments strengthen the bonds of love and friendship between the boy, his counselor, and their God.

At Camp Ridgecrest we "meet God in the morning when the day is at its best." Two beautiful outdoor chapels are used, so that both younger and older campers may worship at their own level of understanding. The two younger Tribes meet in beautiful Rhododendron Chapel. The only man-made additions to this natural, overarched clearing are rustic logs for bridge, seats, and pulpit. Here campers realize how the forests truly could have been God's first temples.

In the quiet tranquility of the early morning hour, campers and counselors assemble for a brief period of meditation, Bible reading, and prayer. As the mist rises over Lake Ridgecrest, the older campers meet on its banks at the Lakeside Chapel. They gaze beyond the speaker, out across the lake to the majestic mountain peaks beyond. The truths instilled during these inspired moments will go with these boys throughout their lives.



Development of skills

Every boy at Camp Ridgecrest has the opportunity to participate in a large number of varied sports, skills, and activities. Whether he is a beginner or an accomplished player, he will receive personal coaching from competent instructors to help him progress even more. First, each camper joins in team sports such as football, baseball, softball, soccer,

volleyball, and all the outdoor games boys love. Size and age are no disadvantage, since all such group activities are carried out according to age groups, or Tribes (See schedule 9:30 A.M.).

In addition to group sports, each boy may select several skills of his own choosing, in which he will receive intensive training during Skill Instruction Periods each day. These skills include Horseback Riding, Archery, Riflery, Tennis, Basketball, Swimming, Canoeing, Diving, Track, Campcrafts, Indian Lore, Indian Crafts, Gymnastics, Handicrafts, and many other fine activities.

Another important part of camp life centers around camping activities. Hiking over scenic trails, cooking supper over the campfire, and sleeping out are regular treats. Each camper receives special attention, and his program is geared to his individual needs and interests.

riding

Every normal boy loves horses and horseback riding. Camp Ridgecrest makes excellent provision for this

distinguished sport, at no extra cost to the camper. Capable and experienced instructors teach the boys not only how to ride, but how to become expert horsemen. Every possible safety measure is observed, and the horses are carefully selected with the safety of the younger boys in mind. However, it is clearly understood that parents assume all liability for any accidents in connection with the horses.

The stables are conveniently located nearby. Our horses are among the finest in America. They are owned by Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina, and are contracted to the camp each summer. Beginners utilize a large riding ring, while more experienced riders take advantage of the many lovely bridle paths surrounding Ridgecrest. Horse shows are held during each camp session, and competition within each age group is both keen and exciting. Coveted awards go to the best riders in each category.

Ready for The Trail

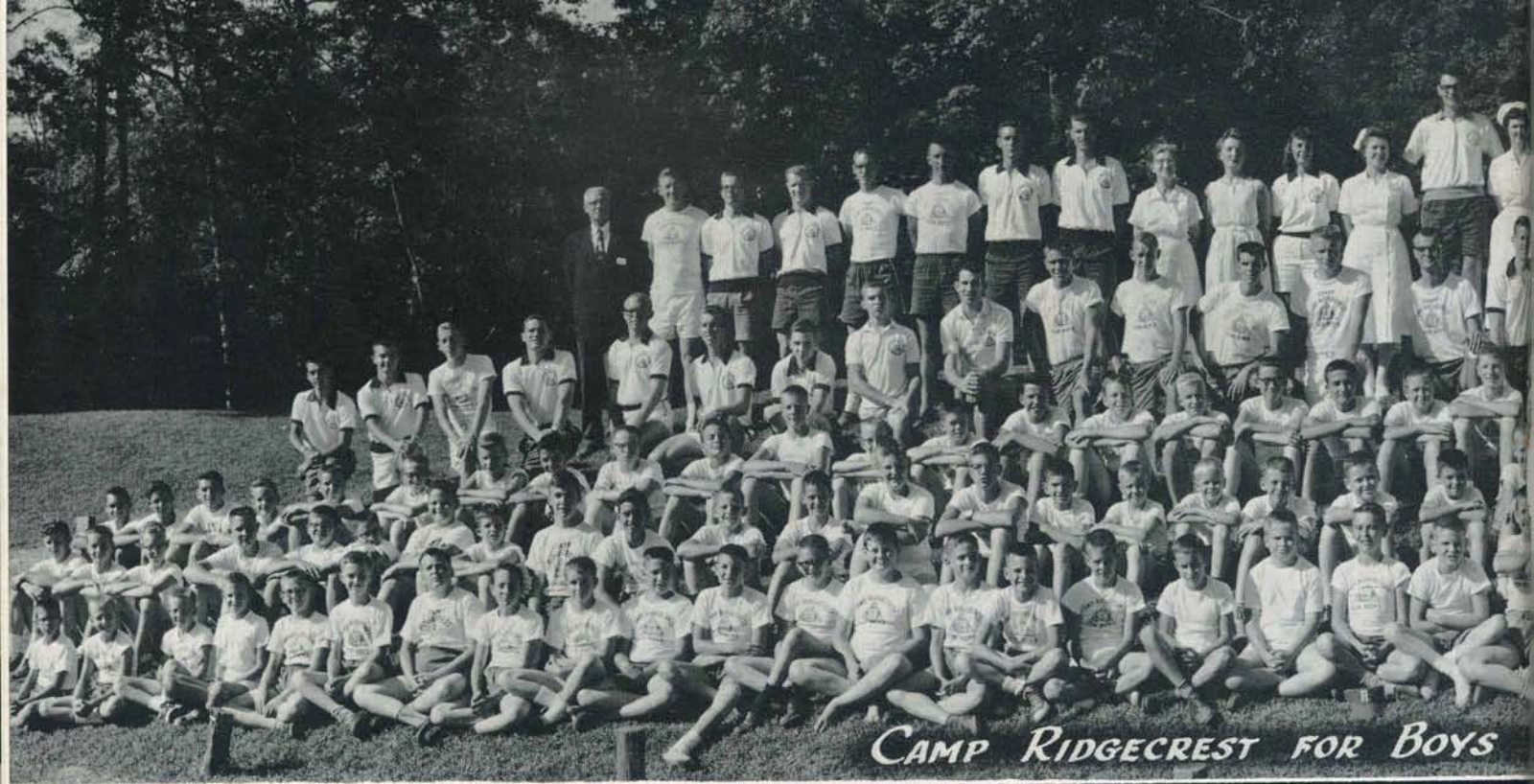


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FIRST SESSION JUNE 11-JULY 15

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SECOND SESSION JULY 20-AUGUST 24



~ *SECOND SESSION ~ 1959*



A Tournament Adds Interest to Competition

archery

The day of the bow and arrow has returned, and Camp Ridgecrest is abreast of the latest sporting trends in offering archery as an important and interesting skill. Learning to hit the bull's-eye with arrows flying from a taut bow at 30 paces requires the development of patience and determination, qualities essential to each boy's character and growth. Tournaments are held for each age group, heightening the fun and sense of achievement for each competitor. Camp Ridgecrest is a member of the Camp Archery Association, and campers may earn outstanding archery ranks from this nationally recognized organization.

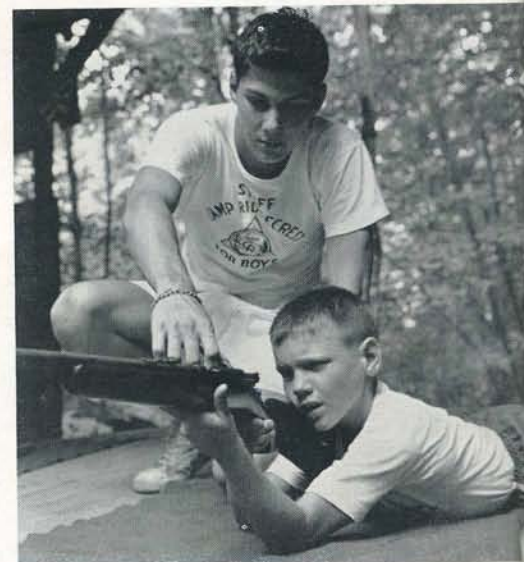
riflery

Riflery is one of the most popular sports at Camp Ridgecrest, and the sharp tattoo of the guns may be heard in the distance throughout the day. The Camp's two rifle ranges are located and constructed so as to insure the safety of each participant, and campers are allowed to shoot only when supervised by a well-trained instructor during designated skill periods. Camp Ridgecrest is a member of the National Riflery Association, and campers may advance according to its Junior Division ranks of promarksman, sharpshooter, and expert. To fire a rifle and hit the bull's-eye is a rare thrill which no boy should miss.

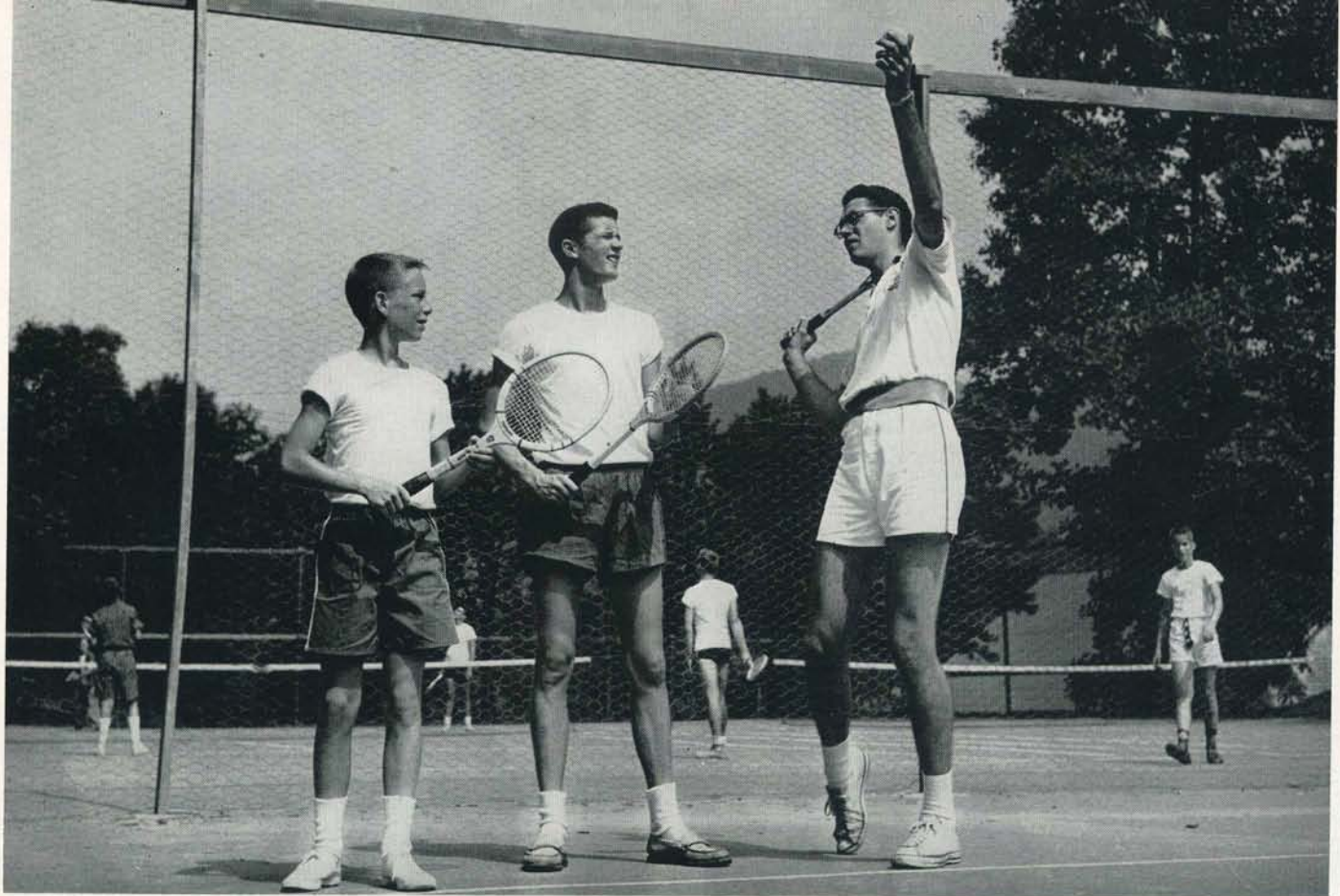
tennis

The swish of rackets is another familiar sound at Camp Ridgecrest. The camp has four excellent asphalt courts and has access to four additional courts nearby. Boys choosing this skill are given personal attention during the instruction periods. Special emphasis is placed upon learning the fundamentals of the game such as basic strokes, footwork, serving, and net play. Ladder tournaments are played throughout the session, and the final tournaments for the camp championships create intense excitement. Singles and doubles matches are played in each of the four Tribes, or age groups.

Aim for The Bull's Eye



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basketball

Camp Ridgecrest thrives on basketball, with classes and games for all ages. Outstanding ball players from well-known colleges and universities serve as counselors and instructors, and the camp's excellent gym and basketball court offer the finest of facilities. Much time is devoted to learning and playing this great sport, since it is a game boys will continue to play at home and at school. Competitive games for both counselor and camper teams are scheduled with nearby camps throughout the summer. These teams also participate in the annual Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Valley Athletic Association.



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hiking

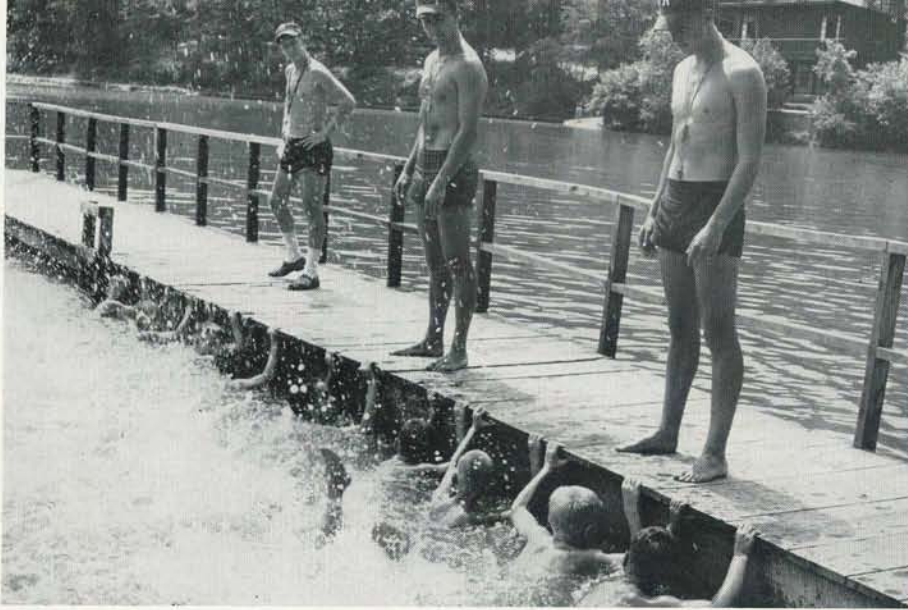
The invigorating mountain air and the lure of breath-taking scenery make hiking a popular activity for campers. Nearby peaks and waterfalls are the destination for short hikes, which condition campers for longer, overnight outings later in the season. Hikes are taken both by single cabins and by whole tribes, but always under careful supervision.

nature study

Western North Carolina is judged to be one of the most magnificent scenic regions in eastern America. Trips are made each summer to such interesting places as the Great Smoky Mountains, Mt. Mitchell, Mt. Shumont, Cherokee National Forest, and many others. In such surroundings, nature study becomes an exciting, vital learning experience. The identification of plant and animal life is emphasized.

camping out

Learning to be at home in the great outdoors is one of the most important skills a boy can acquire. Normally, each cabin of boys makes an average of two overnight hikes every week. A meal cooked over an open fire after a long hike, stories and songs around the campfire, and a good night's sleep under the stars all add up to the fulfillment of a boyhood dream. Campers are encouraged to bring whatever camping gear they may own.



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Dip . . . and Swing

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swimming

Every boy at Camp Ridgecrest is given instruction in swimming. Beginners learn the fundamentals in a safe, separate area. The Buddy System is used, and several lifeguards are on duty during all swimming periods. Competent Red Cross Water Safety Instructors hold courses in swimming, junior lifesaving and senior lifesaving.

tournaments

Swimmers at Camp Ridgecrest compete in several tournaments during the season, including a large four-camp meet sponsored by the Valley Athletic Association. These meets are conducted within divisions so that boys will compete only with boys of their own age and experience. Awards are given to the best swimmers in each division.

canoeing

One of the highlights of camp experience for any boy is the feel of a canoe paddle in his hand as his canoe glides swiftly and silently through the water. Lake Ridgecrest offers endless possibilities for the use of the camp's several canoes, and boys who have proved their swimming ability never fail to take advantage of this opportunity. Canoes are always under the supervision of experienced instructors.

Indian lore



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Chief Red Bull Relates an Ancient Tale of Shawnee Bravery as Chief Towering Pine, Lone Pine, and Strong Elk Listen

Good Spirits from Wakonda Struggle With The Evil Spirit Over the Soul of An Innocent Young Warrior in the Apache Devil Dance

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Indian Wrestling Is A Favorite Game at Council Ring. Campers Make Their Own Indian Costumes in Indian Lore Classes.

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Chief Screeching Hawk Demonstrates Dance of the Happy Warrior During a Council Ring Ceremony.

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For over thirty years the Indian Lore program has played a vital part in the life of Camp Ridgecrest. Each boy has the rare opportunity to learn many fascinating things about the Redman and his way of life. Regular classes are offered in Indian Crafts and Lore, in which campers may make their own costumes and accessories, master authentic Indian dances, and learn much of the great heritage left by our country's first inhabitants.

This fine program is focused in the Council Ring, a lovely secluded spot nestled in the mountains amid overhanging trees, where each week the warriors and chiefs of the mighty Ridgecrest Indian Nation assemble. As dusk settles, Skajuna, Chief of the Nation, commands the torch bearers to summon the four great tribes—the Apache, Shawnee, Choctaw, and Sioux. Wise One then entreats the Great Spirit, Wakonda, to send the fire of friendship from heaven to light the Council fire. After a period of singing tribal songs, playing Indian games, and participating in dances, those campers worthy of promotion are advanced in Council Ring rank. These ranks—Hunter, Warrior, Brave, Scout, Buck, and Little Chief—are based upon the campers' growth physically, morally, and spiritually. After the tribes have departed, the fire's embers grow dim, and the sound of the drum fades away as the chiefs retire.

The Great Chief Skajuna (Silver Eagle) presides over the Council Ring of the Mighty Ridgecrest Indian Nation, assisted by Chiefs Limberlip, Screeching Hawk, Grinning Fox, and Wise One, The Medicine Man.

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track

At Camp Ridgecrest future stars of the cinder path are given the chance to secure valuable training and experience. Expert coaching is given, and track teams participate in meets with other camps.

boxing wrestling

These manly arts are also featured at Camp Ridgecrest. After periods of instruction, tournaments are arranged in the different age groups of campers. Careful supervision is given, and only boys of equal weight and ability are opponents.

gymnastics

A new and very popular skill offered at camp is gymnastics. This form of exercise and skill is especially valuable in developing muscles, conditioning reflexes, and improving co-ordination in the growing boy.

football

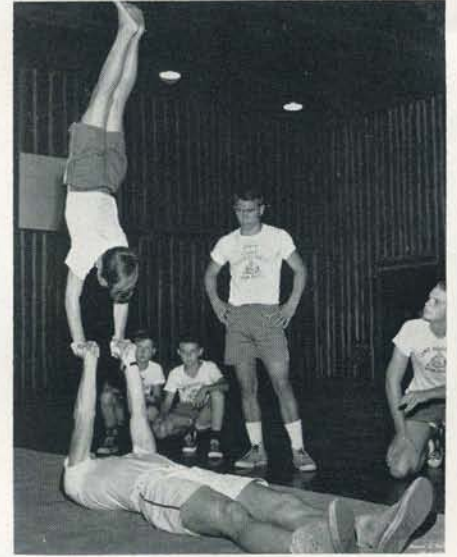
Football, soccer, softball, baseball, and many other team sports are allotted a great deal of time in the camp program. As in other skills, competent instruction is given to help each boy develop strength, skill, and sportsmanship.



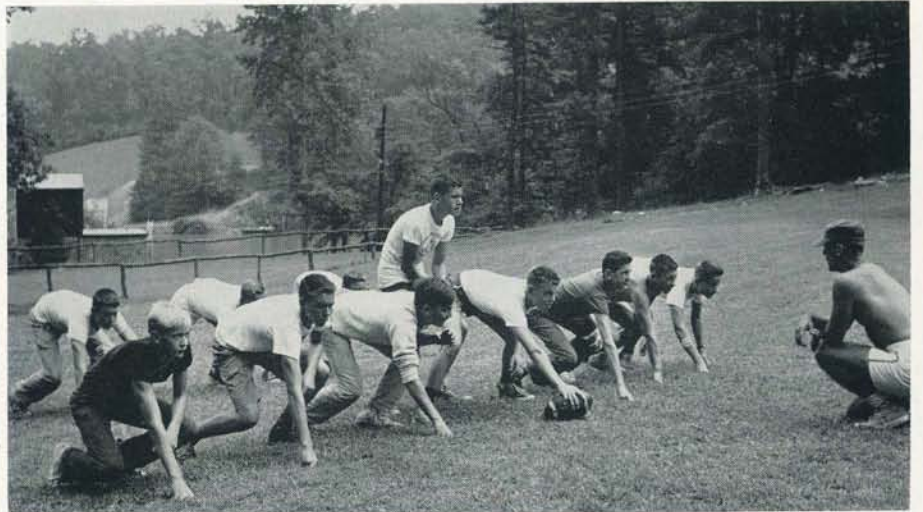
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handicrafts

All campers are encouraged to take handicrafts while at camp. We feel that every boy should learn to use his hands and find the joy and satisfaction that comes with creative effort. Copper work, weaving, leather work, woodwork, painting, tile mosaics, and various other types of handicrafts are taught by capable instructors. Boys may purchase materials for these projects from their own spending allowance set up in their camp bank account. Our boys take great pride in the articles they make to take home.

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campcrafts

Because of the strong emphasis placed upon outdoor living here at Camp Ridgecrest, a special Skill Period is provided in Campcrafts where boys can learn the arts of axemanship, tent pitching, knot tying, lashing, fire building, cooking, and camp sanitation. Campers are divided into small groups and build their own model camps, and awards are given at the end of each session to the best campers. Once learned, these camping skills and techniques will be useful the rest of a boy's life.

LEISURE TIME. As a break from the more vigorous activities of the day, many boys like to spend a free period now and then in the Campers' Lounge at Rogers' Retreat. Here they may read, play quiet games, or join in a lively bull session with friends.

CHOW TIME. After fun filled hours of camping and sporting activities, boys have ravenous appetites. Camp Ridgecrest prides itself on its excellent food. Our competent dietician and chefs do a superb job, and while great quantities are served each day, the high standards of quality are never sacrificed in the food that is served.

REST PERIOD. Each day following the noon meal, all campers and counselors spend a quiet hour in their own cabins. During this rest period, boys can sleep, read, write letters, or play quiet games such as checkers and chess. This mandatory period guards against overfatigue and restores the boys' energy for the afternoon's activities.

FISHING. Much leisure time is spent watching the bobber and line. Whether you fish with a cane pole or a fly rod, it's always fun to hook a big one. Fishing has become very popular at camp, and Lake Ridgecrest does have some good-sized bream and bass.

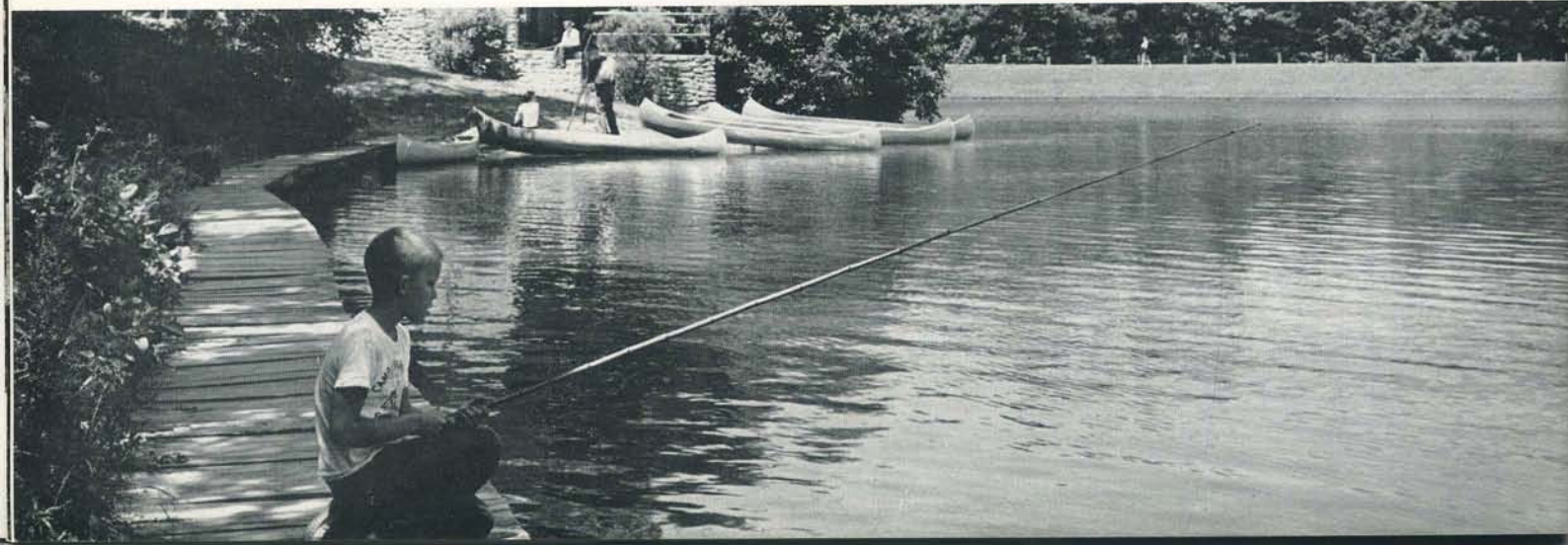


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SHELTER. One of the most useful and functional structures on the camp grounds is the large rainy-day shelter. With a wide roof, open sides, and sand floor, it is ideal for all types of games. Adequate lighting for evening activities also enhances its value and utility. Thus, no camper sits idle just because it may be a rainy day!



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CABIN DEVOTIONS. Just before the bugler blows taps each evening, the boys gather around their counselor for a brief devotional period of Bible reading, discussion, and prayer. During these periods, the boys feel free to discuss their problems, views and goals in life with their cabin mates and their special friend—their counselor. What better way to end a long, happy day?



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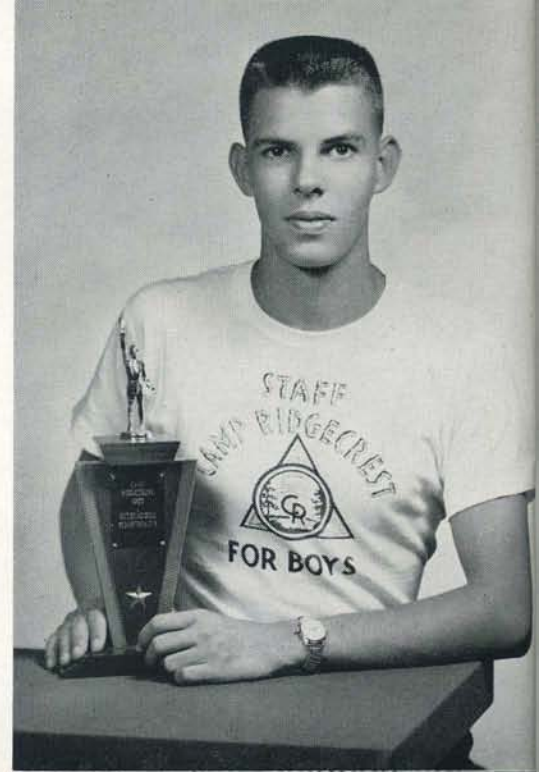


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CANTEEN. The Camp Canteen is the most popular place in camp just after the evening meal. It is open at that time each day, and campers may buy a limited amount of sweets or soft drink, as well as camera film, toilet articles, etc. Articles are charged to the camper's bank account, eliminating the danger of boys losing their money.

RETREAT. Each afternoon at dusk, the entire camp assembles on the Green surrounding the flag-pole for cabin count, inspection reports, announcements, and flag-lowering ceremonies. The spirit of patriotism is an important aspect of camp life.

FIRST SESSION HONOR CAMPERS



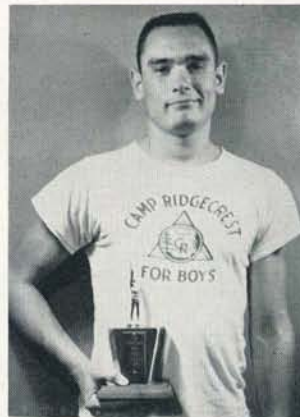
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JOEY OVERBY**



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SECOND SESSION HONOR CAMPERS

JAY HANNER
Apache



BOB McBEATH
Shawnee



HARRY CUNNINGHAM
Choctaw



JOHNNY BATES
Sioux



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please read carefully

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.

TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS

Consult your railroad, bus, or airline agent about schedules. Buy your tickets either to Ridgecrest, Black Mountain, or Asheville, N. C. Camp Ridgecrest is located on the Southern Railway and on Federal Highway No. 70, eighteen miles east of Asheville, N. C. Boys will be met at bus, train, or air terminals at Ridgecrest, Black Mountain, or Asheville IF NOTIFIED WELL IN ADVANCE AS TO TIME OF ARRIVAL.

CAMP BANK

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 each day. Camp clothes and canteen articles are charged to each boy's account as he makes his purchases. If parents wish, the boy's

spending money (with directions for its expenditure) may be mailed directly to the Camp Director.

SCOUT WORK

The outdoor life at Camp Ridgecrest lends itself ideally to many phases of Scout and Royal Ambassador work. Counselors experienced in this type of work are on hand nearly every summer, and boys who desire may pass outdoor tests for advancement.

VISITING HOURS

Every effort is made at Camp Ridgecrest to meet the needs of each individual camper. The program makes careful and purposeful provision for every hour of each day. Therefore, 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 and homesick. Following the first two weeks, visitors are welcome **DURING VISITING HOURS**, which are Sundays from 1:30 to 5:30 **ONLY.** At this time campers may show parents and guests around the camp. Please comply with us in the matter of visiting hours, as this stipulation has been made with the best interests of your boy and other campers in view.

Also, the meals are planned to furnish a well-rounded diet. The Camp Canteen, open only for a few minutes each day, can furnish all sweets which should be eaten. Therefore, **PARENTS ARE URGENTLY REQUESTED TO REFRAIN FROM SENDING BOXES OF CANDY, SWEETS, AND COMIC BOOKS.**

LAUNDRY

Laundry charges up to \$2.50 per camper per week will be assumed by the camp, with the understanding that should a camper send more to the laundry during a week's period than the allotted amount, the balance will be charged against his camp bank account. This amount is normally adequate, however.

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EXPENSES

The 1960 season starts with the evening meal on June 9 and ends with supper on August 22. The first term, five weeks, is from June 9 to July 14. The second term is from July 18 to August 22. A closing evening ceremony will be held for parents on July 14 and August 22, respectively. The cost of a term of ten weeks is \$380.00 and five weeks is \$200.00. This is an all inclusive fee allowing up to \$2.50 per week laundry coverage for each camper; medical attention; horseback riding; transportation to points of interest; accident insurance up to \$500.00 for accident and up to \$100.00 for illness.

No refunds will be made except for illness (not homesickness) sufficient to cause a boy to return home under doctor's advice.

WAYNE H. CHASTAIN

Director Camp Ridgecrest for Boys



We advise depositing \$15.00 or \$20.00 in the camp bank for canteen expenses, haircuts, etc.

Because of the fact that the enrollment 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 is paid not later than the opening day of the camp term, unless arrangements are made otherwise with the camp director.

WHAT TO BRING

This list is only a suggestion. Where substitutions can be made from what the boy already has, this is encouraged. **PUT YOUR NAME ON EACH ARTICLE.** We, also, encourage every camper to bring a sleeping bag and any other camping equipment that he might have.

BIBLE

- 2 laundry bags*
- 2 pair of white shorts*
- 2 pair of sweat socks*
- 4 pair of shorts*
- 5 cotton T-shirts*
- 2 white dress shirts
- 3 sport shirts
- 8 pairs of socks
- 2 handkerchiefs
- 1 suit or sport coat

WILLARD K. WEEKS

Manager Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly



- 1 pair of hiking shoes (any comfortable sturdy shoe)
- 1 pair of sneakers or tennis shoes
- 1 pair of dress shoes
- 1 heavy sweater or jacket
- 3 pairs of short pants or dungarees
- 2 double blankets or 3 single blankets
- 4 single sheets
- 2 pillow cases
- 4 towels
- 1 bathing suit
- 1 raincoat
- 3 pairs of pajamas

*These articles are sold in the camp clothing store.

Toilet articles, stationery and pencil, tennis rackets and balls, baseball glove, flashlight, sweat shirts and fishing equipment may also be brought. Please have name tapes or name in India ink in your garments. Laundry is collected and sent out once a week at no additional cost to the camper provided he does not exceed \$2.50 per week. Camp colors are dark green and white. **THE CAMP CLOTHING STORE SELLS CAMP T-SHIRTS, SHORTS, SWEAT SHIRTS, SOCKS, LAUNDRY BAGS AND CAPS AT A VERY REASONABLE PRICE.**

R. L. MIDDLETON

*Director Business Division
Nashville, Tennessee*



what is a boy?

Between the innocence of babyhood and the dignity of manhood we find a delightful creature called a boy. Boys come in assorted sizes, weights, and colors, but all boys have the same creed: To enjoy every second of every minute of every hour of every day and to protest with noise (their only weapon) when their last minute is finished and the adult males pack them off to bed at night.

Boys are found everywhere—on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around, or jumping to. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, older sisters and brothers tolerate them, adults ignore them, and heaven protects them. A boy is Truth with dirt on its face, Beauty with a cut on its finger, Wisdom with bubble gum in its hair, and the Hope of the future with a frog in its pocket.

When you are busy, a boy is an inconsiderate, bothersome, intruding jangle of noise. When you want him to make a good impression, his brain turns to jelly or else he becomes a savage, sadistic, jungle creature bent on destroying the world and himself with it.

A boy is a composite—he has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a sword swallower, the energy of a pocket-size atomic bomb, the curiosity of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the imagination of a Paul Bunyan, the shyness of a violet, the audacity of a steel trap, the enthusiasm of a firecracker, and when he makes something he has five thumbs on each hand.

He likes ice cream, knives, saws, Christmas, comic books, the boy across the street, woods, water (in its natural habitat), large animals, Dad, trains, Saturday mornings, and fire engines. He is not much for Sunday school, company, schools, books without pictures, music lessons, neckties, barbers, girls, overcoats, adults, or bedtime.

Nobody else is so early to rise, or so late to supper. Nobody else gets so much fun out of trees, dogs, and breezes. Nobody else can cram into one pocket a rusty knife, a half-eaten apple, 3 feet of string, an empty Bull Durham sack, 2 gumdrops, 6 cents, a slingshot, a chunk of unknown substance, and a genuine supersonic code ring with a secret compartment.

A boy is a magical creature—you can lock him out of your workshop, but you can't lock him out of your heart. You can get him out of your study, but you can't get him out of your mind. Might as well give up—he is your captor, your jailer, your boss, and your master—a freckled-face, pint-sized, cat-chasing, bundle of noise. But when you come home at night with only the shattered pieces of your hopes and dreams, he can mend them like new with the two magic words—"Hi Dad!"

