

Ridgecrest, North Carolina

CAMP
RIDGECREST
FOR BOYS



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 sunburned, sturdy, sound of limb;
With songs of wind and water on his tongue;
With friends, adventures, campfire dreams to prize;
With memories of mountains in his eyes.

—ETHEL ROMIG FULLER



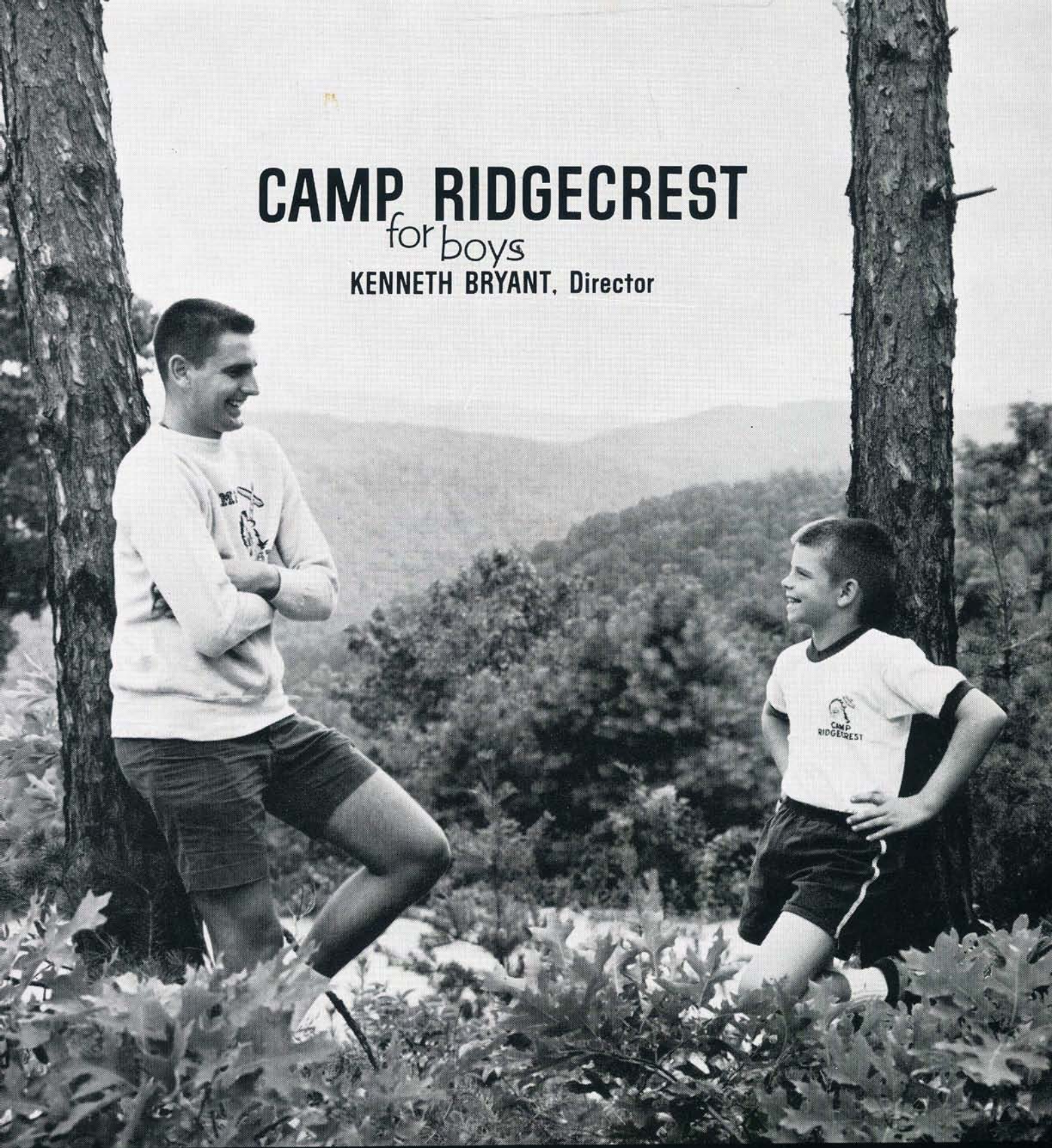
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why we are here

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.

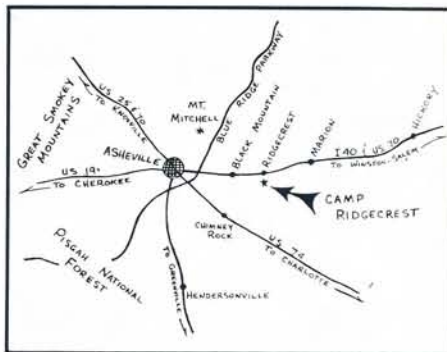
Life here at Camp is simple, virile, and robust. It is living close to nature, close to the earth; yet it is living within a community of real people. Camping is not merely preparation for life; it **IS** life itself. It is face-to-face contact with the ebb and flow of human experience. It is opportunity, 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.

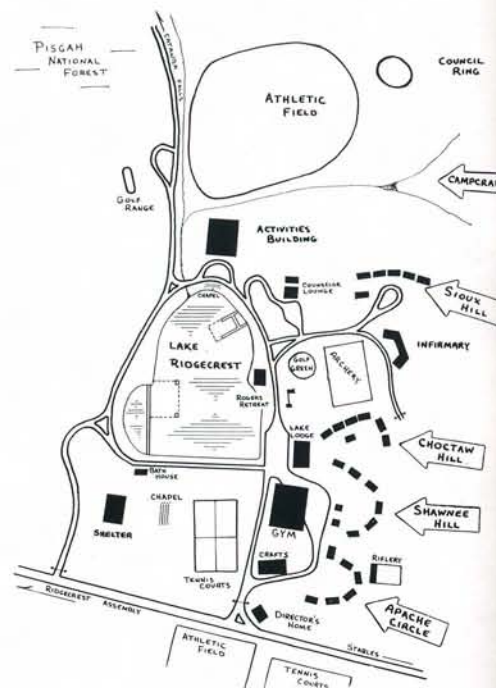


Excellent facilities

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. The Activities Building 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 LAKE LODGE, a recent construction of wood and native stone, is the hub of camp life. Ideally situated in the middle of camp, it contains the central administrative office, assistant director's office, pastor's office, equipment room, clothing store, rest rooms for guests, and central staff living quarters.



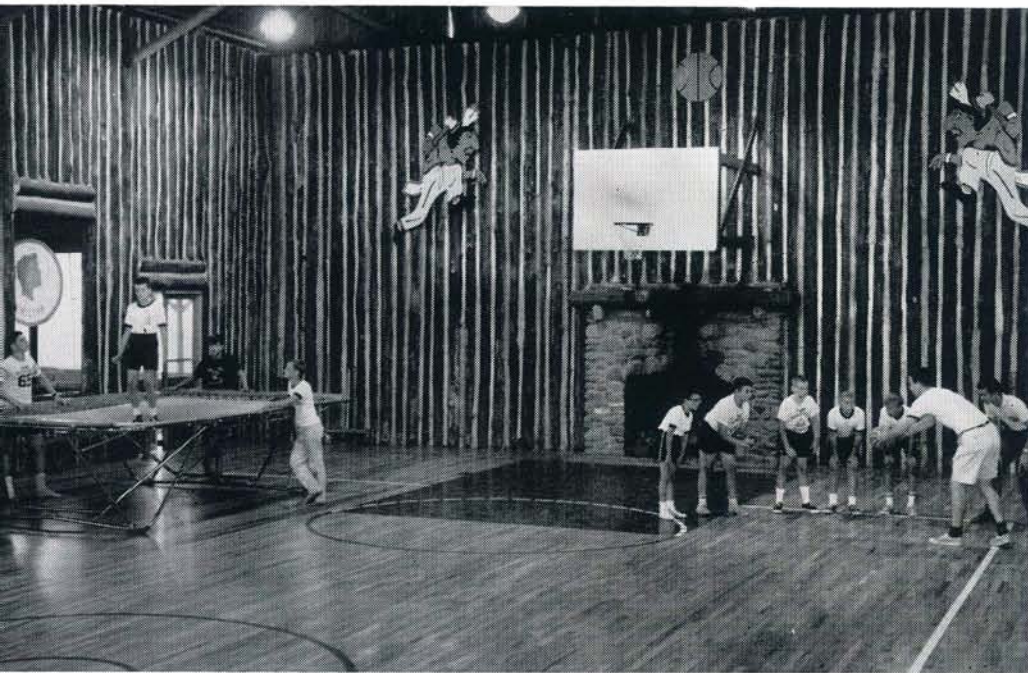


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LAKE RIDGECREST, a chief attraction of camp life, is an ideal camp lake, fully equipped according to Red Cross waterfront safety standards. It is a beautiful lake, large enough for swimming, boating, and canoeing, and at the same time small enough 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, lifeguard platforms, a long pier, and strategically placed floating rafts. These facilities make Lake Ridgecrest one of the finest, safest, and best equipped water fronts in North Carolina.



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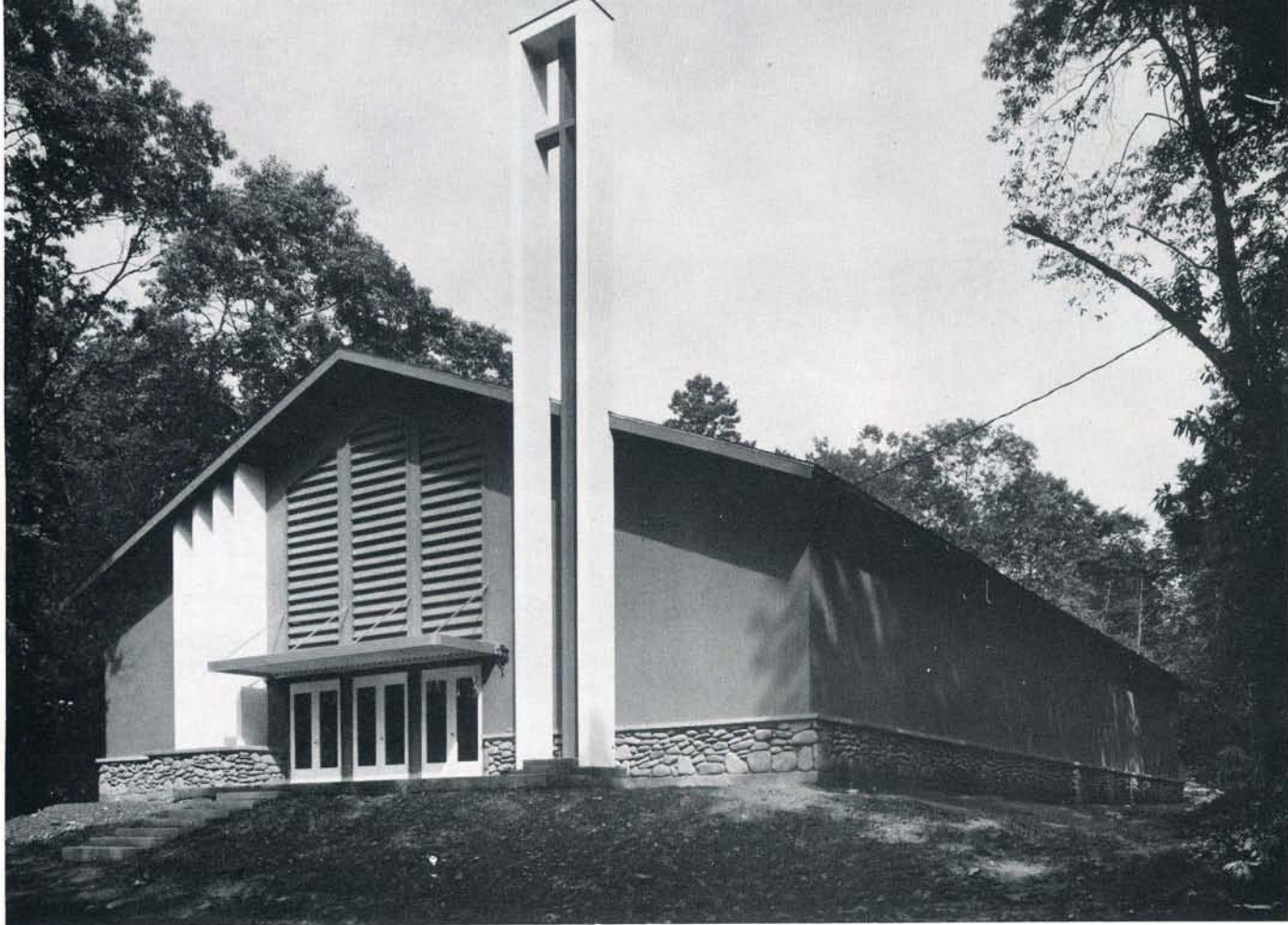
SPILMAN LODGE is widely recognized as the largest log building in North Carolina. The main part of the building contains a modern gymnasium with a fine basketball court and other gym facilities. Two spacious dining halls occupy the two great screened porches on either side of the gym. An up-to-date kitchen 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, Ping-pong tables, and a spacious craft shop.

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.

The **ACTIVITIES BUILDING** is a recent addition to the facilities of Camp Ridgecrest. Located on a hill overlooking Lake Ridgecrest, it serves as a chapel for worship services and provides a large indoor area for staff meetings, group sports, and gymnastics. A large screen rolls down from the ceiling at one end of the hall, making it an ideal camp theater. The building's value is especially appreciated on rainy days. Combined with the other indoor facilities, it provides ample space to keep all campers engaged in interesting and worthwhile activities regardless of weather condition.

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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 together. 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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Expert Medical Service Available



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A New and Efficient Infirmary

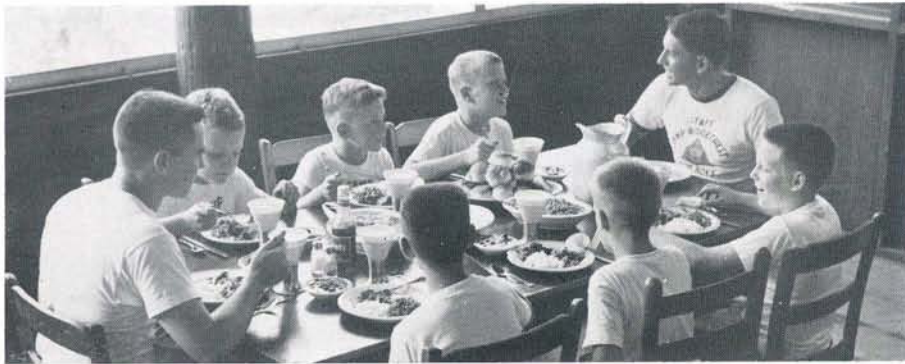
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Roll Out, It's 7:30 A.M.

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O Boy, Hot Biscuits for Breakfast

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That All-seeing Eye

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Mail from Home

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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 usually divided 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 suffers from overexertion.

- 7:40 Reveille
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 8:35 Morning Watch
- 8:50 Cabin Clean-up
- 9:15 Inspection
- 9:30 First Skill Period
- 10:30 Second Skill Period
- 11:30 Third Skill Period
- 12:50 Lunch
- 1:30 Rest Period
- 2:30 Organized Activities
- 4:00 Free Swim
- 5:30 Retreat
- 5:50 Supper
- 6:30 Canteen
- 7:15 Organized Activities
- 8:30 Showers
- 9:00 Cabin Devotions
- 9:30 Taps

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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 Training Union, outstand-

ing speakers, and excellent religious films for boys. Also, each weekday begins with Morning Watch and ends with cabin devotions. Emphasis is given to Christian values in local church work and missions.

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 inspiring moments go with these boys throughout their lives.

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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 receives 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 provides for this exciting sport at no

extra cost to the camper. Capable and experienced instructors teach the boys the basic elements of horsemanship. Every possible safety measure is observed, and the horses are selected with the experience level of the campers in mind. However, it is clearly understood that parents assume all liability beyond camp insurance coverage for any accidents in connection with the horses.

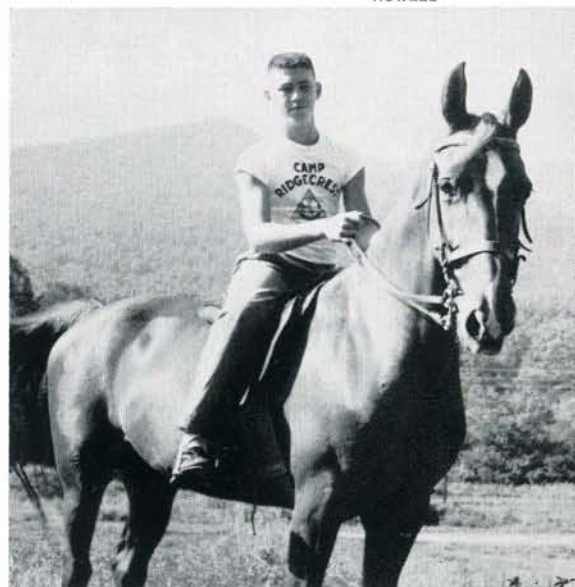
The stables are conveniently located nearby, and trails extend throughout camp and adjacent areas. After initial instruction in a large ring, campers proceed with their instructors out onto bridal paths for the real thrill of outdoor riding. Some of the older boys enjoy an overnight horseback trip into the mountains as an extra treat.

The camp uses Western saddles primarily because of the emphasis on trail riding. However, English saddles are available for those who wish to pursue excellence in that tradition.

Ready for the Trail



Steady Now, Champ

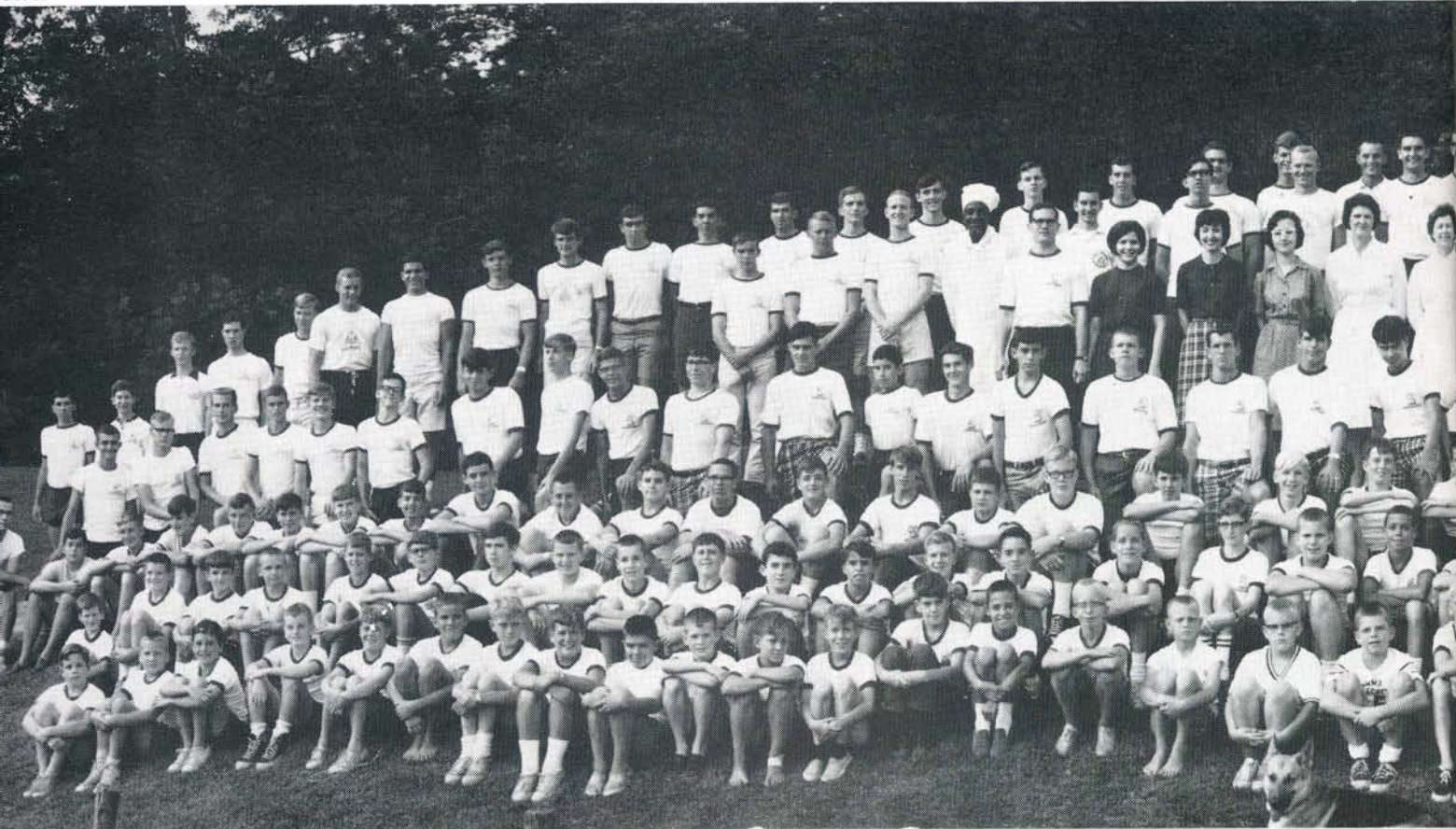




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SECOND SESSION





A Tournament Adds Interest to Competition

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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.

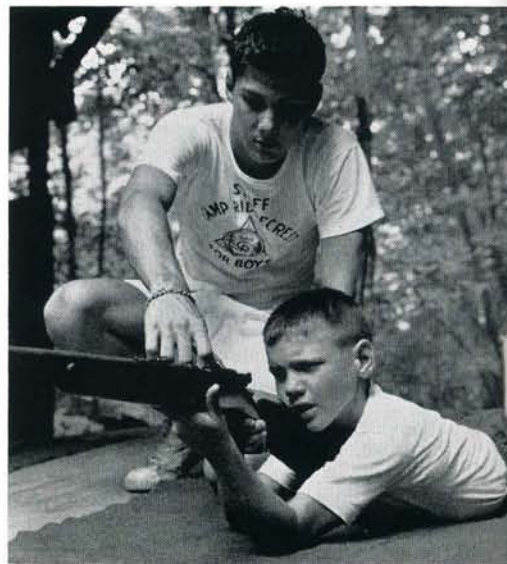
riflery

Riflery is one of the most popular sports at Camp Ridgecrest, and the sharp tatoon 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.

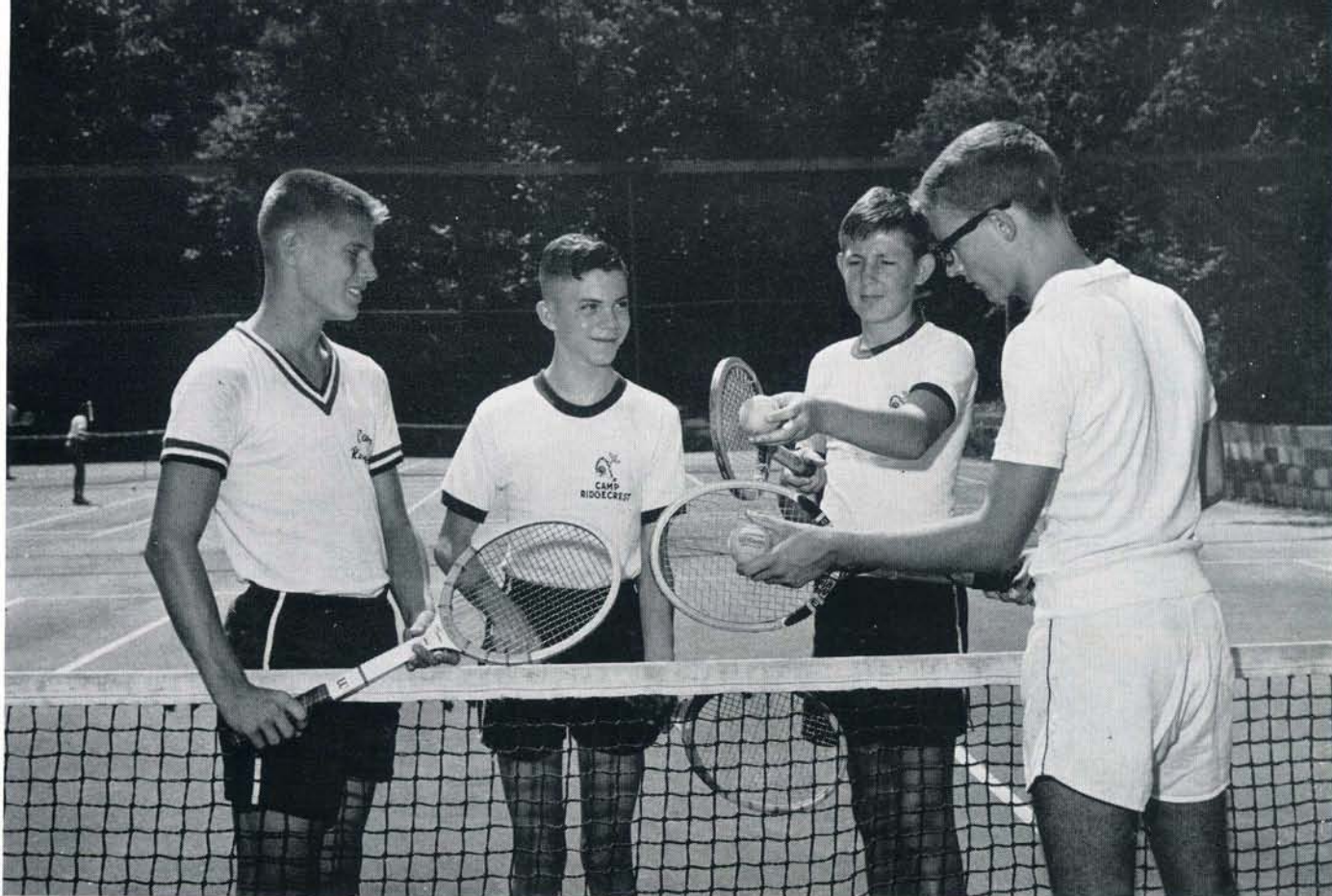
tennis

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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Get That Ball

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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 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.



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.

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It's a
Yellow
Buckeye

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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 fulfilment of a boyhood dream. Campers are encouraged to bring whatever camping gear they may own.

Now For Those Eggs



First Things First

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Ready . . . Set . . .
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

A number of meets and tournaments are scheduled during the summer. These occur within the camp primarily, but competition against other camps also creates great excitement. These meets are conducted within divisions so that boys will compete only with others of their own age and experience. Basketball, softball, swimming, volleyball, tennis, archery, track, and riflery are activities of keen competition and tournaments.

canoeing

One of the main thrills of camp for any boy is to feel a canoe paddle in his hand and guide his canoe swiftly and quietly through the water. Lake Ridgecrest provides ample space for its several canoes. The older and more experienced boys enjoy the never-forgotten experience of a three-day canoe trip down some of the rivers in western North Carolina. Canoes and trips are always under the supervision of experienced instructors.



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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.

Chief Screeching Hawk demonstrates Dance of the Happy Warrior during a Council Ring ceremony.

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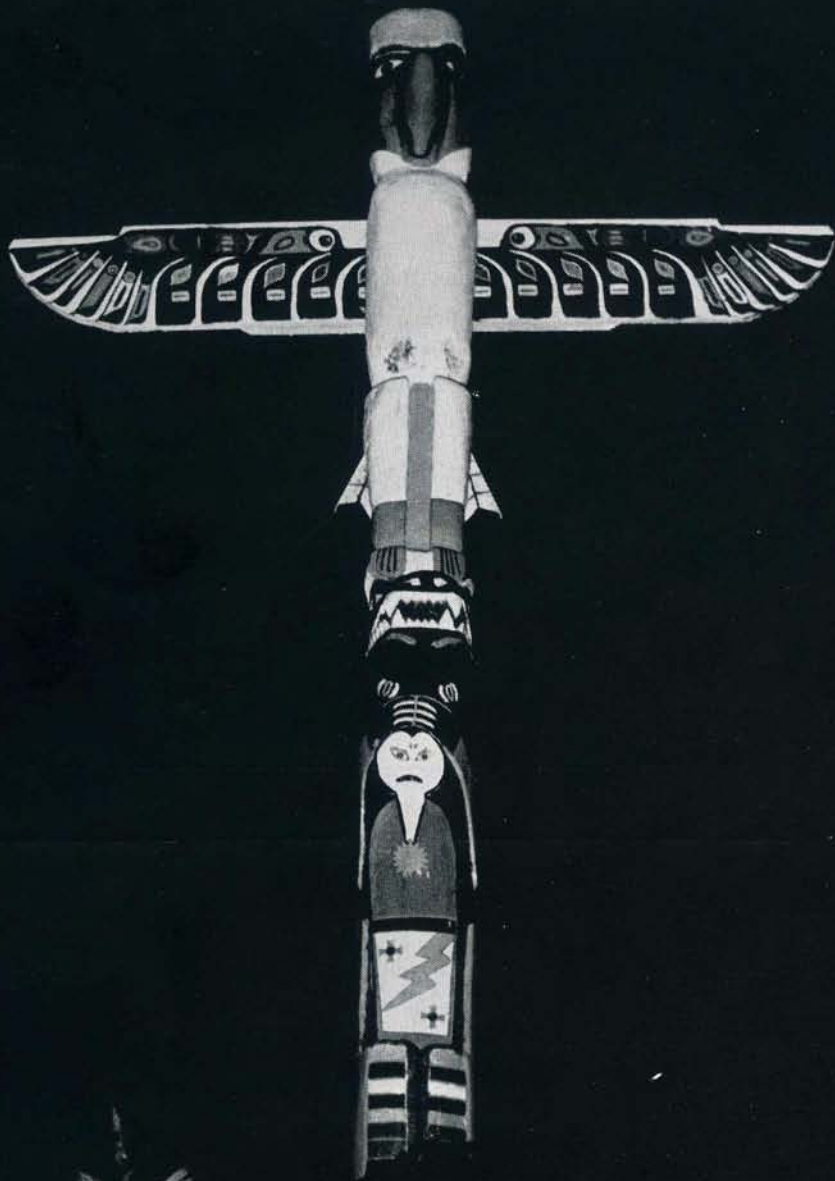
Indian lore

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, the Big 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 Big Chief of the Ridgecrest Nation calls the four tribes into council, assisted by other realistic chiefs who lead the members of the Nation in singing, dances, stories, promotions, and moments of serious reflection on activities of the camping program.

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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.



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gymnastics

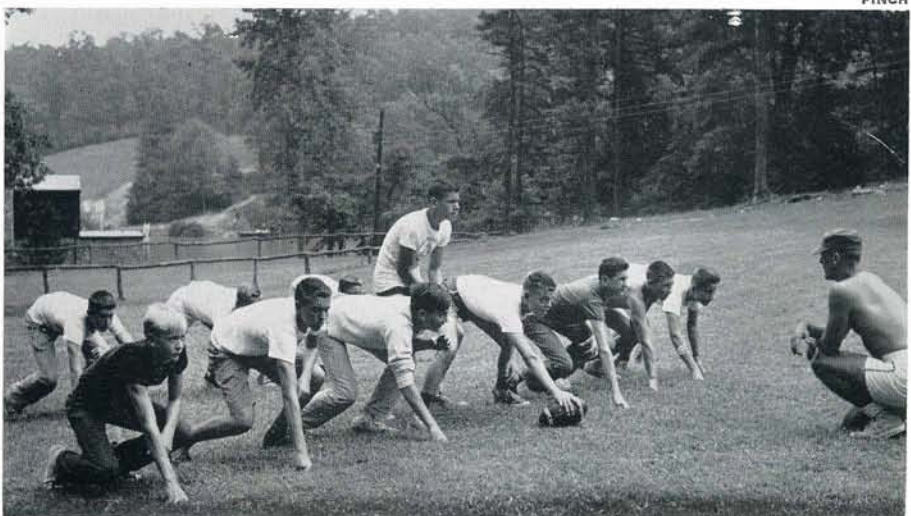
A popular skill at camp is gymnastics. During this skill, campers learn handstands, rolls, flips, balances, handsprings, and other useful feats. In addition, they learn to use the trampoline, wrestle, and in many ways develop their muscles and improve agility and co-ordination. Ridgecresters enjoy many hours of fun in this skill while at the same time strengthening their growing bodies.



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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 come 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. The boys take great pride in articles they make to take home.



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campcrafts

Because of the strong emphasis placed upon outdoor living at Camp Ridgecrest, a special Skill Period is provided in Campcrafts whereby boys may learn the arts of axeman-ship, tent pitching, knot tying, lashing, fire building, cooking, and camp sanitation. Campers are divided into small groups and build their own model camps. Awards are given at the end of each session to the best campers. Once learned, these camping skills and techniques are 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. The competent dietician and chefs do a superb job, and while great quantities are served each day, 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 activities.

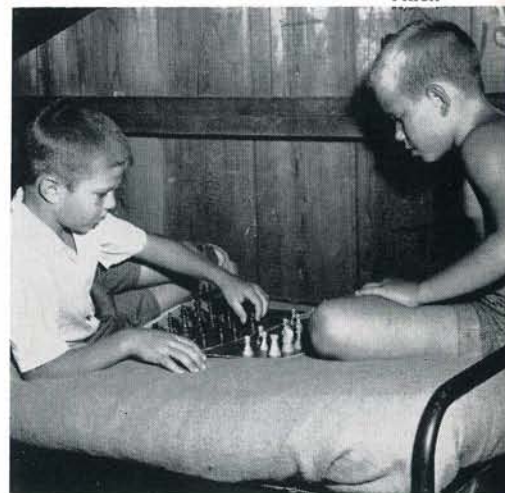
FISHING. Much leisure time is spent watching the bobber and line. Whether you fish with a cane pole or a fly rod, it's always fun to hook a big one. Fishing has become very popular at Camp, and Lake Ridgecrest does have some good-sized bream and bass.



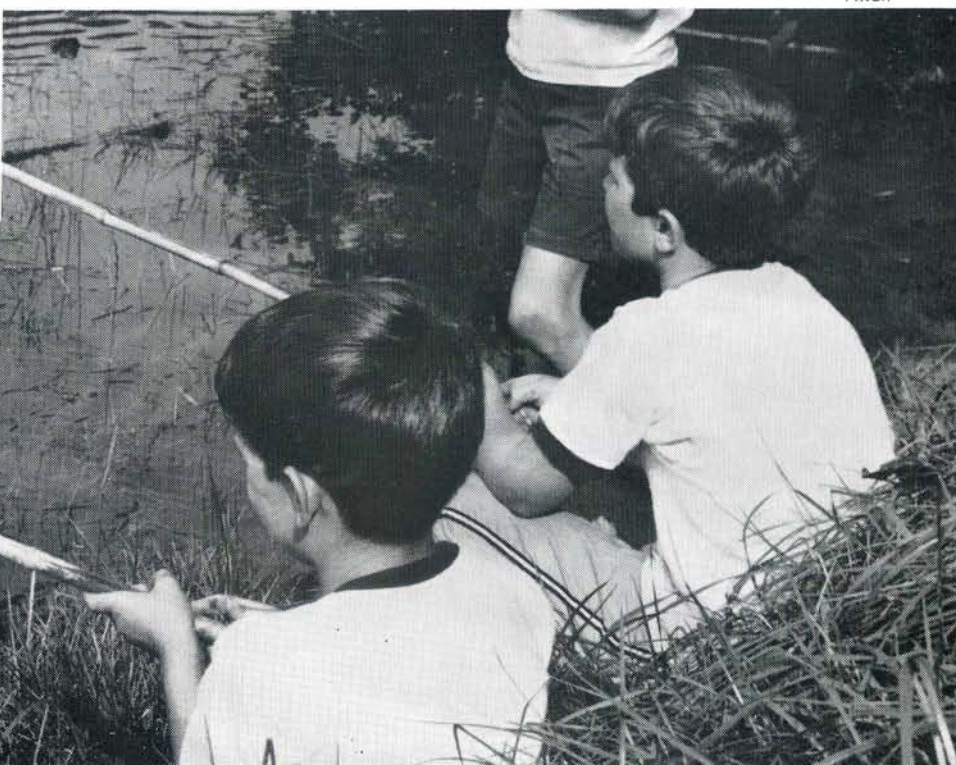
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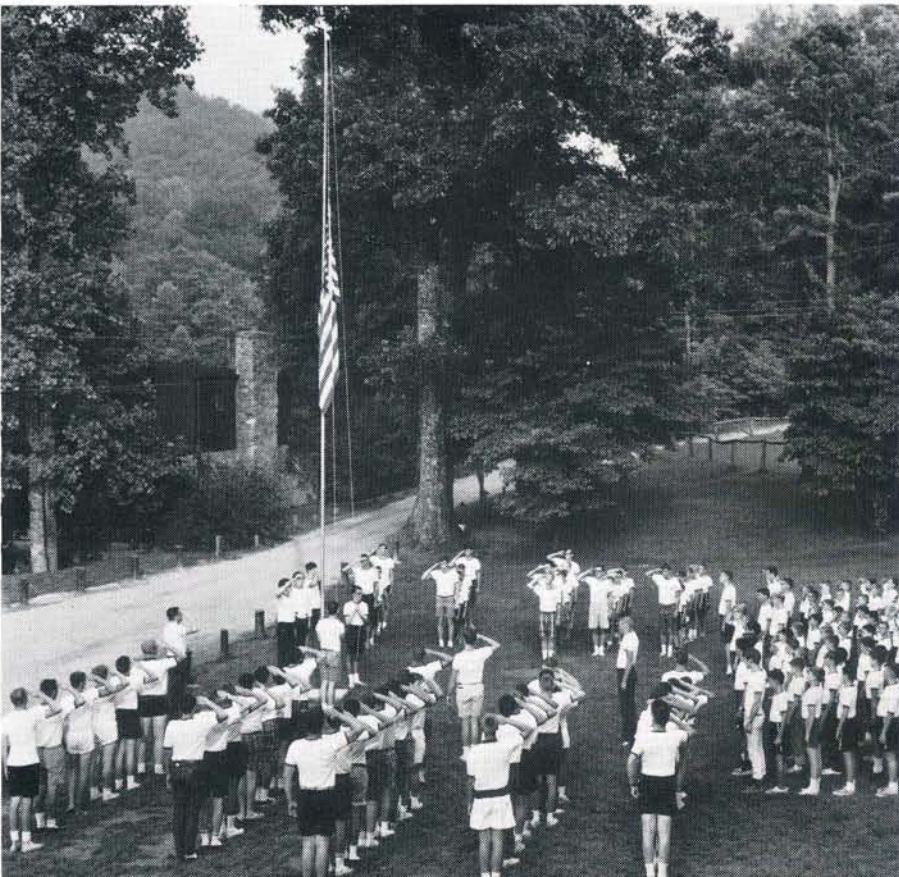
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SHELTER. One of the most useful and functional structures on the camp grounds is the large rainy-day shelter. With a wide roof, open sides, and sand floor, it is ideal for all types of games. Adequate lighting for evening activities also enhances its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

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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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 drinks, 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 flagpole for cabin count, inspection reports, announcements, and flag-lowering ceremonies. The spirit of patriotism is an important aspect of camp life.

DATES AND EXPENSES

The first session of the 1966 season begins June 8 and ends July 10. Second session begins July 13 and ends August 14. A closing buffet and ceremony will be held for parents on July 10 and August 14.

The cost of a session is \$250.00 or \$500.00 for both sessions. This low cost is possible because of our nonprofit nature. A deposit of \$25.00 is requested with each application, the remainder paid on opening day unless other arrangements are made with the camp director. Fees are all-inclusive and \$20.00 is recommended for the camper's bank for canteen. (A 5% discount is allowed boys who have a brother at Ridgecrest or a sister at Camp Crest-ridge for Girls.)

Refunds will be granted only for cancellations prior to June 1 and for campers who return home under doctor's advice.

KEN BRYANT

Director, Camp Ridgecrest for Boys



Camp Ridgecrest for Boys is a part of the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly operation, one of the programs of the Service Division of the Sunday School Board.

WHAT TO BRING

We present this list of camp clothing as a suggestion. Substitutions may be made from whatever items the boy already has. The camper needs a two-week supply of clothing due to the time required for laundry service. THE CAMPER'S NAME SHOULD BE PLAINLY MARKED ON EACH ARTICLE WITH A LAUNDRY PEN OR NAME TAPES. A FOOT-LOCKER is an ideal way for packing.

- Bible
- Toilet articles
- Stationery and pencils
- Bathrobe
- Flashlight
- 2 Laundry bags*
- 1 Sweat shirt*
- 6 Pairs of short pants*
- 8 T shirts*
- 3 Pairs of heavy (sweat) socks*
- 10 Pairs of socks
- 8 Pairs of undershorts
- 3 Sport shirts
- 2 Dress shirts
- 1 Suit or sport coat
- 1 Pair of slacks
- 3 Pairs of dungarees
- 1 Heavy sweater or jacket
- 1 Pair of sneakers or tennis shoes
- 1 Pair of hiking shoes (any comfortable sturdy shoe)
- 1 Poncho or raincoat

WILLARD K. WEEKS

Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly



- 4 Handkerchiefs
- 4 Sheets
- 2 Pillow cases
- 3 Blankets
- 6 Towels
- 2 Wash cloths
- 3 Pairs of pajamas
- 1 Bathing suit
- 1 Sleeping bag (optional but very handy)
- Tennis racket and balls
- Baseball glove
- Musical instrument

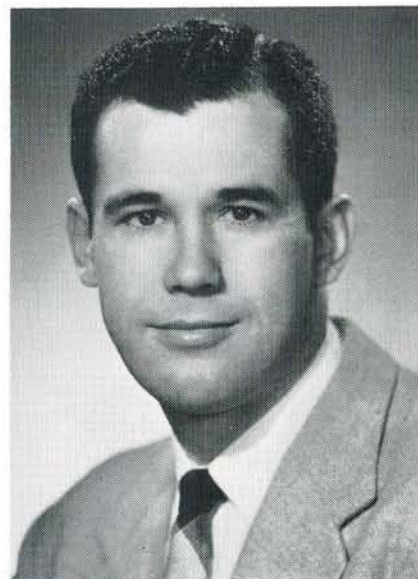
Toilet articles, stationery, pencils, film, stamps, postcards are sold in the canteen.

Camp colors are dark green and white. Please mark everything the camper brings with him.

* These items are sold in the camp clothing store. Order blanks are mailed out with other materials prior to the camping season. These clothing orders are filled when the order is returned; and when the camper arrives at camp, the items are tried on for proper fitting and marked for easy identification.

HUBERT B. SMOTHERS

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Baptist Sunday School Board*





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"God Needs a Man"

God needs a man who will withstand
The drifting race of men,
A man of courage and of strength
Whose Christ abides within;
God needs a man who will not yield
To anger and to hate,
Who knows that love can conquer all
As long as he has faith.

God needs a man who will not stoop
To hurt his fellow man,
Who's trusted and revered by all,
Who's centered in God's plan.
God needs a man to stand alone
Who's honest, brave, and true,
Whose faith will live when all is lost—
Now **COULD THIS MAN BE YOU?**

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