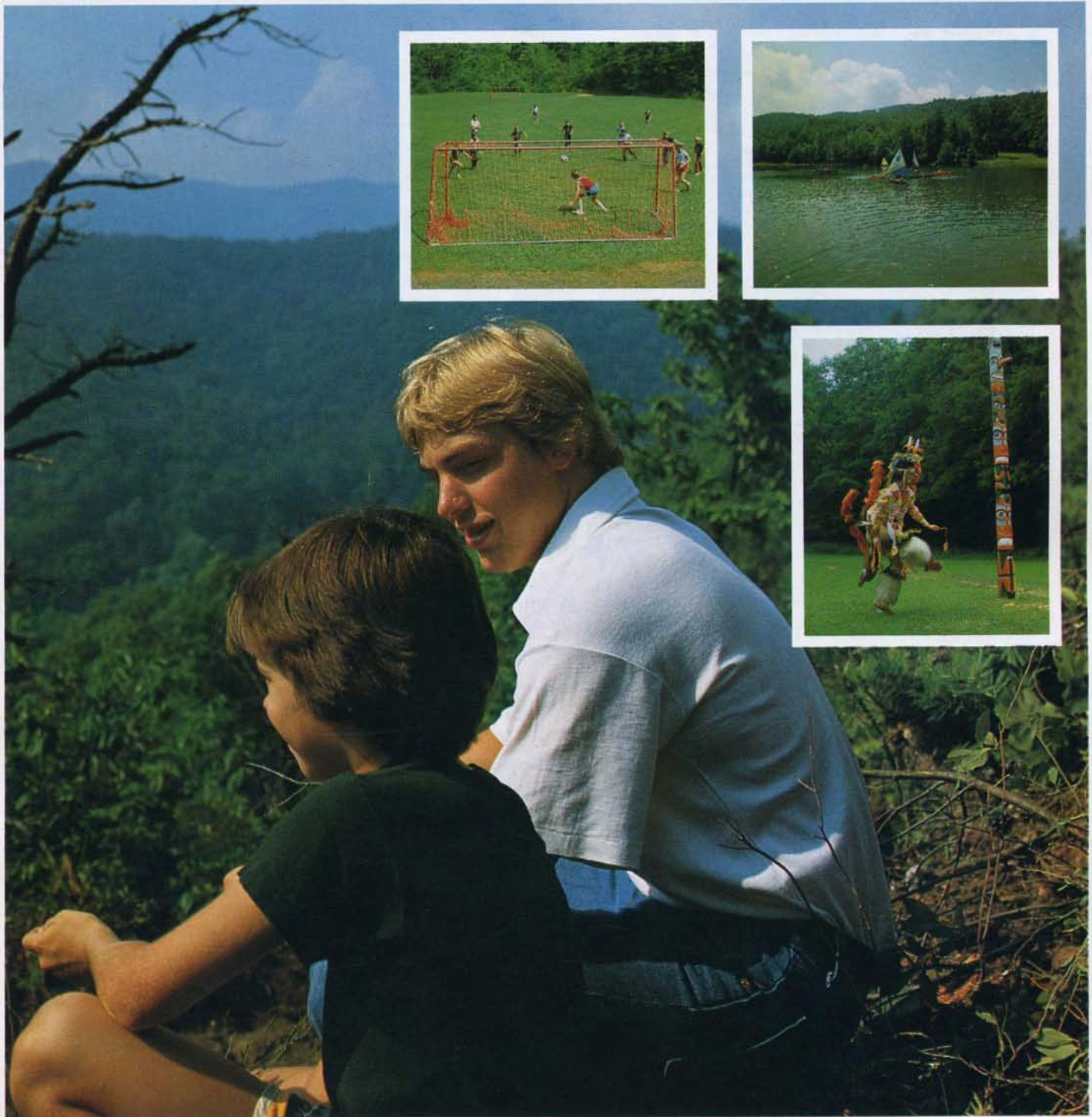
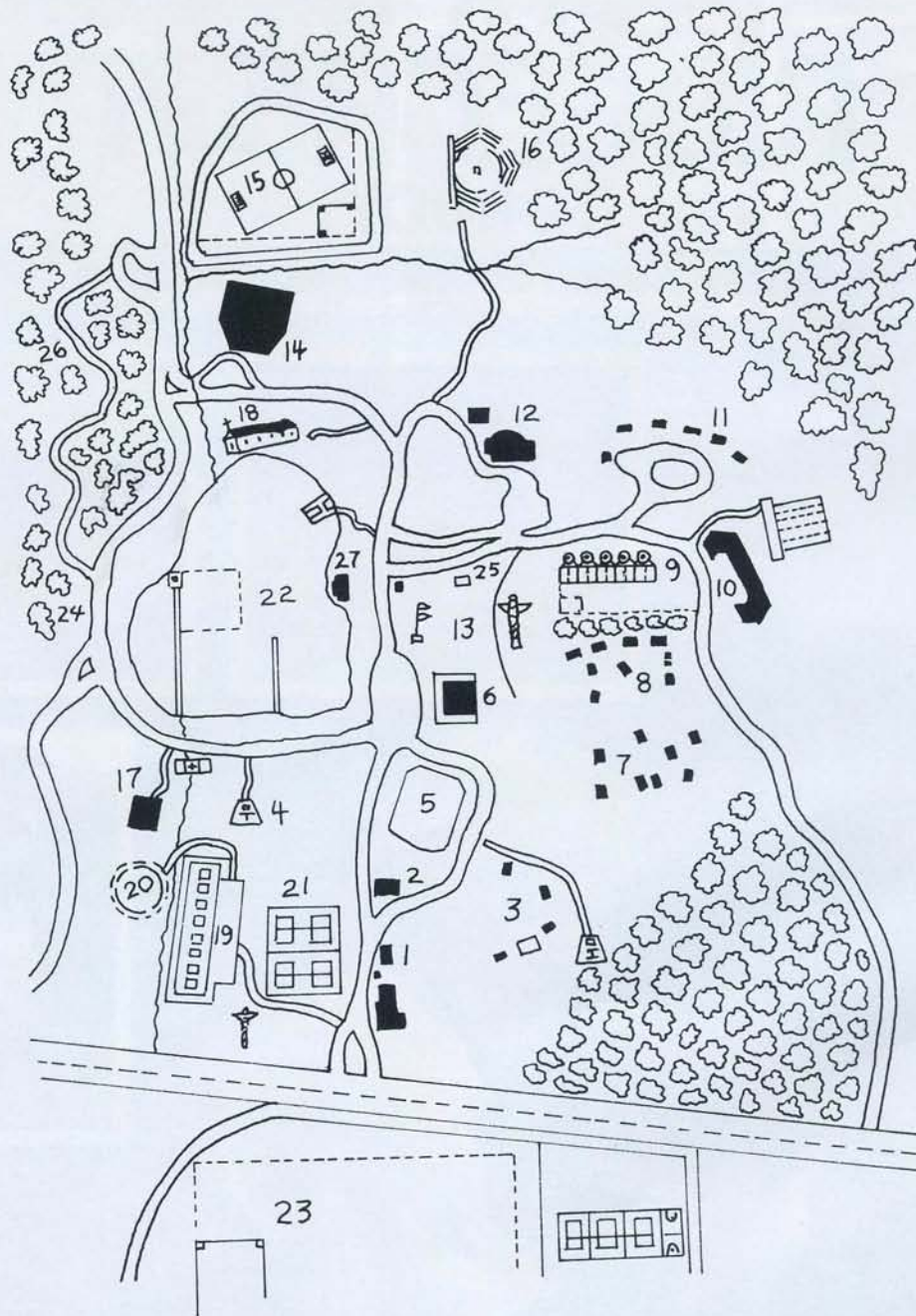


CAMP RIDGECREST FOR BOYS





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| 1 CRAFT LODGE | 15 UPPER GREEN (SOCCER FIELD) |
| 2 CANTEN (OLD RIDGECREST
TRAIN DEPOT) | 16 COUNCIL RING |
| 3 APACHE CIRCLE | 17 SHELTER |
| 4 RHODODENDRON CHAPEL | 18 LAKESIDE CHAPEL |
| 5 GYM (SPILLMAN LODGE) | 19 STABLES |
| 6 LAKE LODGE | 20 RIDING RING |
| 7 SHAWNEE HILL | 21 TENNIS COURTS |
| 8 CHOCTAW RIDGE | 22 LAKE RIDGECREST |
| 9 ARCHERY RANGE | 23 LOWER GREEN & TENNIS COURTS |
| 10 INFIRMARY | 24 INDIAN LORE |
| 11 ARAPAHOE HILL | 25 TRAMPOLINE |
| 12 TRAILBLAZER INN (SIOUX) | 26 NATURE TRAIL |
| 13 MIDDLE GREEN | 27 ROGER'S RETREAT |
| 14 ACTIVITIES BUILDING (UPPER GYM) | |

WHY WE ARE HERE



One of our most precious possessions 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 to those things 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 boys' 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 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 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 be done best? We at Camp Ridgecrest firmly believe in the value of learning from example. To this end the finest of committed, Christian young men are selected to guide and counsel this "most precious possession"—your boy.

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

* A Christian camp for boys 8 through 16

* Fully accredited member, American Camping Association and Christian Camping International

* Owned and operated by The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee

EXCELLENT FACILITIES

AMONG THE BEAUTIFUL
BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS



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 summer days, and blankets feel good at night. The camp's beautiful and spacious site is a part of a 1,900-acre tract which belongs to the Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center 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, easily accessible by all modes of public transportation.

Camp Ridgecrest has a choice site, nestled in the mountains and adjoining a large beautiful lake. Crystal clear mountain water comes from the Conference Center'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. Campers' living quarters consist of 23 well-constructed cabins, which are well ventilated, yet dry and fully screened. Excellent facilities are available for all types of sports.

SPILMAN LODGE—a gymnasium - dining hall with log construction, maple playing floor and well-equipped kitchen.

LAKE LODGE—for administration, rendered in stone and wood.

INFIRMARY—modern in every aspect, with a 12 bed ward.

ACTIVITIES BUILDING—3 basketball courts, suited for multiple use.

CRAFTS LODGE—fully equipped for ceramics and other hand work activities.

CAMP STORE—relocated Ridgecrest train station housing canteen and clothing store.

Twenty-three residential **CABINS**.

Two full-sized **ATHLETIC FIELDS**.

Beautiful **LAKE RIDGECREST**.

ARCHERY and **RIFLERY RANGES**.

Four hard-surfaced **TENNIS COURTS**.

Two appropriate **OUTDOOR CHAPELS**.

STABLES and **RIDING RING**.

The superb buildings and facilities are given life by happy boys involved in worthwhile activity.



DISCOVERING & DEVELOPING

A BOY'S UNIQUE STRENGTH THROUGH ADVENTURE



Camp Ridgecrest offers a broad and exciting program for campers from eight to sixteen 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 three distinct units, comprised of five tribes. Each age group has a rewarding program suited to its specific interests and needs.

These units are divided as follows:

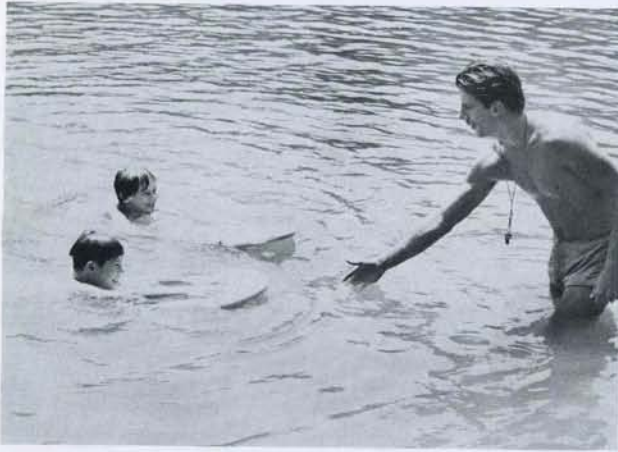
- APACHE**—8, 9, and early 10. Completed grades 2-4.
- SHAWNEE**—Middle 10 and 11. Completed grades 4-5.
- CHOCTAW**—12 and early 13. Completed grades 6-7.
- ARAPAHO**—Late 13-16. Completed grades 8-10.
- SIoux**—14 and 16. Completed grades 8-10.



The camper's schedule of daily activities is a 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.

8:00	Reveille	1:30	Rest Period & Mail Call
8:15	Morning Assembly	3:00	Tribal Activity*
8:30	Breakfast	4:45	Canoeing, Sailing, Free Time
9:00	Morning Watch	5:30	Retreat
9:20	Cabin Clean-up	5:45	Supper
9:40	Inspection	6:15	Canteen & Free Time
10:00	1st Skill	7:30	Tribal Activity
11:00	2nd Skill	9:00	Showers & Cabin Devotions
12:00	Free Swim	10:00	Taps
1:00	Lunch		

*Tribal Activities, part of the Daily Schedule, include campouts, movies, hikes, trips to points of interest, carnivals, talent shows, and other planned activities.



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 tribes.

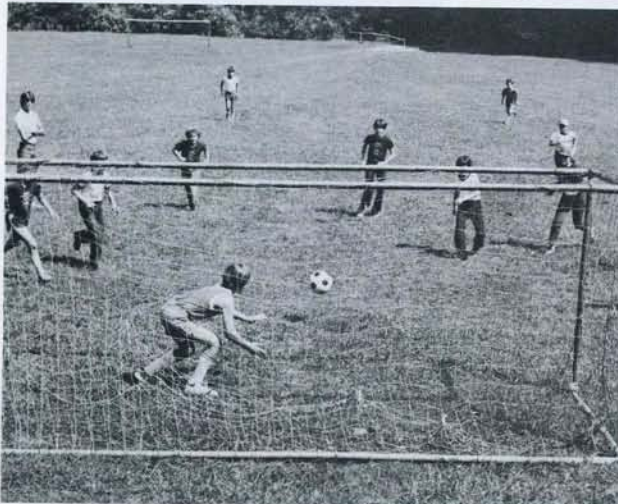
In addition to group sports, each boy may select skills in which he receives training during Skill Instruction Periods each day. These skills include horseback riding, archery, riflery, tennis, basketball, swimming, outdoor living, Indian Lore, crafts, and many other fine activities.

Another important part of camp is our emphasis on Outdoor Living and overnight camping. A camper hikes over scenic trails, cooks over a campfire, and will average one night a week camping out. Campers should bring a sleeping bag and pack with him to camp.

Physicians in Black Mountain, just two miles from camp, and in Asheville are ready to serve the boys at any time, day or night. Registered nurses live in the infirmary and are on duty around the clock.

Camp Ridgecrest has the finest of camp infirmaries. 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 daily. Fresh vegetables and finest meats are prepared by our competent dietician and chefs for the boys' enjoyment.

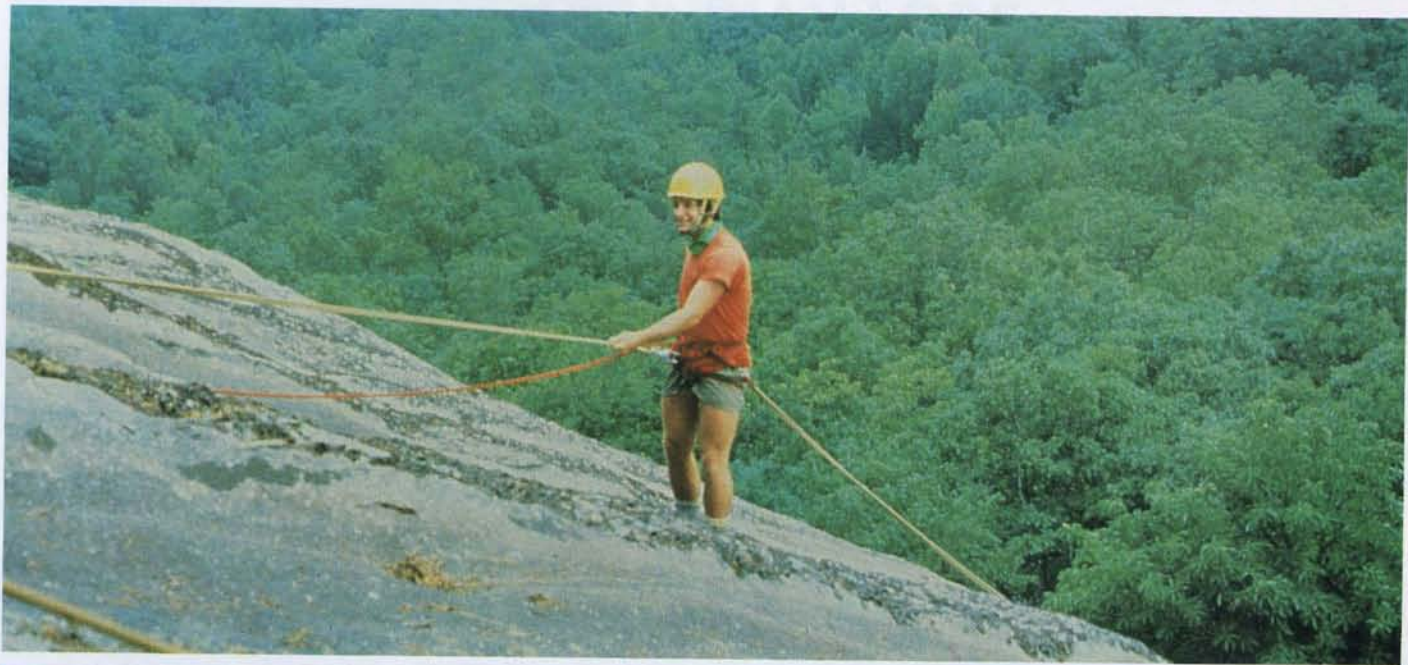


MAKING A DIFFERENCE

IN A BOY'S LIFE



Worship at Camp Ridgecrest—morning watch, cabin devotions, and Sunday morning—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 living. The entire program is geared to relate worship and religious commitment to the daily routine in a natural, unforced manner.



TRAILBLAZERS

The cry of the trail and adventure rings loudly for those fortunate boys who are in our Sioux Trailblazers Program. This program is open to boys ages 14-16 and is limited to 16 boys per session.

The boys live in a big comfortable bunk house when they are in camp which is usually only on weekends. Each week the Trailblazers are involved in a special and different wilderness trip. The accent is on rugged outdoor living skills and learning and appreciating nature in a challenging and enjoyable fashion.

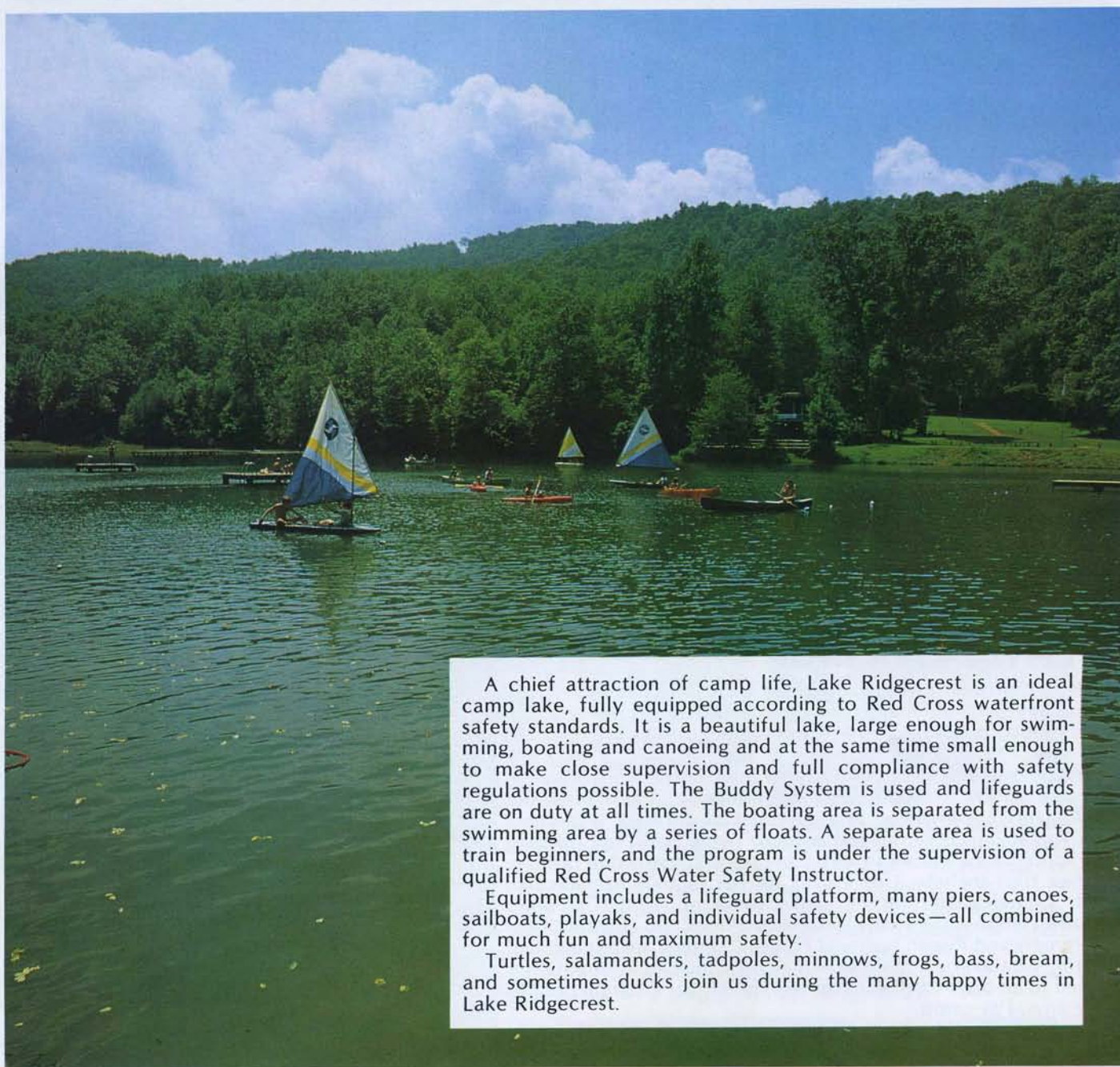
Their trips include 3 or 4 days on the famous Appalachian Trail, canoeing and rafting down some of North Carolina's beautiful white-water rivers. Also, expeditions into Linville Gorge Wilderness and Pisgah National Forest. Campers are encouraged to bring whatever camping gear they own. Special information is mailed to all boys signing up for the Trailblazer Program prior to their arrival at camp.

The Sioux Trailblazers are involved in their own schedule and their in-camp activities vary somewhat from the list.



LAKE RIDGECREST

FOR FUN AND LEARNING



A chief attraction of camp life, Lake Ridgcrest 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 the program is under the supervision of a qualified Red Cross Water Safety Instructor.

Equipment includes a lifeguard platform, many piers, canoes, sailboats, playaks, and individual safety devices—all combined for much fun and maximum safety.

Turtles, salamanders, tadpoles, minnows, frogs, bass, bream, and sometimes ducks join us during the many happy times in Lake Ridgcrest.



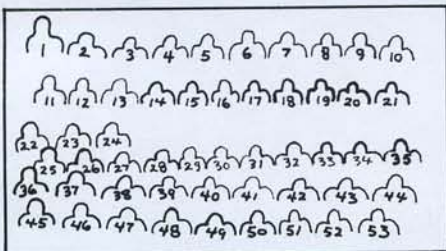
INDIAN LORE

For over forty 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 red man 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 of 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 the chiefs of the mighty Ridgecrest Nation assemble. As dusk settles, the Big Chief of the Nation, commands the torch bearers to summon the great tribes—the Arapaho, 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 camper's growth physically, morally, and spiritually. After all the tribes have departed, the fire's embers grow dim, and the sound of the drum fades away as the chiefs retire.



THE STAFF



DIRECTOR

- 1 Rick Johnson, Ridgecrest, N.C.; Hometown -Oxford, AL; B.S.; Jacksonville State University; High School Basketball Coach in Georgia; 4 yrs; Athletic Director and Basketball Coach, Spartanburg, SC; 3 yrs; Counselor, Tribal Leader, Program Director at Camp Ridgecrest, 11 yrs; CR 17 yrs.; May 26

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

- 2 Jamie Cotton, Oneida, TN; B.A. Tennessee Technical University, Law School, Memphis State University; CR 12 yrs.; Aug. 4

CENTRAL COORDINATOR

- 8 Bob Strunk, Somerset, KY; B.A. Carson Newman; M.S.; Eastern Kentucky University; Assistant Basketball Coach, Clemson University; CR 15 yrs.; Oct. 28

SERVICE COORDINATOR & CAMP PASTOR

- * Tom Jenkin, Rabun Gap, GA; University of Scranton; University of Virginia; University of Georgia; B.S. Secondary Ed.; M. Ed; CR 3 yrs. Sept. 20

CAMP SECRETARY

- * Pam Weatherford, Swannanoa, N.C.; Cecil's Business College, Asheville, N.C.; Year Round Sunday School Board employee; CR 3 yrs; Nov. 23

ADMINISTRATION SECRETARY

- 22 Marie Leslie, Rock Hill, SC; Montreat Anderson College; A.S.; Winthrop College; CR 1 yr; Feb. 9

TRIBAL LEADERS

APACHE TRIBE

- 7 Landis Stanfield, Smithfield, NC; University of North Carolina; Psychology/Sociology; CR 7 yrs; Oct. 27

SHAWNEE TRIBE

- 6 Chris Shirley, West Palm Beach, FL; Belmont College; Music; CR 9 yrs; June 4

CHOCTAW TRIBE

- 5 Ron Springs, Monroe, N.C.; UNC; Chapel Hill, N.C.; Bach. Music Education; CR 4 yrs; July 14

ARAPAHO TRIBE

- 4 Jeff Knight, Lake Park, FL; Wake Forest University; Psychology; CR 10 yrs; April 25

SIOUX TRIBE

- 3 Bob Talbert, Aiken, SC; Baylor University; Biology; Second Session; CR 13 yrs; Nov. 7

- * Ben Talbert, Aiken, SC; Baylor University; Elem. Ed.; First Session; CR 13 yrs; Nov. 4

CRAFTS DIRECTOR

- 24 Beverly Burnette, Concord, N.C.; Appalachian State University; Art; B.S.; Art Teacher - Central Cabarrus High; CR 4 yrs; Aug. 11

HORSEBACK DIRECTORS

- 10 Ron Adcock, Augusta, GA; Med. Technology School/USAF; University of ILL; MTBS; CR 3 yrs; June 15

- * Jamee Crawford, Clyde, N.C.; Pisgah High School; CR 1 yr.

- * Dorothy Thomas, Rock Hill, S.C.; Oral Roberts University; CR 1 yr.

WATERFRONT DIRECTOR

- 9 Wallace Storey, Bartow, FL; FL. Southern College; Psychology; CR 7 yrs; July 30

CAMP NURSES

- 26 Tricia Patton, Dallas, N.C.; NCSU, Cabarrus Mem. Hospital School of Nursing; CR 7 yrs; Dec. 10

- 23 Shirley Davis, Pippa Passes, KY; Cumberland College; B.A.-Sociology; A.D.N., Nursing; CR yr; June 23

FOOD SERVICE MANAGER

- 11 Ellen Johnson, Ridgecrest, N.C.; B.S. Berry College; M.ED., Clemson University; P.E. Teacher, Swannanoa Elem. School; CR 12 yr; May 14

FOOD SERVICE AIDS

- 38 Isabel Heath, Palm Beach Gardens, FL;

University of Florida; B.A.-Special Education; CR 2 yrs; Sept. 3

- 36 Gina Glasgow, Pensacola, FL; Pensacola Junior College; CR 2 yrs; April 27
- 41 Brett Cobb, Pensacola, FL; Pensacola High School; CR 6 yrs; Aug. 23
- 40 Jerry Draper, Pleasant Grove, AL; Samford University; Church Music; CR 1 yr. July 12
- 12 Alan Gray, Mobile, AL; Independent Methodist School; CR 1 yr; June 30
- 39 Dennis Sanford, Alexander City, AL; Alexander City Junior College; Church Rec; CR 1 yr; Feb. 11
- 44 Hunter Smith, Henderson, TN; Union University; Sacred Music; CR 1 yr; Oct. 26
- 43 Kent Standridge, Austell, GA; Mableton Christian Academy; CR 4 yrs; May 6
- 42 Robert Kay, Jacksonville, FL; Stetson University; CR 1 yr; April 19
- * John McIntire, Norfolk, VA; Granby High School; CR 1 yr;

COOKS

- 25 Margaret Millard, Bristol, TN; American Food Service Association; CR 5 yrs. Aug. 16
- * Ralph McCracken, Black Mountain, N.C.; CR 1 yr; July 13

CAMP DRIVERS

- * Chuck Mosley, Chesapeake, VA; First Session; Tidewater Community College; CR 3 yrs; March 24
- 31 Andy Miller, Little Rock, AR; Second Session; Parkview High School; CR 7 yrs; Aug. 4

COUNSELORS

- * Dale Brown, Pensacola, FL; Pensacola Junior College; Cabin 2; CR 1 yr; March 2
- 34 Bill Crowder, Oak Ridge, TN; Tenn. Tech. University; Civil Engineering; Cabin 8; WEIGHT LIFTING, SOFTBALL, RIFLERY; CR 3 yrs; March 21

- 20 Tom Deal, Savannah, GA; GA. Southern College; Journalism; Cabin 17; RIFLERY, TENNIS, CRAFTS; CR 6 yrs; Sept. 9
- 19 Woody Faulk, Jonesboro, GA; University of Georgia; Business Administration; Cabin 5; SOCCER; CR 3 yrs; Dec. 28
- 18 Raleigh Godsey, Macon, GA; Mississippi College; Biology; Cabin 1; RIFLERY, CANOEING, CRAFTS; CR 2 yrs; July 7
- 27 Paul Grass, Clarksdale, MS; University of Mississippi; Secondary Education; Cabin 15; TENNIS, BASKETBALL; CR 3 yrs; Jan. 17
- 21 David Haygood, Winter Haven, FL; Belmont College, Nashville, TN; B.A. of Music Business; Cabin 19; TENNIS, HORSEBACK, CANOEING; CR 1 yr; May 15
- * David Howard, Missoula, Montana; Linfield College; B.A. Biology; Golden Gate Seminary; Cabin 18; INDIAN LORE, CRAFTS; CR 1 yr; Aug. 4
- 33 Larry Hudson, Jackson, MS; Mississippi College; Physics; Cabin 6; RIFLERY, CRAFTS; CR 1 yr; May 19
- 14 Elbert Johnson, Columbia, SC; Wake Forest University; Cabin 9; ARCHERY; CR 7 yrs; June 11
- 29 Raleigh Langley, Columbia, SC; USC; Computer Science; Cabin 12; SOFTBALL, BASKETBALL; CR 1 yr; Dec. 10
- 15 Tom Mercer, Jacksonville, FL; Florida Junior College; Cabin 3; ARCHERY, LITTLE CHIEF SUPERVISOR; CR 6 yrs; May 31
- 17 Grayson Powell, Whiteville, N.C.; Louisburg College; Business Administration; Cabin 7; TENNIS; CR 6 yrs; Feb. 3
- 13 Len Taylor; Nashville, TN; Carson-Newman College; Recreation; Cabin 4; BASKETBALL, CR 8 yrs; May 1
- 32 Neil Thomas; Andrews, SC; Georgia Southern College; Sociology; Southeastern Seminary; Cabin 11; RIFLERY, CRAFTS; CR 1 yr; April 3

- 16 Carey Thompson, Atlanta, GA; Furman University; Psychology & Physical Education; CR 6 yrs; Dec. 14
- 30 Barney Tollison, Greenville, SC; University of Georgia; Education Administration; Cabin 14; OUTDOOR LIVING, CRAFTS; CR 10 yrs; Aug. 22
- 28 Jay Goode, Raleigh, NC; Broughton High School; Cabin 13; CR 3 yrs; May 29

JUNIOR COUNSELORS

- 53 Ken Barrett, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Northeast High School; Cabin 7; ARCHERY, CRAFTS; CR 6 yrs; March 24
- 50 Jeff Ereckson, Gulf Breeze, FL; Gulf Breeze High School; Cabin 15; SOCCER, BASKETBALL, CRAFTS; CR 2 yrs; Jan. 21
- 46 Jim Hardy, Ft. Worth, TX; Southwest High School; Cabin 2; HORSEBACK, LIFE GUARD ASSISTANT; CR 4 yrs; May 21
- 47 Hal King, Jonesboro, GA; University of Georgia; Pre-Vet; Cabin 1; OUTDOOR LIVING, SOCCER, SWIMMING; CR 4 yrs; Oct. 6
- 49 Alan Lawson, Tallahassee, FL; Tallahassee Community College; Cabin 6; SOFTBALL, BASKETBALL, HORSEBACK; CR 1 yr; May 12
- * Gary Palmer, Oviedo, FL; Oviedo High School; Cabin 5; CR 7 yrs; Sept. 10
- 48 Keith Prince, Memphis, TN; Briarcrest Baptist High School; Cabin 3; CRAFTS, INDIAN LORE; CR 7 yrs; Feb. 17
- 37 P.C. Robisin, Gainesville, FL; Lake Weir High School; Santa Fe Community College; Cabin 14; WEIGHT LIFTING; CR 10 yrs; Aug. 3
- 51 Bill Rodgers, Ft. Worth, TX; Richland Hills High School; Cabin 11; BASKETBALL, ARCHERY, CANOEING; CR 3 yrs; June 16
- * Ken Smith, Hickory, NC; Hickory High School; CR 9 yrs; Jan. 22
- 52 David Starling, Valdosta, GA; Valdosta High School; Cabin 12; HORSEBACK, SOFTBALL, RIFLERY; CR 1 yr; May 26



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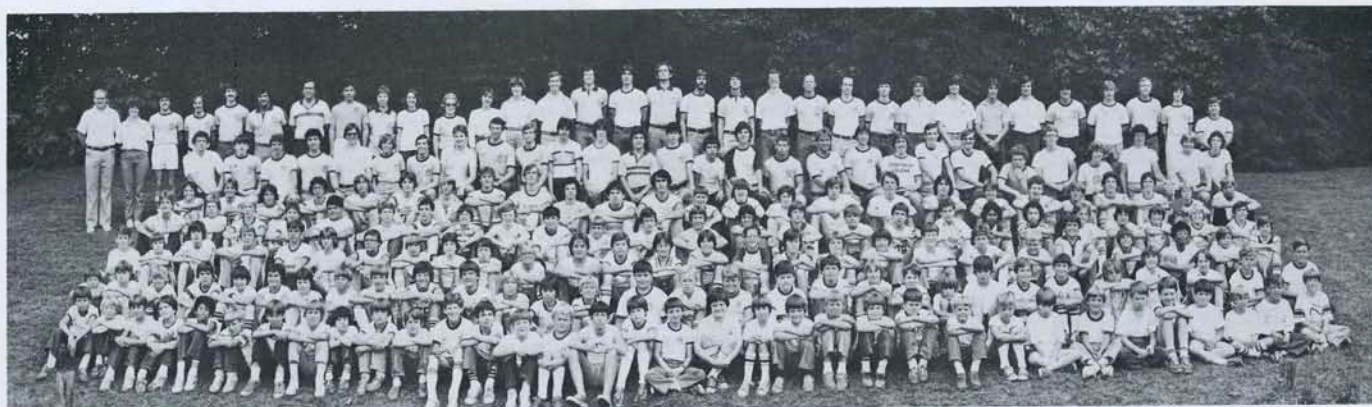
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