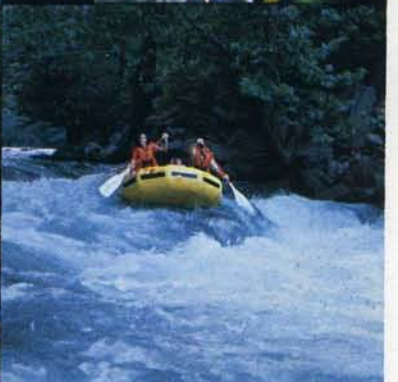
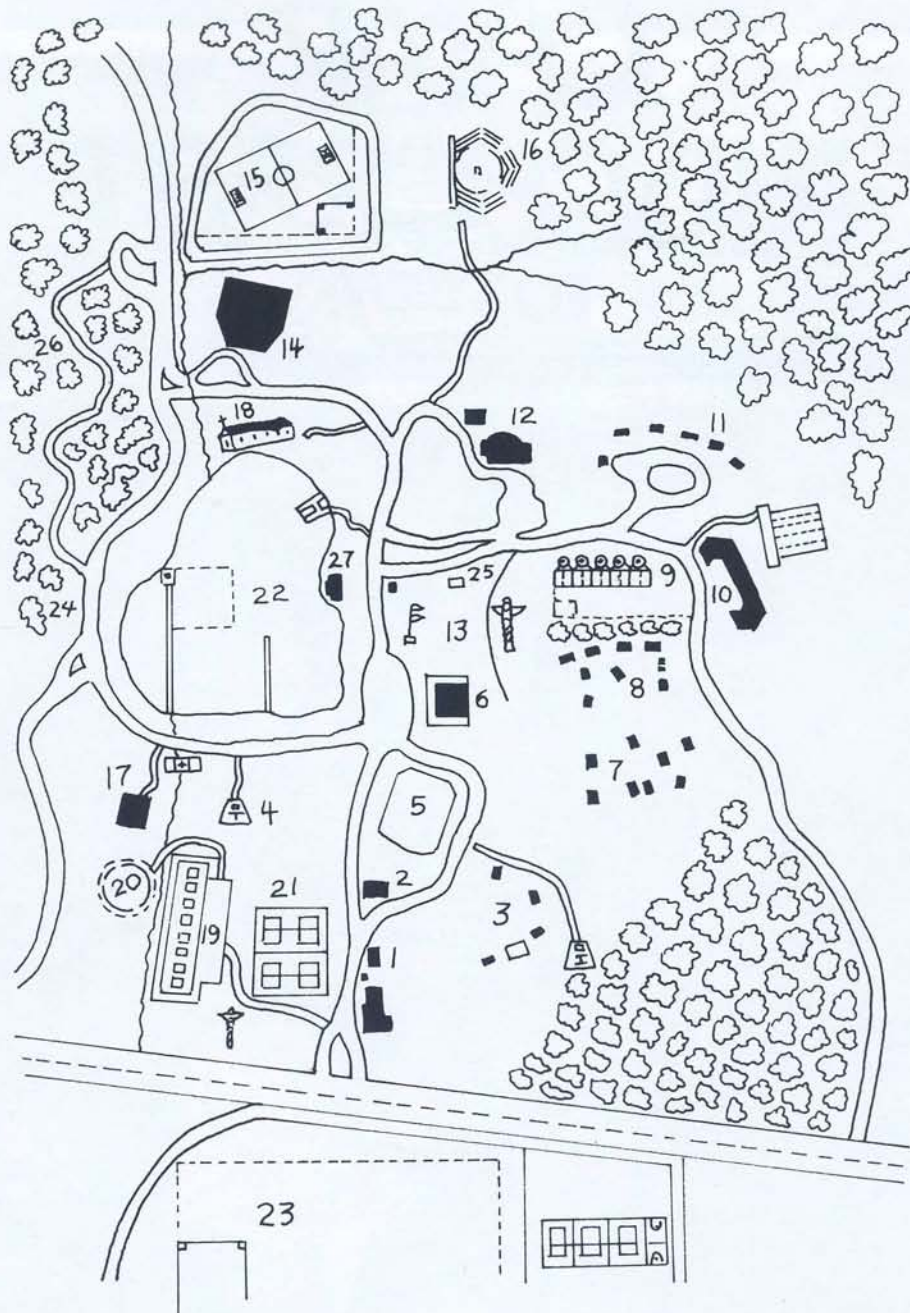


# CAMP RIDGECREST FOR BOYS





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| 1 CRAFT LODGE                          | 15 UPPER GREEN (SOCCER FIELD)  |
| 2 CANTEEN (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)     |                                |

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# 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

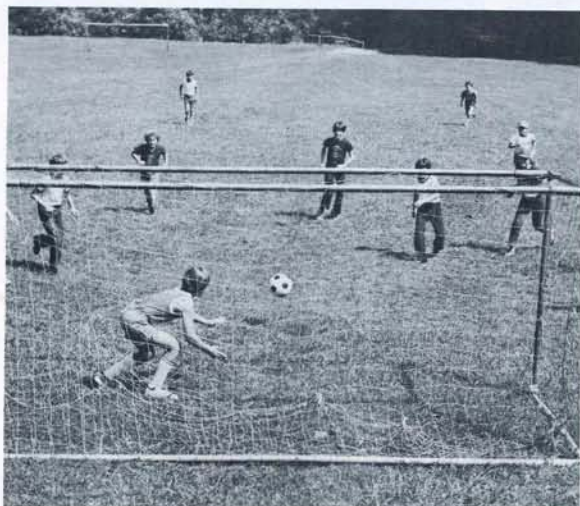
## A BOY'S UNIQUE STRENGTH THROUGH ADVENTURE



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.
- SHAWNEE**—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.

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

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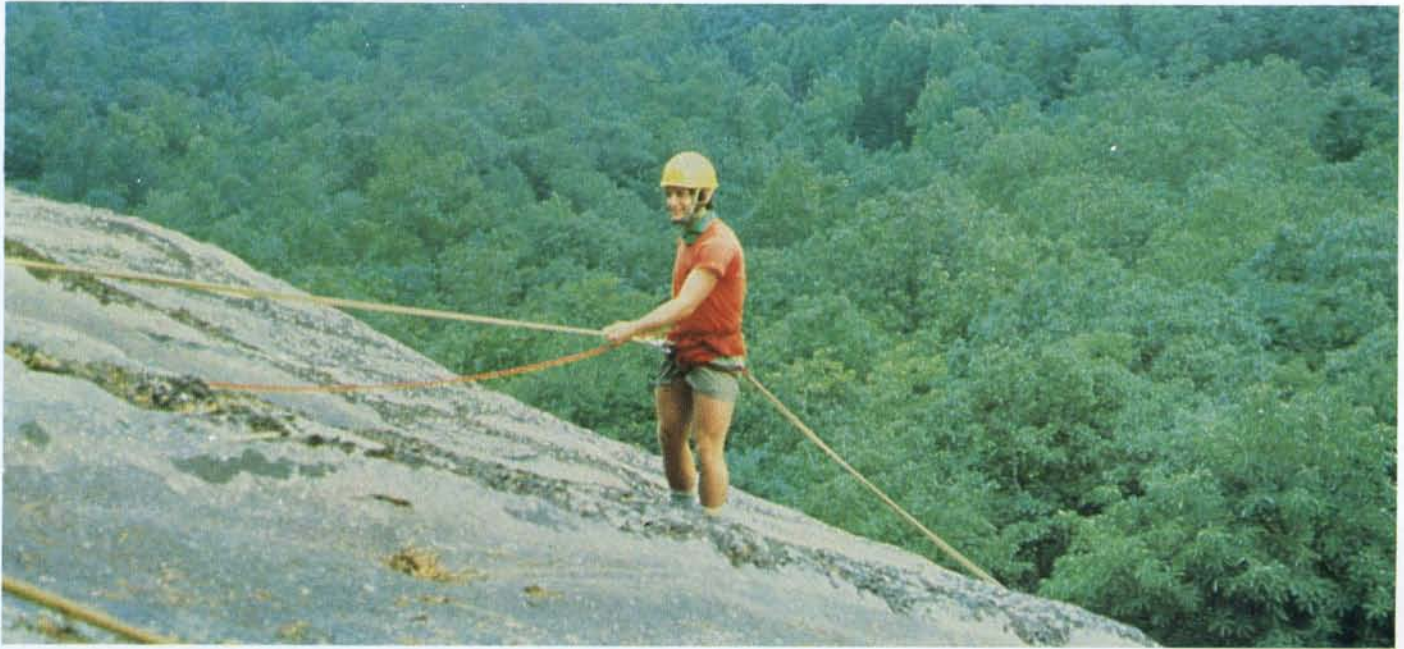
## IN A BOY'S LIFE

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**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.

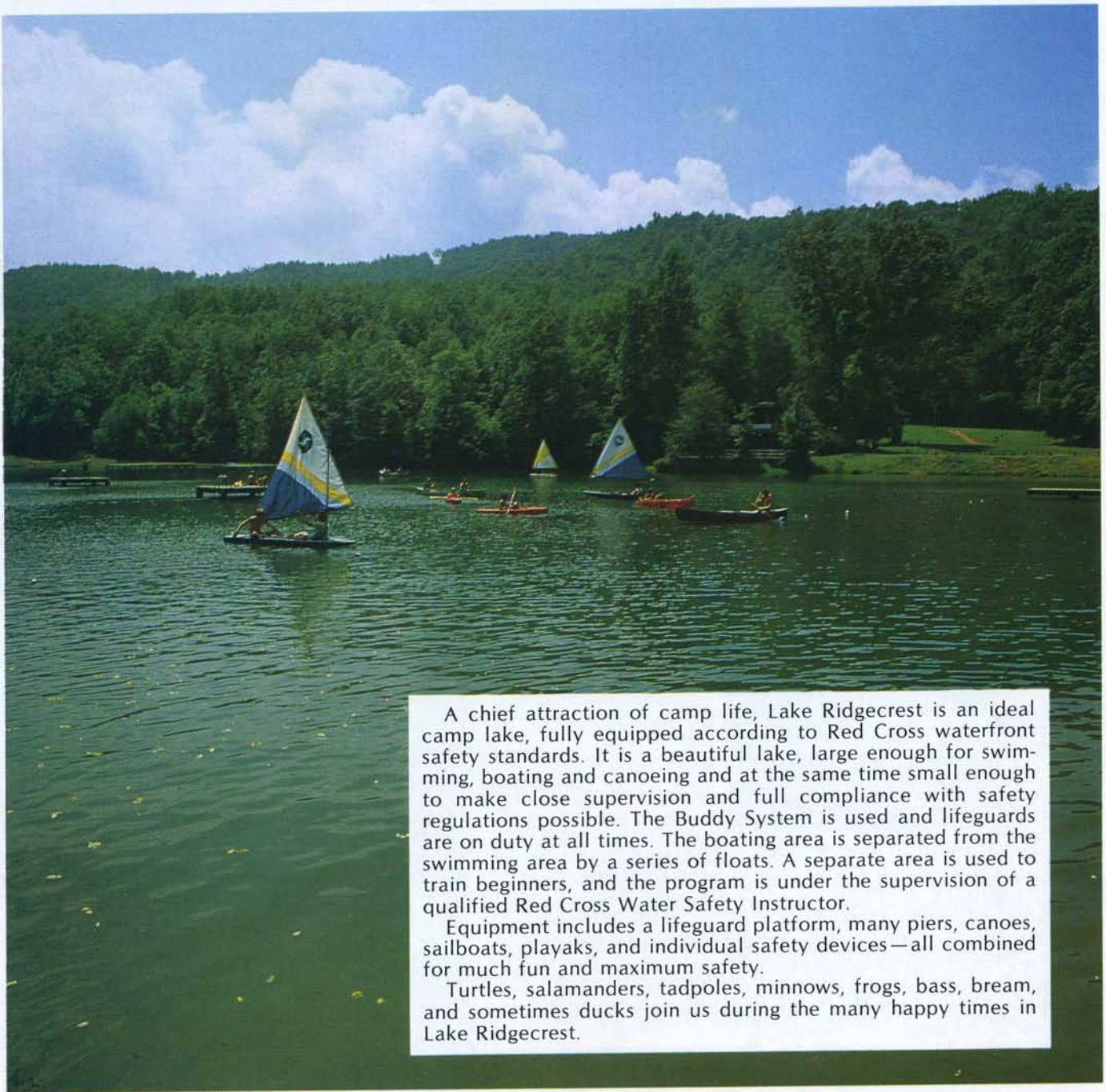


# LAKE RIDGECREST

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## FOR FUN AND LEARNING

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A chief attraction of camp life, Lake Ridgecrest 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 Ridgecrest.

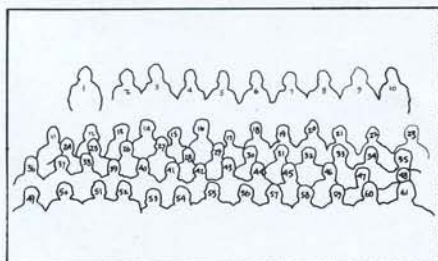
## INDIAN LORE

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



## CAMPS' MANAGER

- 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 18 yrs; May 25

## DIRECTOR

- 10 Bob Strunk, Somerset, KY; B.A. Carson Newman; M.S.; Eastern Kentucky University; Assistant Basketball Coach, Clemson University; CR 16 yrs; Oct. 28

## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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

## DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES & CAMP PASTOR

- 3 Tom Jenkin, Rabun Gap, GA; University of Scranton, University of Virginia; University of Georgia; Bob Jones University; B.S. Secondary Ed.; M.Ed; CR 4 yrs.; Nov. 23

## CAMP SECRETARY

- \* Pam Weatherford, Swannanoa, N.C.; Cecil's Business College, Asheville, N.C.; Year Round Sunday School Board employee; CR 4 yrs.; Nov. 23

## ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

- 12 Laura Fisher, Blue Mountain, MS; Blue Mountain College; CR 1 yr; Nov. 21

## RECEPTIONIST & ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE

- 14 Gina Glasgow, Pensacola, FL; Pensacola Junior College; CR 3 yrs; April 27

## TRIBAL LEADERS

### APACHE TRIBE

- 8 Allen Knight, Moultrie, GA; University of Georgia; B.S.ED.; Flight Officer, U.S.A.F.; CR 1 yr.; Feb. 20

### SHAWNEE TRIBE

- 7 Hal Unwin, Pahokee, FL; B.S. Chemistry; University of Florida College of Medicine; CR 11 yrs.; July 2

### CHOCTAW TRIBE

- 6 Chris Shirley, West Palm Beach, FL; Belmont College; Music, Business; CR 10 yrs.; June 4

### ARAPAHO TRIBE

- 5 Jeff Knight, Lake Park, FL; Wake Forest University; Psychology; CR 11 yrs.; April 25

### SIoux TRIBE

- 4 Landis Stanfield, Smithfield, NC; UNC; Chapel Hill; B.A. Psychology; CR 8 yrs.; Oct. 27

## CRAFTS DIRECTOR

- 13 Beverly Burnette, Concord, NC; Appalachian State University; B.S. Art Ed.; Art Teacher-Central Cabarrus High; CR 5 yrs.; Aug. 11

## HORSEBACK DIRECTOR

- 2 Larry King, Clarksville, TN; Belmont College; B.A.; History/Religion; CR 1 yr.; Aug. 20

## WATERFRONT DIRECTOR

- 11 Dan Pierce, Black Mountain, NC; Appalachian State University; UNC-Chapel Hill; Western Carolina University; B.S. Ed.; Teacher; Coach; CR 3 yrs.; Oct. 6

## CAMP NURSES

- 15 Jenny Meeks, Statesboro, GA; GA Baptist Hospital School of Nursing; Medical College of GA; B.S.N.; CR 1 yr.; Nov. 1
- 16 Dorothy Nation, Chattanooga, TN; Baroness Erlanger School of Nursing; R.N.; Duke University; University of Chattanooga; UTK; CR 1 yr.; Aug. 22

- \* Sinda Snead, Centre, AL; Jacksonville State University; B.S. Nursing; Baylor University; Parthanon Pavilion Hospital; CR 4 yrs.; Jan. 27

- \* Laura Franklin, Asheville, NC; B.S. Allied Health; R.N.; Bowman Gray Hospital, Winston-Salem, NC; CR 1 yr.; Jan. 24

## CAMP PHYSICIAN

- \* James M. Sloan, M.D.

**FOOD SERVICE MANAGER**

17 Isabel Heath, Palm Beach Gardens, FL; University of FL; B.A. Special Ed.; CR 3 yrs.; Sept. 3

**FOOD SERVICE AIDS**

\* Debra Jean Armand, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Florida State University; CR 1 yr.; Dec. 17

19 Jennifer Kiser, Fort Walton Beach, FL; Okaloosa-Walton Jr. College; CR 1 yr.; Oct. 12

28 Donna Mole, Allendale, SC; Allendale Academy; CR 1 yr.; Dec. 28

20 Tara Moseley, Fairfax, SC; Allendale Academy; CR 1 yr.; Feb. 28

22 Cheryl Moulton, Crestwood, KY; Georgetown College; CR 1 yr.; March 21

21 Lisa Poovey, Black Mountain, NC; Mars Hill College; CR 1 yr.; March 14

18 Richard Cameron, Knoxville, Tn; Central High School; CR 1 yr.; Aug. 8

31 David Flowers, Mobile, AL; Davidson High School; CR 1 yr.; Feb. 11

30 Ken Leonard, Kingsport, TN.; Baylor University; CR 1 yr.; March 1

29 Charles Talley, Knightdale, NC; Campbell University; CR 1 yr.; Dec. 19

**COOKS**

\* Mattie Crowley, Deland, FL; Morrison's Food Service; Spring Training Cook—Houston Astros; CR 2 yrs.

\* Lacy Howell, Black Mountain, NC; CR 4 yrs.; March 4

**CAMP DRIVER**

\* Mark Starnes, Waynesville, NC; Tuscola High School; CR 1 yr.; Feb. 10

**COUNSELORS**

36 Ken Hill, Beaufort, SC; University of South Carolina; Cabin 1; OUTDOOR LIVING, ARCHERY; CR 1 yr.; March 16

34 Phil Cook, Florala, AL; University of South Alabama; Cabin 2; CR 1 yr.; Aug. 16

27 Bill Leach, Tallahassee, FL; University of Alabama; Cabin 4; TENNIS, SWIMMING; CR 1 yr; Oct. 1

42 Keith Prince, Memphis, TN; Carson-Newman College; Cabin 5; CRAFTS, INDIAN LOFE; CR 8 yrs.; Feb. 17

24 Matt Kimsey, Cartersville, GA; Reinhardt College; Cabin 6; HORSEBACK, SOFTBALL; CR 1 yr.; Jan. 1

38 Alan Lawson, Tallahassee, FL; Tallahassee Community College; Cabin 7; TENNIS, VOLLEYBALL; May 12

37 Elbert Johnson, Columbia, SC; Wake Forest University; Cabin 8; ARCHERY, BASKETBALL; CR 8 yrs.; June 11

43 David McManus, Sanford, NC; Mars Hill College; Cabin 9; TENNIS, SWIMMING, CR 3 yrs.; Nov. 25

45 Ken Harris, Marion, NC; Western Carolina University; Cabin 10; CAMP PHOTOGRAPHER; CR 1 yr.; Nov. 11

32 Mark Lively, Little Rock, AR; University of Arkansas; Cabin 11; ARCHERY; CR 1 yr.; Oct. 19

40 Raleigh Langley, Columbia, SC; University of South Carolina; Cabin 12; BASKETBALL, WEIGHT LIFTING; CR 2 yrs.; Dec. 10

39 David "Milkweed" Wotier, Nashville, TN; Belmont College; B.S.; Cabin 13; HORSEBACK, WEIGHT LIFTING; CR 1 yr.; Aug. 17

44 Steve Foster, Columbia, SC; Wingate College; Cabin 14; BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL; CR 3 yrs.; March 19

41 Barney Tollison, Greenville, SC; University of Georgia; Cabin 15; OUTDOOR LIVING; CR 11 yrs.; Aug. 22

25 Tom Deal, Savannah, GA; Georgia Southern College; Cabin 17; RIFLERY, ARCHERY; CR 7 yrs.; Sept. 9

33 Ken Ackerman, Palmetto, FL; Florida State University; Cabin 18; OUTDOOR LIVING; CR 1 yr.; Jan. 23

35 David Howard, Missoula, Montana; Linfield College; B.A.; M.Ed.; Golden Gate Seminary; M.Div.; Cabin 19; INDIAN LORE, CRAFTS; CR 2 yrs.; Aug. 4

26 Carey Thompson, Atlanta, GA; Furman University; Trailblazers; SOCCER; CR 7 yrs.; Dec. 14

23 Matthew Danuser, Greenville, SC; Anderson College; Roving Counselor; BASKETBALL; CR 1 yr.; July 17

**JUNIOR COUNSELORS**

46 Todd Henderson, Black Mountain, NC; Charles D. Owen High School; Cabin 1; BASKETBALL, CRAFTS; CR 2 yrs.; Jan. 28

56 Kirk Mathis, Franklin, NC; Franklin High School; Cabin 2; RIFLERY; CR 1 yr.; Dec. 17

53 J. Shupe, Pamplico, SC; Hannatt-Pamplico High; Cabin 4; TENNIS, HORSEBACK; CR 3 yrs.; May 28

47 John Dorner, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Fort Lauderdale High School; Cabin 5; RIFLERY, SWIMMING; CR 1 yr.; Aug. 3

54 Tim Sherrill, Sneads Ferry, NC; Dixon High School; Cabin 6; SOCCER; CR 9 yrs.; July 16

50 John Hutchinson, Somerset, KY; Pulaski County High School; Cabin 7; BASKETBALL, ARCHERY; CR 4 yrs.; Jan. 23

60 Eddie Stookey, Manassas, VA; Stonewall Jackson High; Cabin 8; OUTDOOR LIVING; SWIMMING; CR 8 yrs.; Nov. 30

48 Craig Orange, Miami, FL; Dade Christian; Cabin 9; OUTDOOR LIVING; CR 7 yrs. Sept. 20

59 Steve Cothran, Greenville, SC; Mauldin High School; Cabin 10; TENNIS; CR 3 yrs.; Dec. 31

58 Ben Villanueva, Bartow, FL; Bartow Sr. High; Cabin 11; SWIMMING; CR 5 yrs.; June 20

57 J. J. McFerrin, Fayetteville, AR; Fayetteville High School; Cabin 13; SWIMMING, ARCHERY; CR 8 yrs.; Dec. 10

52 Bill Hart, Naples, FL, Ben Lippen High; Cabin 13; ARCHERY, OUTDOOR LIVING; CR 7 yrs.; Nov. 6

51 Mel Tillis, Nashville, TN; Webb Academy; Cabin 14; TENNIS, SOFTBALL; CR 5 yrs.; July 19

61 Dale Roach, Coral Springs, FL; Coral Springs High; Cabin 15; CR 4 yrs.; Oct. 22

49 Robert Huffman, Drexel, NC; Appalachian State University; Cabin 18; TENNIS, WEIGHT LIFTING; CR 1 yr.; June 17

55 David McDuffie, Raleigh, NC; Athens Drive Senior High; Trailblazers; BASKETBALL; CR 6 yrs.; May 12



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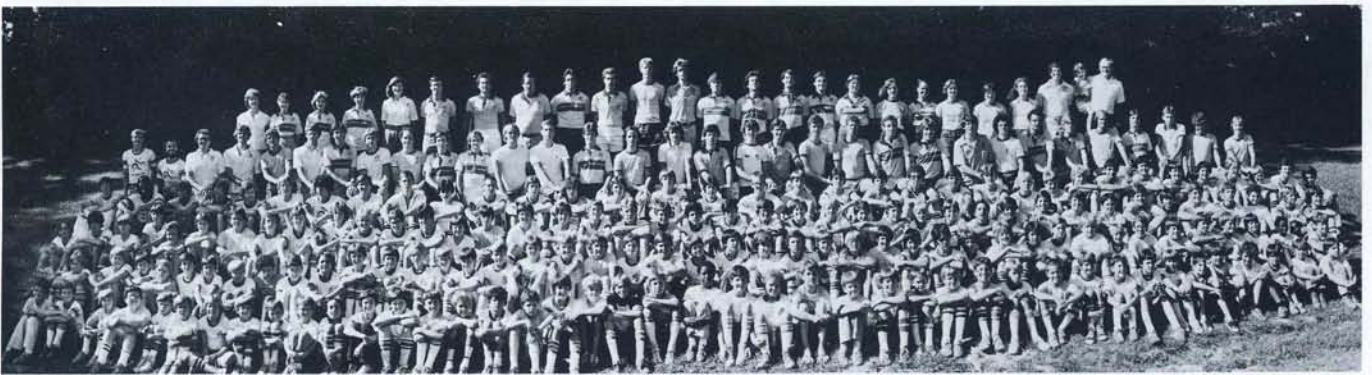
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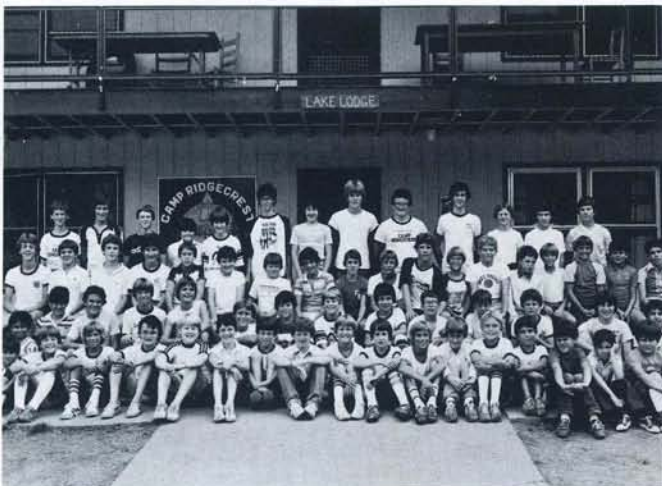
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