

CAMP RIDGECREST FOR BOYS



Parents' Comments

"You and your fellow staffers are a group of the finest people God could have chosen to direct young people. I thank God for you and Camp Ridgecrest and what you have meant to our family."

". . . Every year that our son goes to camp, we notice more changes than the year before. It's amazing what four weeks can do for him. He's so much more mature, responsible, and cooperative than before."

"We just wanted to tell you how much our son enjoyed being at Ridgecrest for two weeks. We were not too sure how he would like being at camp for two weeks, but he really "took to it" like a duck to water and enjoyed everything!"

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 have 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

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

Why We Are Here



Excellent Facilities

Among the 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 20 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 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.



Skills

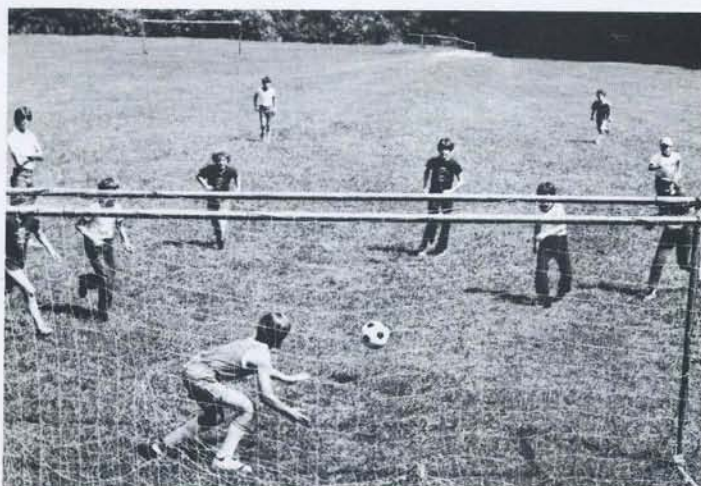
Discovering & Developing



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.

Lake Ridgecrest

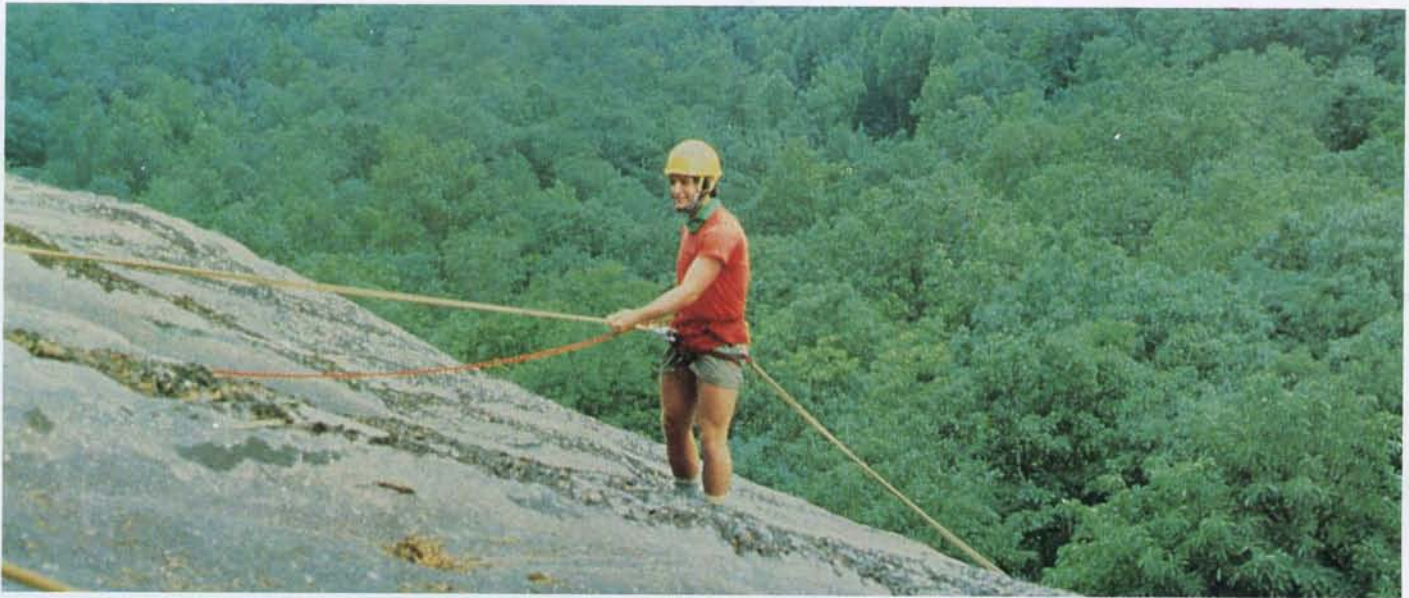


A chief attraction of camp life, Lake Ridgecrest is an ideal camp lake, fully equipped according to Red Cross waterfront safety standards. It is a beautiful lake, large enough for swimming, boating and canoeing and at the same time small enough to make close supervision and full compliance with safety 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.



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.



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.



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.

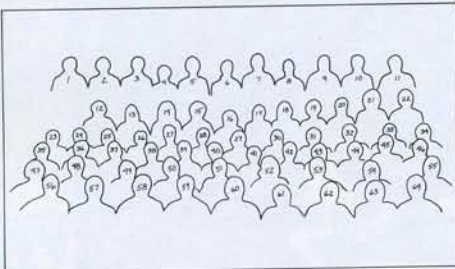
This fine program is focused in the Council Ring, a lovely secluded spot nestled in the mountains amid overhanging trees, where each week the warriors and the chiefs of the mighty Ridgecrest Nation assemble. As dusk settles, the Big Chief of the Nation, commands the torch bearers to summon the great 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.



STAFF



CAMP RIDGECREST STAFF ~ 1981



CAMPS' 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 19 yrs; May 25

DIRECTOR

2 Bob Strunk, Somerset, KY; B.A. Carson-Newman College; M.S., Eastern Kentucky University; Assistant Basketball Coach, Clemson University; CR 17 yrs; Oct. 28

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

9 Ron Springs, Ridgecrest, NC; UNC-Chapel Hill, B.M. Ed; CR 6 yrs; July 14

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES AND CAMP PASTOR

* Tom Jenkin, Rabun Gap, GA; University of Scranton, University of Virginia; University of Georgia; Bob Jones University; B.S. Secondary Ed.; M. Ed; CR 5 yrs.; Nov. 23

CAMP SECRETARY

* Faye R. Greene, Black Mountain, NC; Year Round Baptist Sunday School Board Employee; CR 1 yr.; Dec. 7

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

19 Laura Fisher, Blue Mountain, MS; Blue Mountain College; CR 2 yrs.; Nov. 21

RECEPTIONIST AND ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE

15 Debbie Kilpatrick, Prattville, AL; University of Alabama, CR 1 yr.; May 10

TRIBAL LEADERS

APACHE TRIBE

7 Len Taylor, Nashville, TN; Carson-Newman College; CR 9 yrs.; May 1

SHAWNEE TRIBE

6 Paul Grass, Jackson, MS; B.A.E. Secondary Ed.; University of Mississippi; CR 4 yrs.; Jan 17

CHOCTAW TRIBE

5 Chris Shirley, Durham, NC; Belmont College; B.B.A. Music, Business; Graduate School - Appalachian State University; CR 11 yrs.; June 4

ARAPAHO TRIBE

4 David "Milkweed" Wotier, Louisville, KY; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; CR 2 yrs.; Aug. 17

SIoux TRIBE

8 Carey Thompson, Atlanta, GA; Furman University; Trailblazers; CR 8 yrs.; Dec. 14

CRAFTS DIRECTOR

20 Beverly Burnette, Concord, NC; Appalachian State University; B.S. Art Ed; Art Teacher-Central Cabarrus High School; CR 6 yrs.; Aug. 11

HORSEBACK DIRECTORS

* Lucy Freeman, Winter Haven, FL; Parson's School of Design, NYC; Polk Community College; CR 1 yr. First Session; Dec. 19

62 Benjamin Villanueva, Bartow, FL; Bartow Senior High School; CR 6 yrs. second session June 20

WATERFRONT DIRECTOR

3 Dan Pierce, Asheville, NC; Appalachian State University; UNC-Chapel Hill; Western Carolina University; B.S. Ed., University of Alabama; 4 yrs.; Oct. 6

CAMP NURSES

16 Sinda Snead, Centre, AL; Jacksonville State University; B.S. Nursing, Baylor University; Parthanon Pavilion Hospital; CR 5 yrs; Jan. 2

* Jenny Meeks, North Augusta, SC; Medical College of Georgia, CR 2 yrs; Nov. 11

* Dorothy Nation, Chattanooga, TN; Barnes Erlanger School of Nursing; R.N.; Duke University; University of Chattanooga; UTK; CR 2 yrs; Aug. 22

CAMP PHYSICIAN

James M. Sloan, M.D.

FOOD SERVICE MANAGER

17 Isabel Heath, Palm Beach Gardens, FL; University of Florida; B.A. Special Ed.; Jacksonville State University; CR 4 yrs; Sept. 3

FOOD SERVICE AIDS

12 Tara Moseley, Fairfax, SC; Allendale Academy; CR 2 yrs; Feb. 28

13 Donna Mole, Allendale, SC; Midlands Technical College; CR 2 yrs; Dec. 28

14 Jennifer Kiser, Fort Walton Beach, FL; University of West Florida; CR 2 yrs; Oct. 12

18 Lisa Poovey, Raleigh, NC; Mars Hill College; CR 2 yrs; March 14

21 Gina Glasgow, Pensacola, FL; University of Alabama; CR 4 yrs; April 27

33 David Riddle, Old Fort, NC; NC School of Science and Math; CR 1 yr; Oct. 30

42 Kerry McKenzie, Cameron, NC; Campbell University; CR 1 yr; Oct. 2

49 David Shriver, Statesboro, GA; Statesboro High School; CR 3 yrs; July 15

52 Pete (PC) Robisin, Oklawah, FL; Sante Fe Community College; CR 11 yrs; Aug. 3

COOKS

* Mattie Crowley, Deland, FL; Morrison's Food Service; Spring Training Cook—Houston Astros; CR 3 yrs.

* Lacy Howell, Black Mountain, NC; CR 5 yrs.; March 4

CAMP DRIVERS

11 Steve Morris, Columbus, GA; Columbus College; CR 1 yr; May 22 - Second Session
* Mark Starnes, Waynesville, NC; Montreat Anderson College; CR 2 yrs; Feb. 10 - First Session

10 SPECIAL PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

Jeff Knight, Lake Park, FL; Wake Forest University; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; CR 12 yrs; April 25

COUNSELORS

3 Dan Pierce, Asheville, NC; Appalachian State University; UNC-Chapel Hill; Western Carolina University; B.S. Ed; University of Alabama; CR 4 yrs; Oct. 6

11 Steve Morris, Columbus, GA; Columbus College; CR 1 yr; May 22

23 Randy Huddleston, Memphis, TN; Union University; CR 1 yr; BASKETBALL; Feb. 22

24 Eddie Stookey, Mannasas, VA; Virginia Beach School of Horizontal Meditation; CR 2 yrs; SWIMMING; Nov. 30

25 Shawn Powell, Temple Hills, MD; Carson-Newman College; CR 1 yr; TENNIS; Oct. 12

26 Darryl Andrews, Laurens, SC; Laurens District 55 High School; CR 1 yr; ARCHERY; Feb. 7

27 David McManus, Sanford, NC; Mars Hill College; CR 4 yrs; OUTDOOR LIVING; Nov. 25

28 Chas Talley, Knightdale, NC; Campbell University; CR 2 yrs; ARCHERY; Dec. 19

29 Scott McDaniel, Columbus, GA; Columbus College; CR 3 yrs; CRAFTS; Sept. 2

30 Scott Coleman, Whitmire, SC; Winthrop College; CR 1 yr; SOCCER; July 7

31 Tim Sherrill, Sneads Ferry, NC; UNC-Chapel Hill; CR 10 yrs; BASKETBALL; July 16

32 John Storey, Bartow, FL; Davidson College; CR 10 yrs; SWIMMING; June 19

35 Jeff White, Gastonia, NC; Clemson University; CR 1 yr; BASKETBALL; June 27

36 Mike Blake, Strawberry Plains, TN; Carson-Newman College; CR 1 yr; BASKETBALL; May 5

37 Chuck Ambrose, Cherry Hill, NJ; Furman University; CR 1 yr; SOCCER; Aug. 25

38 Martin Power, Laurens, SC; Presbyterian College; CR 1 yr; RIFLERY; July 17

39 Bob McNabb, Sarasota, FL; Sanford University; CR 3 yrs; SOCCER; Nov. 24

40 Alan Love, Woodbury, GA; Sanford University; CR 1 yr; TENNIS; Feb. 11

41 Jeff Lee, Miami, FL; University of Miami; CR 1 yr; SOCCER; July 1

44 David Kuhn, Wheaton, MD; Warthmore College; University of Pennsylvania; CR 3 yrs; Trailblazers; March 16

45 Rick Wurst, Wilmington, DE; Wake Forest University; B.A. Anthropology; CR 1 yr; OUTDOOR LIVING; March 27

46 Elbert Johnson, Columbia, SC; Wake Forest University; CR 9 yrs; HORSEBACK RIDING; June 11

47 Jay Goode, Raleigh, NC; Appalachian State University; CR 4 yrs; SOCCER; May 29

* Jim Ayers, Marion, NC; UNC-Chapel Hill; CR 1 yr; SOFTBALL, BASKETBALL; Sept. 18

JUNIOR COUNSELORS

22 Alan Johnson, Ninety Six, SC; Ninety Six High School; CR 7 yrs; HORSEBACK RIDING; July 31

34 Eric Warner, Louisville, KY; Pleasure Ridge Park High School; Detrick Vocational Center; CR 1 yr; ARCHERY; Nov. 30

43 Tull Wigley, Oxford, AL; Anniston High School; CR 1 yr; RIFLERY; Feb. 24

48 Lee Sexton, Panama City, FL; Mosley High School; CR 1 yr; TENNIS; Dec. 22

50 Lance Taylor, Nashville, TN; McGavock High School; CR 7 yrs; BASKETBALL; Oct. 5

51 Mark Foster, Columbia, SC; Baptist College of Charleston; CR 3 yrs; SWIMMING; Oct. 9

53 Joel Cotton, Oneida, TN; Berea University; CR 4 yrs; RIFLERY; March 16

54 Robbie Braswell, Wake Forest, NC; UNC-Chapel Hill; CR 5 yrs; SOCCER; Feb. 15

56 Tommy Fletcher, Athens, GA; Ceader Shoals High School; CR 10 yrs; CRAFTS; April 30

57 Greg Ereckson, Tallahassee, FL; Leon High School; CR 4 yrs; BASKETBALL; March 25

58 Jimmy Bryan, Tifton, GA; Tift County High School; CR 5 yrs; SWIMMING; Nov. 15

59 Mike Thornton, West Palm Beach, FL; Forest Hill High School; CR 8 yrs; OUTDOOR LIVING; Feb. 23

60 Richmond Stroupe, Stanley, NC; East Gaston High School; CR 7 yrs; CRAFTS; Nov. 7

61 Steve Cothran, Greenville, SC; Mauldin High School; CR 4 yrs; ARCHERY; Dec. 31

62 Benjamin Villanueva, Bartow, FL; Bartow Senior High School; CR 6 yrs; June 20

63 JJ McFerrin, Fayetteville, AR; Fayetteville High School; CR 9 yrs; Trailblazer; Dec. 10

64 Tim McCarroll, Louisville, KY; Pleasure Ridge Park High School; CR 3 yrs; May 23

* David McDuffie, Raleigh, NC; Maryland Naval Academy; CR 6 yrs; Trailblazers; May 12

* Dale Roach, Coral Springs, FL; Wake Forest University; CR 5 yrs; Oct. 22

LTP

* Kevin Heifner, LTP Cabin #7; Nashville, TN; McGavock High School; CR 1 yr; ARCHERY; July 26

* John Bishop, Millersville, MD; Old Mill Senior High School; CR 3 yrs; July 19

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR COUNSELOR

Steve Cothran, Greenville, SC

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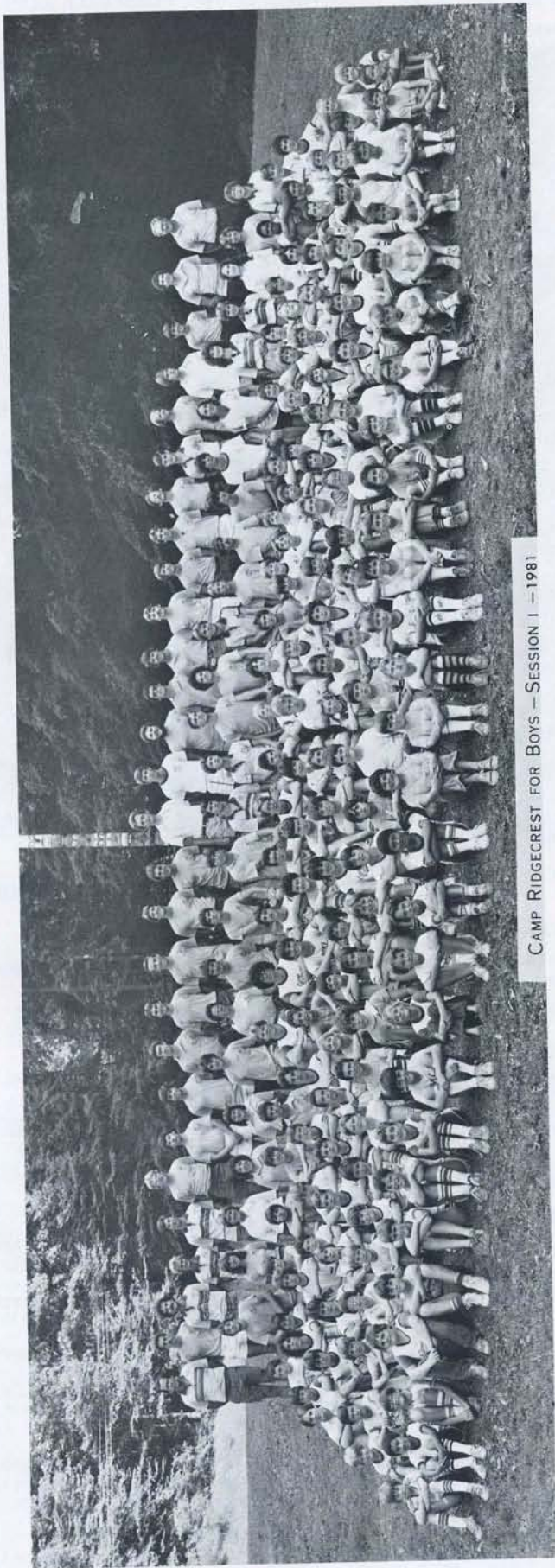
Alan Love, Woodbury, GA

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Chris Shirley, Durham, NC



Rick Johnson
Camps' Director
Camp Ridgecrest
Camp Crestridge



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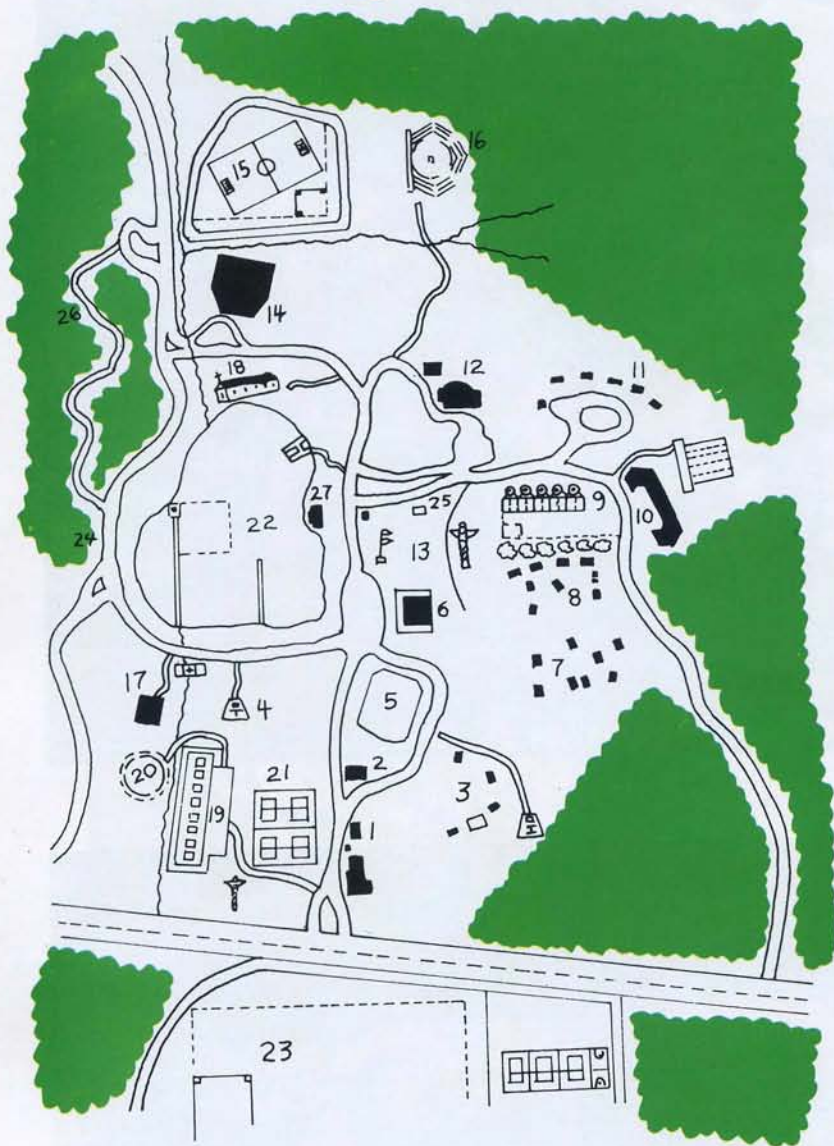


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Camp Ridgecrest



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| 1 Pastor's Office | 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) | 28 Crafts Lodge |



Ridgecrest Songs

Camp Ridgecrest. . .going strong,
Hiking a trail, singing a song,
Camp Ridgecrest. . .mountain momma,
Lots of pride in all our tribes.

There's a place called Camp Ridgecrest,
Way up in the hills,
Where the breeze is blowing full and flowing free,
Where a man can go out hiking,
Climb the mountains high,
No place in the world I'd rather be.

Say, it's good to be at Camp Ridgecrest,
Sometimes this ol' camp seems like a long lost friend,
And say it's good to be at Ridgecrest again.

Tell me why. . .the stars do shine,
Tell me why. . .the ivy twines,
Tell me why. . .the sky's so blue,
Tell me Camp Ridgecrest, just why I love you.

Because God made. . .the stars to shine,
Because God made. . .the ivy twine,
Because God made. . .the sky so blue,
God made Camp Ridgecrest. . .that's why I love you.