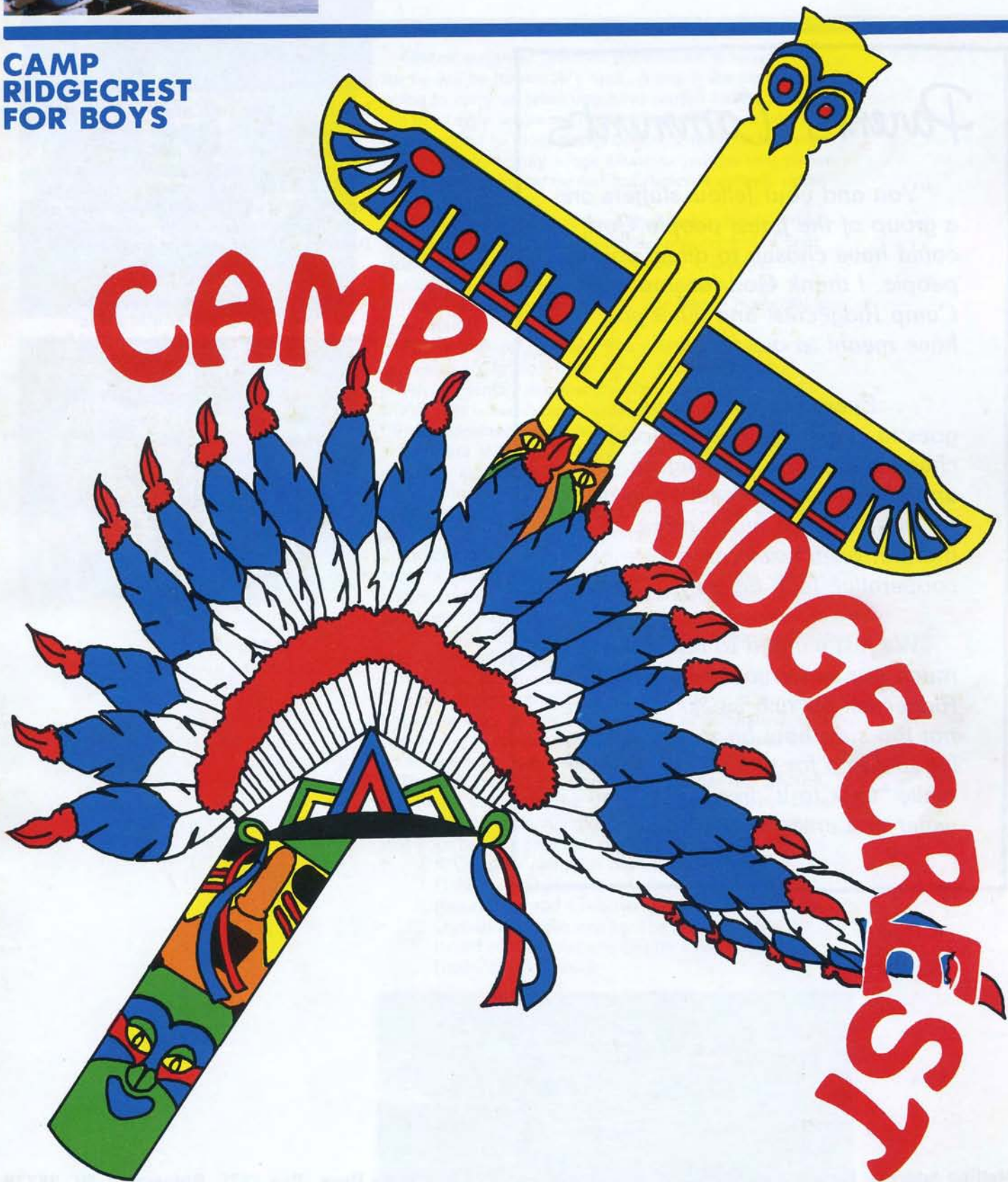




**CAMP  
RIDGECREST  
FOR BOYS**



# Camp Ridgecrest



## 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 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



# 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



# Discovering & Developing

## Skills

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.



Excellent Facilities  
 Among the Best

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.



# 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.

**SILMAN 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 Ridgcrest 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.



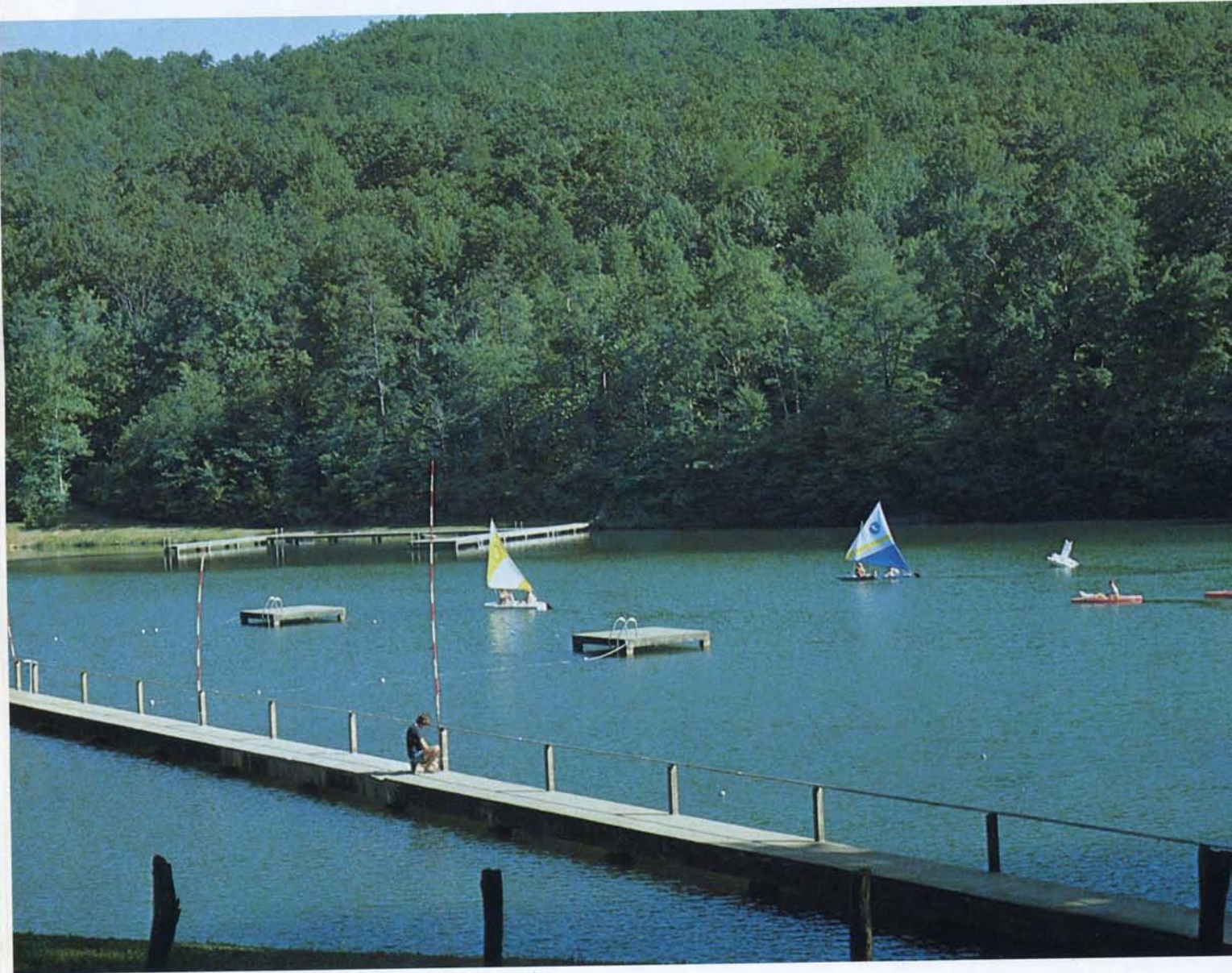
# Lake Ridgecrest

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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.





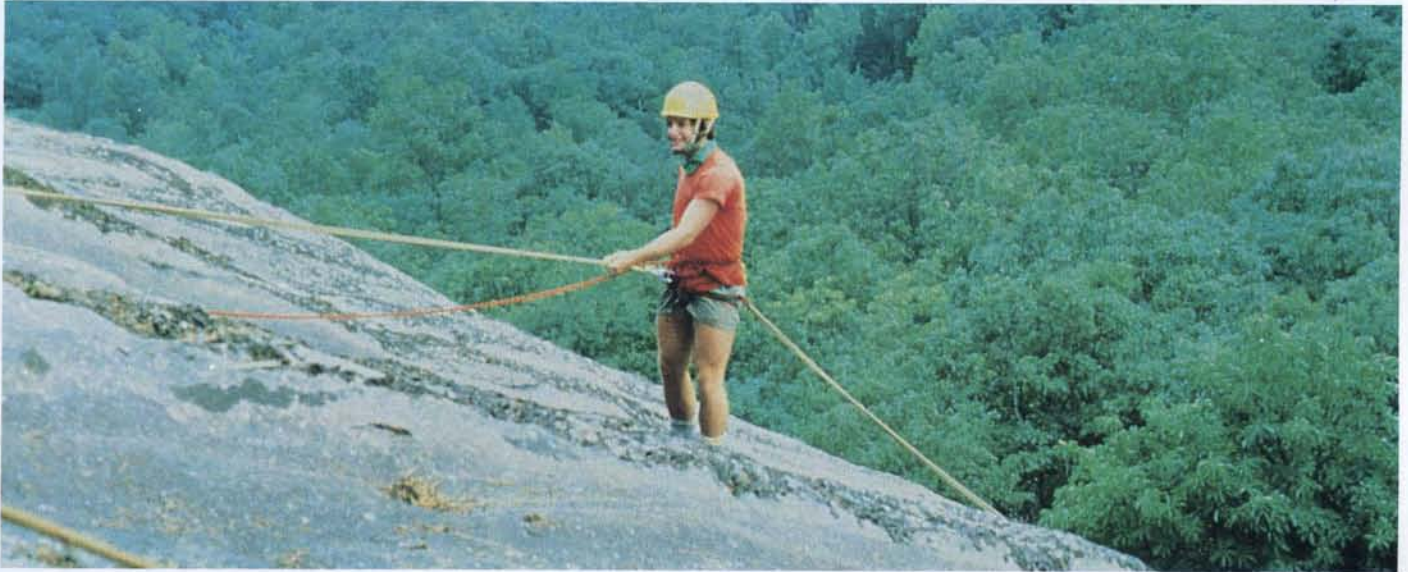
# Trailblazers

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.

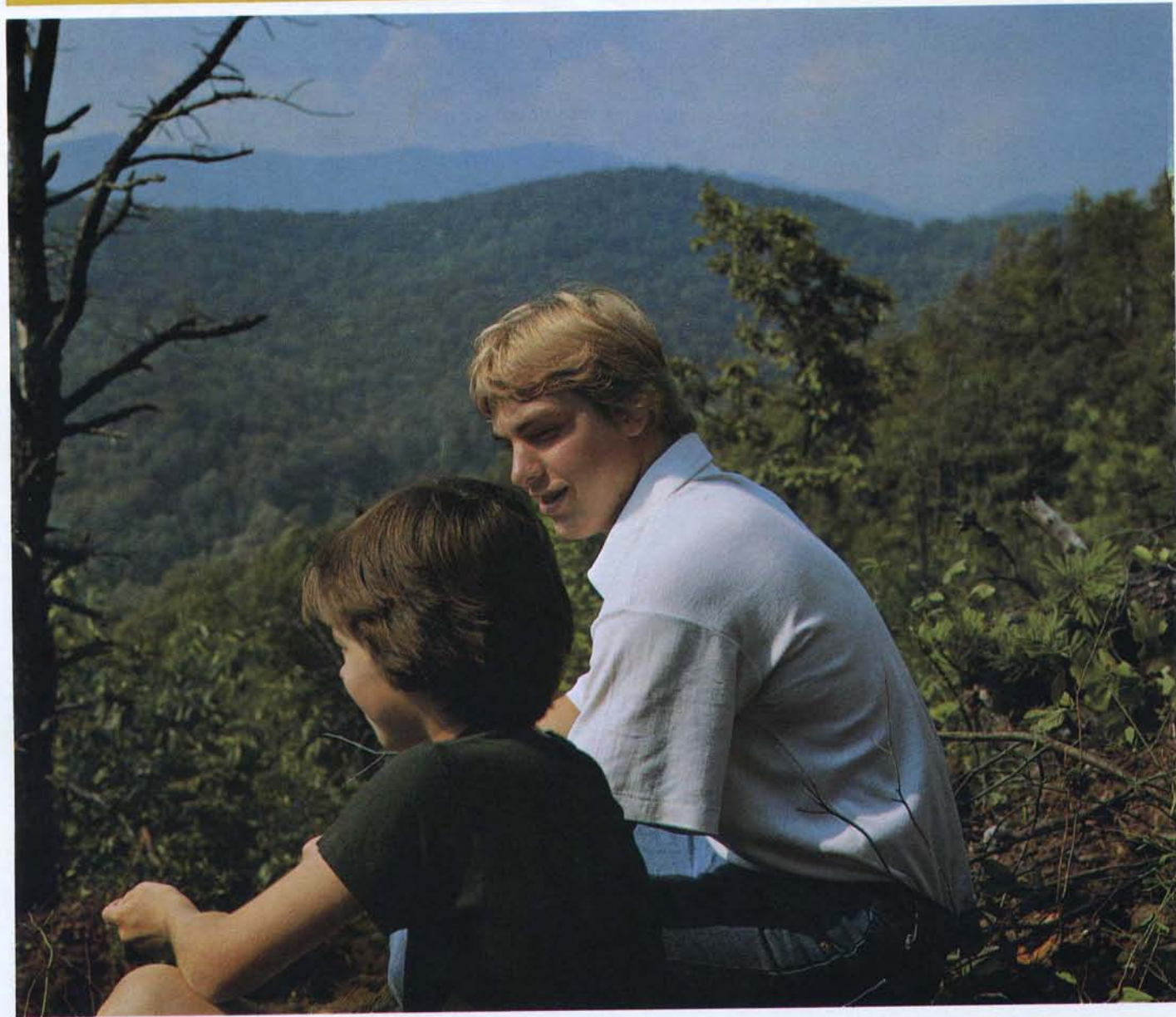
The boys live in a big comfortable bunk house when they are in camp which is usually only on weekends. Each week the Trailblazers are involved in a special and different wilderness trip. The accent is on rugged outdoor living skills and learning and appreciating nature in a challenging and enjoyable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

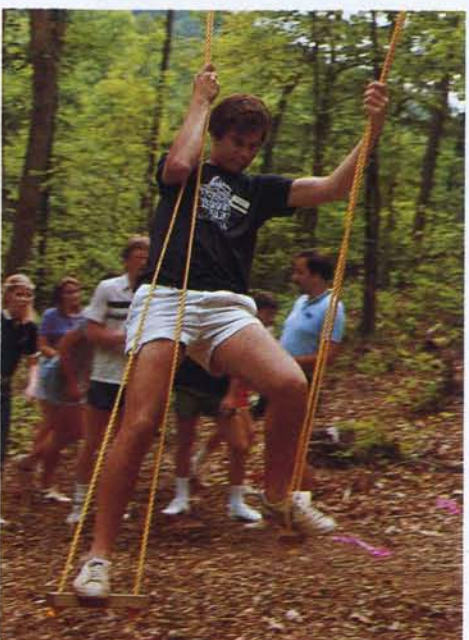
bearers to summon the great tribes —the Arapaho, Apache, Shawnee, Choctaw, and Sioux. Wise One then entreats the Great Spirit, Wakonda, to send the fire of friendship from heaven to light the Council fire. After a period of singing tribal songs, playing Indian games, and participating in dances, those 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.

# Ropes Challenge Course

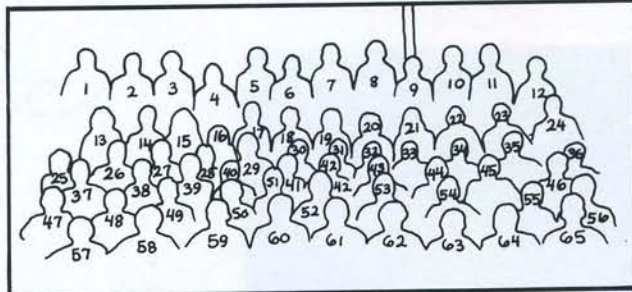


The Ropes Challenge Course is the latest innovation in organized recreation for the outdoors. It is a fun way to emphasize the values of participation, initiative, cooperation, teamwork, and trust in one another. It helps to break down inhibitions and increases confidence and emphasizes the value of group support. It offers a great opportunity to develop new motor skills and does much for creating a positive self image.

Camp Ridgecrest Staff  
1987



# Camp Ridgecrest Staff - 1982



## CAMPS' DIRECTOR

1 Rick Johnson, Ridgecrest, N.C.; Hometown-Oxford, AL; B.S. Jacksonville State University; High School Basketball Coach in Georgia; 4 years; Athletic Director and Basketball Coach, Spartanburg, SC; 3 years; Counselor, Tribal Leader, Program Director at Camp Ridgecrest, 11 years; CR 20 years; May 25

## CAMPS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

2 Ron Springs, Ridgecrest, NC; Hometown-Monroe, NC; B.M.Ed. UNC-Chapel Hill; Counselor, Tribal Leader at Camp Ridgecrest, 4 years; CR 7 years; July 14.

## SUMMER DIRECTOR

3 Bob Strunk, Somerset, KY; B.A. Carson-Newman College; M.S. Eastern Kentucky University; Asst. Basketball Coach, Clemson Univ.; CR 18 yrs; Oct. 28.

## ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

11 Chris Shirley, Durham, NC; Belmont College, B.B.A.-Music; Appalachian State University; CR 12 years; June 4.

## DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES AND CAMP PASTOR

9 David "Milkweed" Wotier, Louisville, KY; Hometown-Nashville, TN; B.S. and B.A. in Religion and Social Work, Pastor in Nashville for 2 years; Youth Director for 4 years; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 3 years; CR 3 years; Aug. 17.

## CAMP SECRETARY

\* Faye R. Greene, Black Mountain, NC; Year-round Baptist Sunday School Board Employee; CR 2 years; Dec. 7

## ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

19 Isabel Heath, Palm Beach Gardens, FL; B.A. in Special Education, Univ. of Florida; M.S. in Special Education, Jacksonville State University; CR 5 years; Sept. 3.

## RECEPTIONIST AND ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE

18 Lisa Poovey, Raleigh, NC; UNC-Chapel Hill, majoring in History; CR 3 yrs.; March 14.

## TRIBAL LEADERS

### APACHE TRIBE

8 Len Taylor, Nashville, TN; B.S. in Recreation, Carson-Newman College; Southwestern Seminary; CR 10 years, May 1.

### SHAWNEE TRIBE

5 Elbert Johnson, Columbia, SC; Wake Forest University; CR 10 years; June 11.

### CHOCTAW TRIBE

10 Paul Grass, Jackson, MS; B.A.E. in Secondary Education, University of Mississippi; CR 5 years; January 17.

### ARAPAHO TRIBE

7 Dan Pierce, Asheville, NC; Appalachian State Univ., UNC-Chapel Hill, Western Carolina University, B.S. in Education; Univ. of Alabama; CR 5 years; Oct. 6.

## SIOUX TRIBE

6 Barney Tollison, Greenville, SC; University of Georgia; CR 12 years; Aug. 22.

## PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON

\* Hal Unwin, Pahokee, FL; BS Chemistry; University of Florida College of Medicine; CR 12 yrs; July 2

## CRAFTS DIRECTOR

14 Beverly Burnette, Concord, NC; Appalachian State University; BSB in Art Education; CR 7 yrs.; August 11

## HORSEBACK DIRECTOR

\* Ben Villanueva, Bartow, FL; Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; Animal Science; CR 7 yrs; June 20

## WATERFRONT DIRECTOR

25 Patty Dockery, Huntsville, AL; Jacksonville State University - Health and Recreation; CR 1 yr; April 16

## CAMP NURSES

20 Sinda Snead, R.N.; Centre, AL; Jacksonville State University - B.S. in nursing; Jacksonville State with Masters in Guidance and Counseling; CR 6 yrs; January 27

22 Judy Cape, R.N.; Hartwell, GA; University of Georgia; Georgia Baptist School of Nursing and Medical College of Georgia; CR 1 yr; May 2

## CAMP PHYSICIAN

\* Dr. James M. Sloan, M.D.; Asheville, NC



**Rick Johnson**  
Camps' Director  
Camp Ridgecrest  
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#### FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

12 Susan Womble, Athens, GA; University of Georgia, BSHE in Dietetics and Institutional Management; Medical College of Georgia for Dietetic Internship; CR 1 yr; March 4

#### ASSISTANT FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

13 Tara Moseley, Fairfax, SC; Midlands Technical College — Secretarial Science; CR 3 yrs; February 28

#### FOOD SERVICE AIDES

15 Jennifer Kiser, Fort Walton Beach, FL; Okaloosa - Walton Junior College; Garner-Webb College; University of West Florida; Major of Social Work and Child Welfare; CR 3 yrs; October 12

16 Evangeline Norris, Dahlonga, GA; Lumpkin County High School; CR 1 yr; June 1

17 Kellie Black, Budd Lake, NJ; Mount Olive High School; CR 1 yr; May 12

\* 21 Donna Mole, Allendale, SC; Midlands Technical College - Associate Degree in Business Management; CR 3 yrs; December 28

35 Wyatt Minton, Camden, SC; Brevard Junior College; Limestone College; CR 1 yr; March 12

47 John Styles, Tampa, FL; H.B. Plant High School; Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center Winter Staff; CR 1 yr; September 13

48 Jeff Lee, Miami, FL; University of Miami -Athletic Training; CR 2 yrs; July 1

56 Darren Womble, Athens, GA; University of Georgia, Medical College of Georgia for Nursing; Assistant Horseback Director; CR 1 yr; March 23

57 David Acord, Fayetteville, AR; Fayetteville High School; CR 1 yr. February 4

#### COOKS

\* Mattie Crowley, Deland, FL; Morrison's Food Service; Spring Training Cook for Houston Astros; CR 4 yrs.

\* Lacy Howell, Black Mountain, NC; CR 6 yrs; March 4

#### CAMP DRIVER

4 Tim Sherrill, Sneads Ferry, NC; UNC Chapel Hill - Media; CR 11 yrs; July 16

#### COUNSELORS

23 Steve Hayes, Guntersville, AL; Samford University - Religion; CR 1 yr; WEIGHTLIFTING; July 29

26 Jeff White, Gastonia, NC; Union University; CR 2 yrs; BASKETBALL, June 27

27 Les Helton, Jacksonville, AL; University of Alabama - Recreation and Business; CR 1 yr; CANOEING, October 31

28 Thom Mercer, Jacksonville, FL; Gordon Junior College; University of Georgia-Computer Science; CR 7 yrs; ARCHERY; May 31

\* Alan Lawson, Tallahassee, FL; Tallahassee Community College, Clemson University - Natural Resource Management; CR 3 yrs; May 12

30 Ricky Humphrey, Dandridge, TN; Carson-Newman College; CR 4 yrs; May 2

31 Ken Parish, Starkville, MS; Mississippi State University and John Hopkins University - BA in Human Biology - Grad School - John Hopkins University School of Medicine; CR 1 yr; TENNIS; June 19

32 David Howard, Missoula, MT; Linfield College and Oregon State University, BA in Biology and Drama; CR 3 yrs; INDIAN LORE, August 4

33 Bob McNabb, Sarasota, FL; Samford University; WEIGHTLIFTING; CR 4 yrs; November 24

34 Mike Blake, Strawberry Plains, TN; Carson-Newman College; BASKETBALL; CR 2 yrs; May 5

38 Tommy Fletcher, Athens, GA; Mars Hill College; CR 11 yrs; CANOEING; April 30

39 Richmond Stroupe, Stanley, NC; Wake Forest University; INDIAN LORE; CR 8 yrs; November 7

40 Steve Cothran, Greenville, SC; Furman University; CR 5 yrs; RIFLERY; December 31

41 Scott Coleman, Whitmire, SC; Winthrop College - Physical Education; CR 2 yrs; CANOEING; July 7

42 Billy Collins, Columbia, SC; Anderson College - Business Administration; CR 1 yr; BASKETBALL; September 5

43 Marty Moseley, Chesapeake, VA; Wingate College; BS - Biology; CR 1 yr; RIFLERY; May 10

44 Craig Orange, Miami, FL; University of Florida - Art; TRAILBLAZER; CR 9 yrs; September 20

45 J.J. McFerrin, Fayetteville, AR; Fayetteville High School; CR 9 yrs; TRAILBLAZER; December 10

46 Darryl Andrews, Laurens, SC; Anderson College; CR 2 yrs; ARCHERY; February 7

49 Derek Miller, Dothan, AL; Tallahassee Community College - Agriculture Engineering; CR 1 yr; TENNIS; December 2

50 Andrew Merritt, Mount Airy, NC; Berea College - Chemistry; University of Kentucky - Chemistry; TRAILBLAZER, CR 1 yr; August 10

51 Keith Prince, Anderson, SC; Carson-Newman College; Clemson University - Agricultural Education; CRAFTS; CR 9 yrs; February 17

52 Raleigh Langley, Columbia, SC; University of South Carolina - Physical Education; WEIGHTLIFTING, CR 3 yrs; December 10

61 Allen Raines, Camden, SC; Wingate College - Business Administration; CR 1 yr.; RIFLERY; November 30

#### JUNIOR COUNSELORS

24 Walt Bagwell, Marion, NC; McDowell High School, BASKETBALL AND TENNIS; CR 1 yr; January 16

29 Gordon Pugh, Birmingham, AL; Samford University - Religion and English, ARCHERY; CR 1 yr; September 20

37 Alan Johnson, Ninety-Six, SC; College of Charleston; TENNIS; CR 8 yrs; July 31

36 Allen Poovey, Raleigh, NC; Sanderson High School, HORSEBACK RIDING; CR 1 yr; May 24

53 Steve Starnes, Waynesville, NC; Tuscola High School; CR 1 yr; HORSEBACK RIDING; July 26

54 Troy Waters, Pensacola, FL; Pensacola Junior College; RIFLERY; CR 3 yrs; January 10

55 Frank Johnson, Winston-Salem, NC; INDIAN LORE; CR 6 yrs; August 30

58 Joel Gunter, Orlando, FL; Lincoln High School; OUTDOOR LIVING; CR 2 yrs; April 12

59 Mike Morgan, Marion, NC; McDowell High School; CR 2 yrs; October 9

60 Jeff Young, Franklin High School; CR 6 yrs; December 20

62 James Tolbert, North Brunswick, NJ; Rutgers Business Law School; SOCCER; CR 6 yrs; September 30

63 Howie Shirley, Florence, AL; Coffee High School; CR 5 yrs; July 26

64 Benjamin Langley, Columbia, SC; OUTDOOR LIVING; CR 1 yr, October 1

65 John Taylor, Winston-Salem, NC; CRAFTS AND TENNIS; CR 4 yrs; November 4

\* Mark Hammett, Tallahassee, FL; INDIAN LORE, CR 1 yr; January 25

\* John Brown, Bowie, MD; SOCCER; CR 1 yr; July 11

\* Lance Taylor, Nashville, TN; McGavock High School; CR 8 yrs; October 5

\* Alan Rudolph, Brentwood, TN; Battleground Academy; CR 7 yrs; June 6

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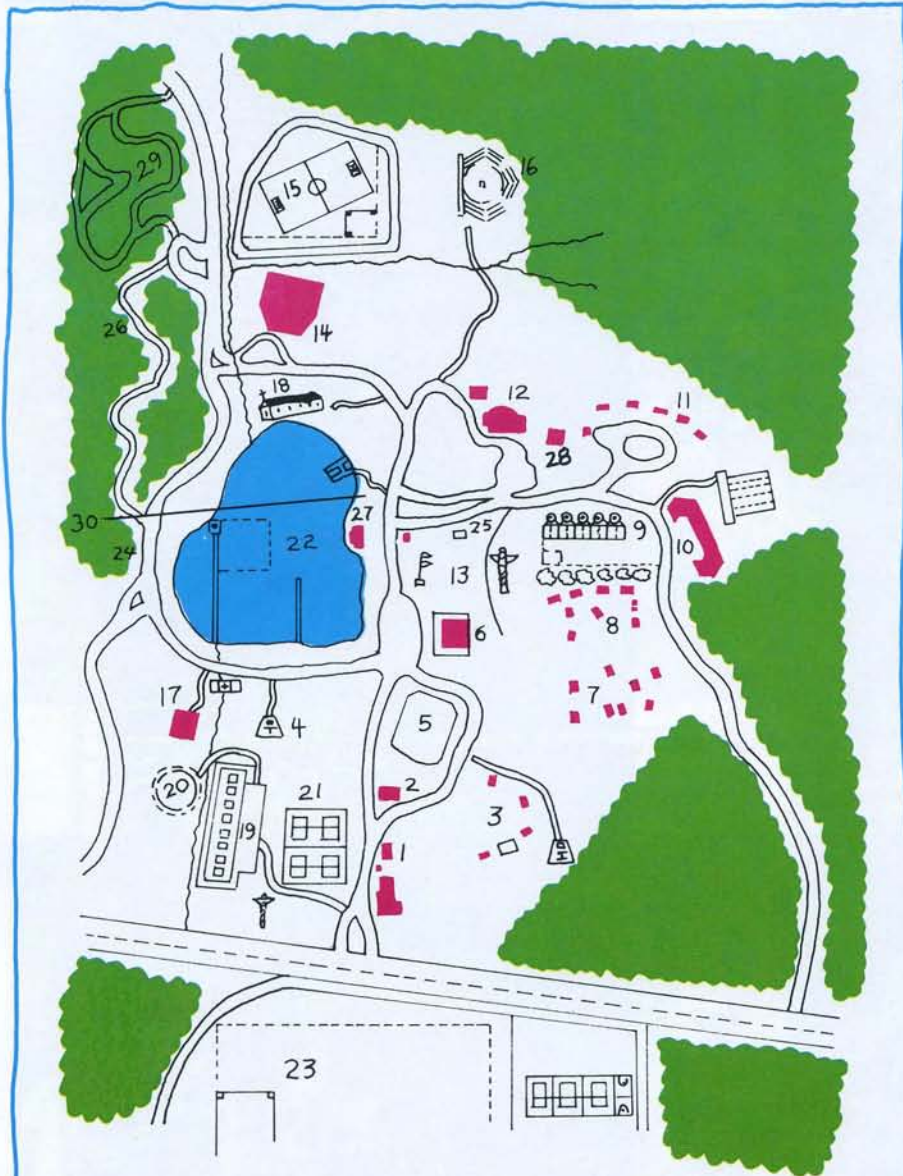


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# Camp Ridgecrest



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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                |
|  | 29 Ropes Challenge Course      |
|  | 30 Ridgecrest Zip Line         |



## 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