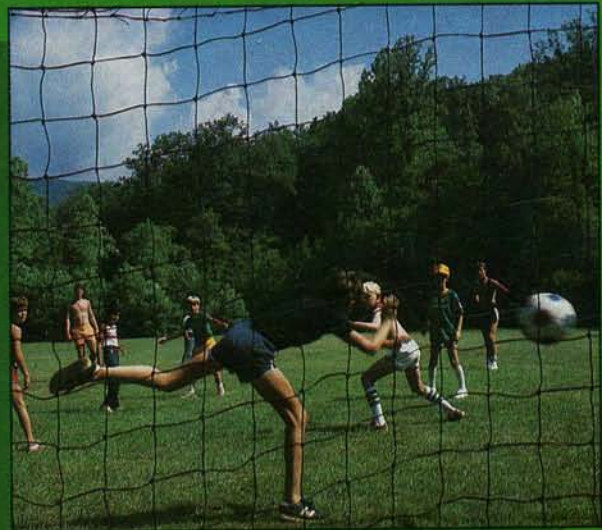

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RIDGECREST

FOR ♦ BOYS



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Camp Ridgecrest



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

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!"



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 fine 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 7 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 seven 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 9-11.

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

*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, rocketry, weight lifting, 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.



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.

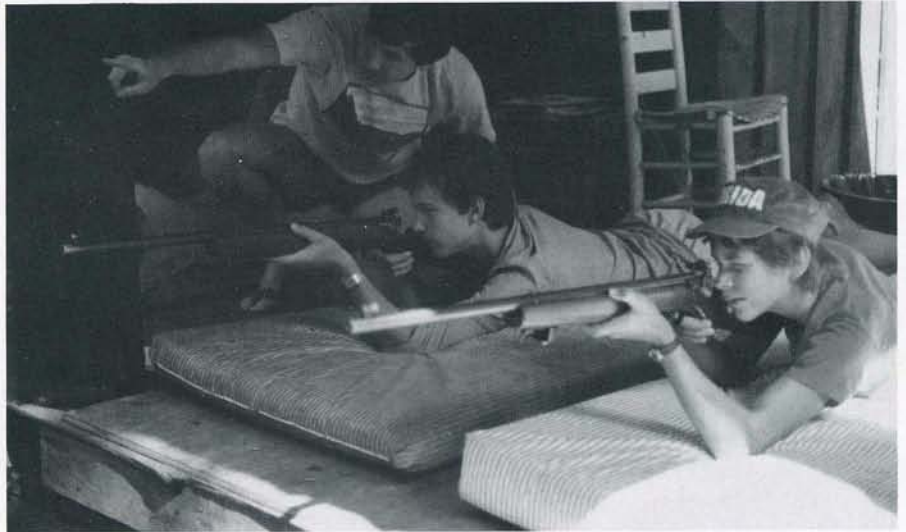
INFIRMARY — modern in every aspect, with a 12 bed ward.

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.



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.



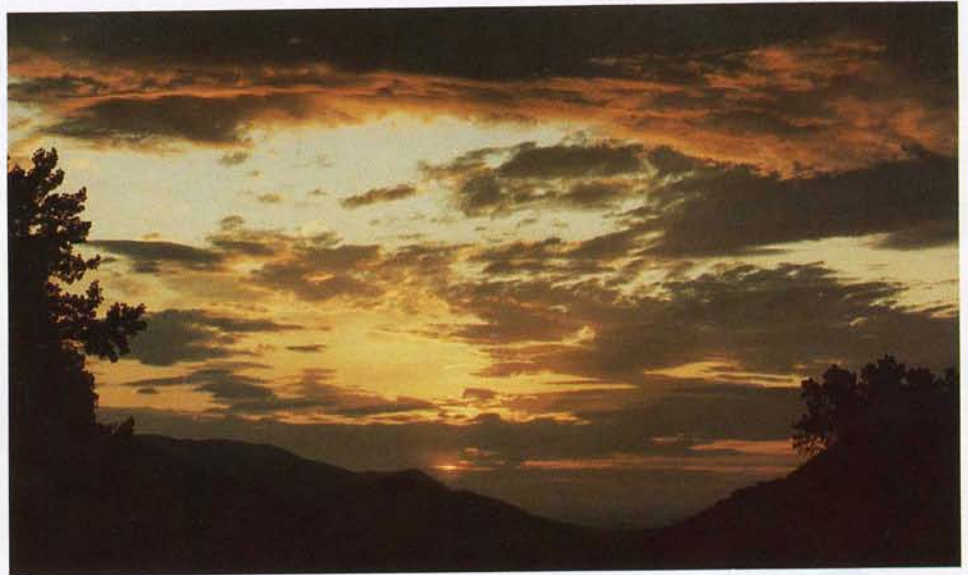
Trailblazers

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 who have completed the 9th grade 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, there are 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.

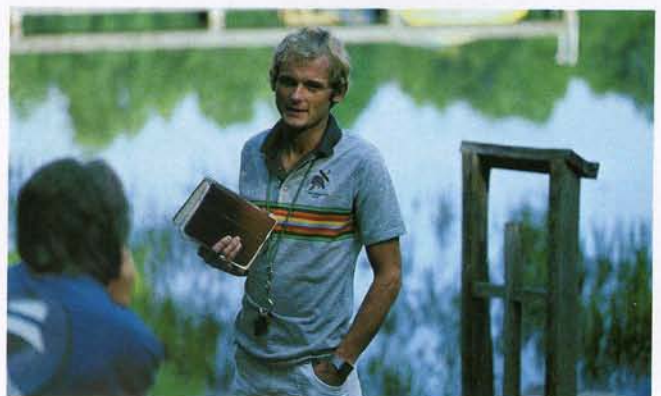
The Sioux Trailblazers are involved in their own schedule and their in-camp activities vary somewhat from the list.



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.

The Zip Slide & "The Blob"



The Zip Slide and the Blob are two of the newest additions to our program. The Zip Slide is a cable that stretches across the lake. Campers are harnessed onto a pulley which is attached to the cable. They drop from a treehouse on one end of the lake, and "zip" across to the other side.

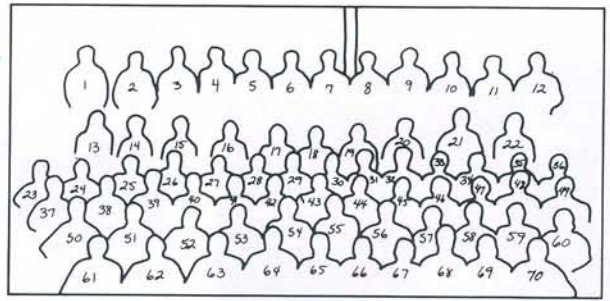
The "Blob" is a large green and gold airbag that floats on top of the water. Campers jump off of a tower onto the airbag, and then crawl out to the far end. The next camper jumps off the tower onto the airbag, "blobbing" the person on the far end of the bag high into the air, and into the water.

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 1984



CAMPS' DIRECTOR

1 Rick Johnson, Ridgecrest, NC; 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 22 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 9 years, July 14.

SKILLS AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

4 Bob Strunk, Greeneville, TN; Hometown - Somerset, KY; B.A. Religion, Carson Newman College; M.S. Recreation, Eastern Kentucky University; Basketball Coach, Tusculum College; CR 20 years; Oct. 28.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

5 Chris Shirley, Winston-Salem, NC; Hometown - W. Palm Beach, FL; B.B.A. Business Administration, Belmont College, Appalachian State University; CR 14 years, June 4.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

3 Dan Pierce, Nashville, TN; B.S. Education, Western Carolina University; M.A. University of Alabama; Teacher — Brentwood Academy, CR 7 years, Oct. 6.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES AND CAMP PASTOR

6 Jeff Knight, Louisville, KY; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest University; CR 13 years, April 25.

CAMPS' SECRETARY

* Faye Greene, Hometown - Black Mountain, NC; Year-Round Baptist Sunday School Board Employee; CR 4 years, Dec. 7.

CAMP BOOKKEEPER

* Isabel Heath, Summerville, GA; B.A. Special Education, University of Florida; M.S. Special Education, Jacksonville State University; CR 7 years; Sept. 3.

RECEPTIONISTS

13 Lydia Pierce, Nashville, TN; Baylor University; Belmont College; SWIMMING; CR 1 year; March 13.

20 Suzanne Prince, Anderson, SC; Baylor University; Mississippi College; CRAFTS; CR 1 year; May 1.

TRIBAL LEADERS

APACHE TRIBE

12 Raleigh Langley, Columbia, SC; University of South Carolina — Health and Fitness; CR 5 years; Dec. 10.

SHAWNEE TRIBE

11 Richmond Stroupe, Stanley, NC; Wake Forest University; CR 10 years; July 11.

CHOCTAW TRIBE

10 Paul Grass, Jackson, MS; B.A.E. Secondary Education, University of Mississippi; Teaching and Coaching, Jackson Academy; CR 7 years; Jan. 17.

ARAPAHO TRIBE

9 Elbert Johnson, Columbia, SC; B.A. History, Wake Forest University; University of South

Carolina; CR 12 years; June 11.

SIoux TRIBE

8 Landis Stanfield, Smithfield, NC; B.A. Psychology, University of North Carolina; M.A. Education in Counseling, East Carolina University; CR 10 years; Oct. 27.

CAMP DRIVER

34 Ed Kiser, Manchester, MO; University of Texas — San Antonio, San Antonio College; CR 1 year; April 28.

CRAFTS DIRECTORS

* Beverly Burnette — First Session, Concord, NC; Appalachian State University, B.S.B. Art Education; CR 9 years; Aug. 11.

21 Sissy Smith — Second Session, Naples, FL; Florida State University, Columbia Theological Seminary, Fuller Theological Seminary, University of South Carolina; CR 1 year, Dec. 17.

HORSEBACK SUPERVISOR

60 Richard Howard, Coldwater, MS; Delta State University — Law; CR 1 year; July 3.

WATERFRONT DIRECTOR

7 Tom McCoy, Nashville, TN; Belmont College — Business Management; CR 1 year; July 4.

CAMP NURSES

18 Peggy Keith, Black Mountain, NC; CR 2 years; Sept. 8.

14 Anne Moore, Alexandria, VA; CR 1 year, May 10.

19 Sinda Snead, Centre, AL; Jacksonville State University, B.S. Nursing; M.S. Counseling and

Rick Johnson
Camps' Director
Camp Ridgecrest
Camp Crestridge



Guidance; CR 8 years; Jan. 27.

CAMP PHYSICIAN

* Dr. James M. Sloan, MD; Asheville, NC

FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

22 Rebecca Bridges, Gadsden, AL; University of Alabama — Food, Nutrition, Institution Management; CR 1 year; Dec. 3.

FOOD SERVICE AIDES

15 Melanie Atwood, Pineville, LA; Buckeye High School; CR 1 year; Aug. 22.

16 Jennifer Johnston, Fort Mill, SC; Fort Mill High School; CR 1 year; Jan. 7.

17 Evangeline Norris, Dahlonoga, GA; University of Georgia - Athens; CR 3 years; June 1.

24 Jeff Anderson, Rolla, MO; University of MO - Rolla; CR 1 year; Jan. 28.

25 Emerson Byrd, Apex, NC; Campbell University; CR 1 year; Nov. 6.

26 Ward Motes, Spring City, TN; Carson Newman College — Religion; CR 1 year; Sept. 17.

27 Jimmy Ellis, Black Mountain, NC; UNC-Chapel Hill; CR 1 year; March 12.

28 Doug Hubbard, Louisville, MS; University of Southern Mississippi; CR 1 year; Feb. 22.

COOKS

* Agnes Lanning, Old Fort, NC; CR 2 years; Feb. 24.

* Ann White, Old Fort, NC; CR 1 year; Feb. 7.

COUNSELORS

32 Ernie Roberts, Knoxville, TN; Teacher, Bearden High School & State Technical Institute; CR 1 year; WEIGHT LIFTING; Jan. 24.

35 Dean Vonfeldt, Troy, AL; Troy State University — Health and Recreation; CR 2 years; OUTDOOR LIVING; Nov. 20.

36 Mark Moore, Auburn, AL; Auburn University; CR 2 years; BASKETBALL; Nov. 15.

37 Edward Heath, Pineville, LA; Louisiana College — Pre-Med; CR 1 year; CANOEING & ROCKETRY; March 16.

38 Paul Midkiff, Macon, GA; Mercer University; Math; CR 2 years; TENNIS; Sept. 29.

39 Mark Brannon, Gainesville, GA; Furman University — Mathematics; CR 8 years; INDIAN LORE & CRAFTS; March 4.

40 Steve Cothran, Greenville, SC; Furman University; CR 7 years; TRAILBLAZERS; Dec. 31.

41 Craig Orange, Miami, FL; University of Florida — Architecture; CR 11 years; TRAILBLAZERS; Sept. 20.

42 Tim Anthony, Miami, FL; University of Florida - Gainesville; CR 4 years; ARCHERY; Nov. 30.

43 James Tolbert, N. Brunswick, NJ; University of Tennessee - Knoxville; CR 8 years; RIFLERY; Sept. 30.

49 Barney Tollison, Greenville, SC; University of Georgia - Athens; CR 13 years; ROCKETRY; Aug. 22.

51 Darryl Andrews, Laurens, SC; Lander College, Anderson College — Music Education; CR 4 years; ARCHERY; Feb. 7.

53 Michael "Buzz" Cook, Mars Hill, NC; Appalachian State University; CR 1 year; BASKETBALL; March 30.

54 Jeff Turner, Ninety Six, SC; Lander College; CR 2 years; CRAFTS; Jan. 14.

56 Mark Hammett, Tallahassee, FL; CR 3 years; SOCCER & CRAFTS; Jan. 25.

64 Jim Bryan, Tifton, GA; Wake Forest University — Pre-Med; CR 6 years; CANOEING & SWIMMING; Nov. 15.

65 Latta Baucom, Monroe, NC; Wake Forest University — Economics; CR 1 year; RIFLERY; Feb. 10.

66 Todd Helm, Nashville, TN; Wake Forest University — Business; CR 1 year; SOCCER & TENNIS; April 20.

67 Frank Johnson, Winston-Salem, NC; Wake Forest University; CR 7 years; OUTDOOR LIVING & CRAFTS; Aug. 30.

68 John Taylor, Winston-Salem, NC; Furman University; CR 6 years; CRAFTS; Nov. 4.

69 Benji Langley, Columbia, SC; CR 3 years; OUTDOOR LIVING & HORSEBACK; Oct. 1.

70 Joel Gunter, Tallahassee, FL; University of Florida; CR 4 years; TENNIS & INDIAN LORE; April 12.

* Jim Hardy, Ft. Worth, TX; Texas A & M University — Architecture; CR 5 years; May 21.

JUNIOR COUNSELORS

23 Scott Emery, Black Mountain, NC; Charles D. Owen High School; CR 9 years; OUTDOOR LIVING; Sept. 19.

29 Bryan Proctor, Snellville, GA; South Gwinnett High School; CR 9 years; ROCKETRY; Nov. 1.

30 Will Begg, Greenville, SC; Eastside High School; CR 6 years, RIFLERY, Feb. 22.

31 Terry Tinsley, Tallahassee, FL; William Carey College; CR 2 years, SWIMMING & INDIAN LORE; Dec. 19.

33 Mike Rowell, Sarasota, FL; Manatee Junior College; CR 3 years; ARCHERY & INDIAN LORE; Oct. 27.

44 Lan Quattlebaum, Greenville, SC; Anderson College; CR 6 years; HORSEBACK & TENNIS; May 19.

45 Larry Johnson, Tallahassee, FL; Leon High School; CR 4 years; TENNIS; June 2.

46 Dave Chrisman, Orlando, FL; Palm Beach Atlantic College; CR 2 years; WEIGHT-LIFTING & BASKETBALL; Jan. 23.

47 Andy Fletcher, Athens, GA; Cedar Shoals High School; CR 12 years; SOCCER & ROCKETRY; April 16.

48 Chip Buhler, Tallahassee, FL; Lincoln High School; CR 6 years; WEIGHTLIFTING; Dec. 14.

50 Doug Pray, Tallahassee, FL; Leon High School; CR 2 years; ARCHERY; Dec. 3.

52 Billy Sutton, Tallahassee, FL; CR 7 years; Dec. 2.

55 David Turner, Arkadelphia, AR; Arkadelphia High School; CR 3 years; Aug. 25.

57 Joe Adams, Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia; Asheville School; CR 7 years; INDIAN LORE; Feb. 26.

58 Jimmy Henry, Orlando, FL; Boone High School; CR 2 years; RIFLERY, June 7.

59 Duncan Dowling, Orlando, FL; Boone High School; CR 5 years; BASKETBALL; May 27.

61 Kendall Davis, Atlanta, GA; Crestwood High School; CR 4 years; SOCCER & CANOEING; Feb. 10.

62 Derek Godwin, Rockville, MD; Rockville High School; CR 4 years; RIFLERY; May 5.

63 Joel Docking, Sarasota, FL; Florida State University; CR 1 year; ARCHERY & SWIMMING; Aug. 25.

* Rich Queen, Selma, AL; Selma High School; CR 6 years; June 8.

* Stephen Hardy, Ft. Worth, TX; Southwest High School; CR 5 years; Oct. 24.

LAUNDRY WORKERS

* Kirk Booth, Asheville, NC; A.C. Reynolds High School; CR 1 year; Oct. 7.

* Laurie Dale, Asheville, NC; A.C. Reynolds High School; CR 1 year; Feb. 22.

* Sarah Roberts, Asheville, NC; A.C. Reynolds High School; CR 1 year.

HOUSEKEEPER

* Ladena Wright, Old Fort, NC; CR 1 year, Feb. 22.

MAINTENANCE

* Charles Clegg, Black Mountain, NC; CR 1 year, May 23.

* Dan Hensley, Black Mountain, NC, CR 3 years.

* David Wilson, Black Mountain, NC; Montreat-Anderson College; CR 1 year; June 16.

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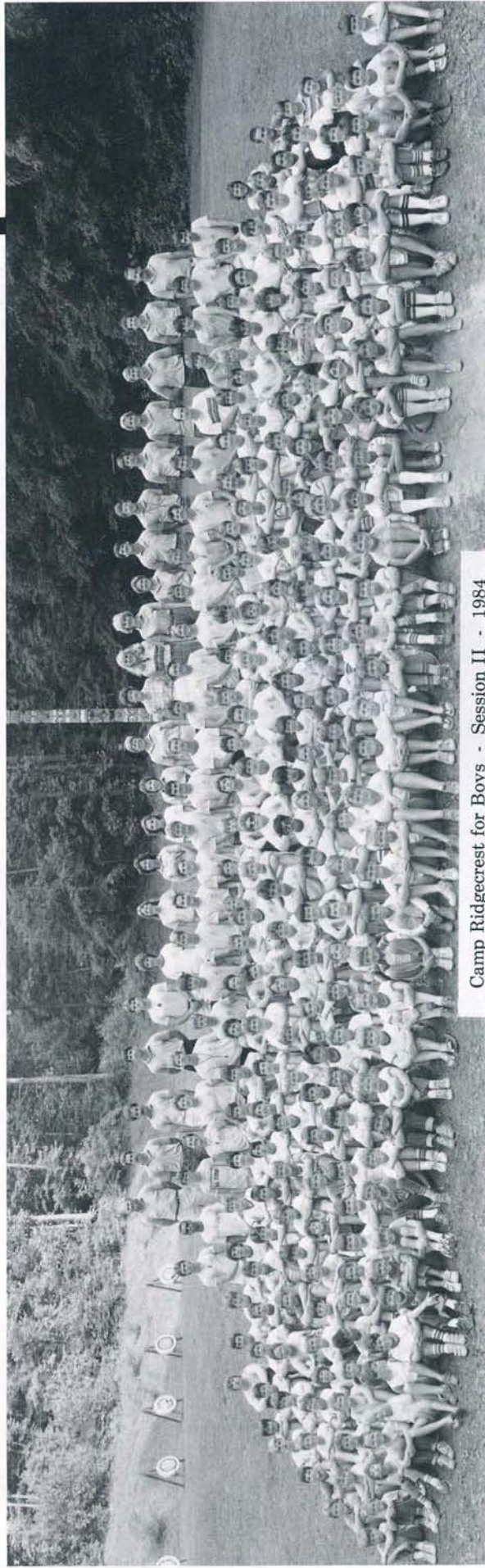
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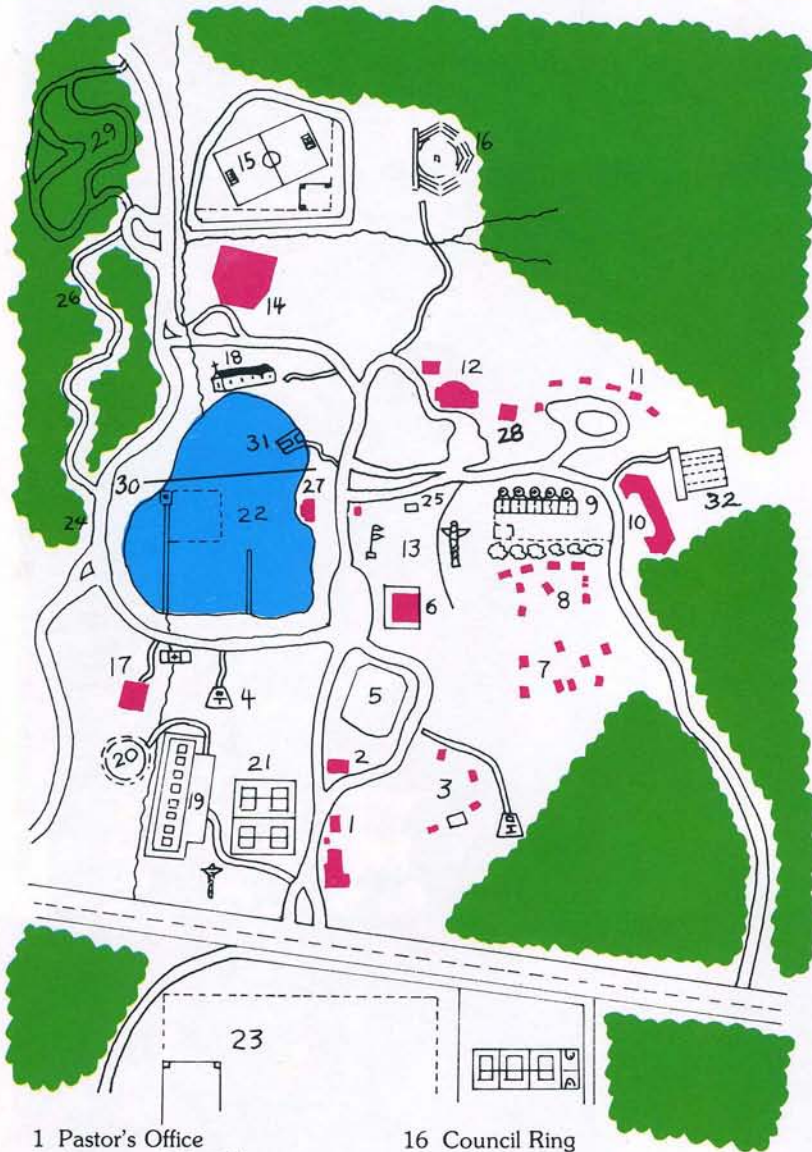


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| 1 Pastor's Office | 16 Council Ring |
| 2 Canteen (Old Ridgecrest Train Depot) | 17 Shelter |
| 3 Apache Circle | 18 Lakeside Chapel |
| 4 Rhododendron Chapel | 19 Stables |
| 5 Gym (Spillman Lodge) | 20 Riding Ring |
| 6 Lake Lodge | 21 Tennis Courts |
| 7 Shawnee Hill | 22 Lake Ridgecrest |
| 8 Choctaw Ridge | 23 Lower Green & Tennis Courts |
| 9 Archery Range | 24 Indian Lore |
| 10 Infirmary | 25 Outdoor Chapel |
| 11 Arapahoe Hill | 26 Nature Trail |
| 12 Trailblazer Inn (Sioux) | 27 Roger's Retreat |
| 13 Middle Green | 28 Crafts Lodge |
| 14 Activities Building (Upper Gym) | 29 Ropes Challenge Course |
| 15 Upper Green (Soccer Field) | 30 Ridgecrest Zip Line |
| | 31 "The Blob" |
| | 32 Riflery Range |

