

CAMP RIDGECREST FOR BOYS



WHY WE ARE HERE

What is a boy? Simply, a boy is a man without experience: experiences that challenge the mind, strengthen the body, bind his relationships, and draw him closer to God. The experiences that a boy encounters will determine the type of man he will become.

■ Tomorrow's world will be shaped by today's boy. He will write laws, cure diseases, manage corporations, and pilot spacecraft. Most importantly, though, he will provide leadership to his family, city, nation, and the world. If he, in childhood, is led in a positive direction, he will, as a man, lead others in the same way.

■ Our purpose and mission at Camp Ridgecrest is to provide a boy with the experiences necessary to shape him into a leader of men. We accomplish this by promoting physical, mental, social, and spiritual development within each boy. This purpose has not changed through our nearly 60 years of camping experience.

■ Christian camping is much more than a program of activities. It is a carefully designed plan for growth. Your son will learn the true meaning of independence, responsibility, and cooperation through his interaction with others. He will develop new skills and talents that may have been hidden from view. He can find his place among a community of peers, develop his innate leadership qualities, and discover the importance of trusting in God through life's struggles, disappointments, challenges, and victories.

■ We realize that the best way for your son to discover his potential for growth is to observe role models in action. To this end, we select a staff of Christian men who are dedicated to young people and committed to igniting Christian growth in each individual boy.

■ Thousands of young boys have discovered the key to dynamic living through Camp Ridgecrest. Of course, true growth and maturity can only occur within each individual, but we can provide your son with the experiences he needs to realize his fullest potential. He is now invited to the experience of his lifetime!



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■ Camp Ridgecrest is located 15 miles from Asheville, NC, in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The camp grounds surround our own beautiful stream-fed lake and are minutes from choice sites for camping and hiking. National forests and other attractions are close by for day and overnight trips. Camp Ridgecrest for Boys is situated in the best of all worlds: pleasant days and cool nights, adventurous trips close at hand, and ideal facilities for a complete camping program.

SPILMAN LODGE

a log structure housing our gymnasium with maple playing floor — well-equipped kitchen, supervised by a full-time dietician — dining hall, where each boy eats family-style meals with his cabin.

LAKE LODGE

Administration office building — medical unit, staffed by two registered nurses — summer program offices for Camp Ridgecrest — winter and summer offices for Camp Ridgecrest and Camp Crestridge.

INFIRMARY

a 12-bed facility, staffed by two registered nurses with a doctor on call in nearby Black Mountain.

ACTIVITIES BUILDING

Multi-purpose building for basketball, tribal games, and campwide activities.

CAMP STORE

Relocated Ridgecrest train station housing our canteen and clothing store.

CRAFTS LODGE

Fully equipped for all the most popular hand-work activities.

CABINS

Twenty residential cabins, fully screened and well-ventilated.

ATHLETIC FIELDS

Three fields for activities including soccer, softball, kickball, and other popular games.

LAKE RIDGECREST

Attractions include three docks, large swimming area, the Blob, and Zip Slide. Canoes, sailboats, and playaks are provided for free swim and class instruction.

ARCHERY and RIFLERY RANGES, TENNIS COURTS, FOUR OUTDOOR CHAPELS, STABLES and RIDING RING.



DEVELOPING SKILLS ■ THE PROGRAM



■ Camp Ridgecrest offers a broad and exciting program for campers from seven to sixteen years of age. Our program is annually revised and updated to serve the interests of our campers. The program is also designed to suit the needs of campers of a particular age group. To accomplish this, we divide the camp into five different age groups, or "tribes." The tribes 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 8-11

SIOUX — 14 through 16. Completed grades 9-11

■ Each camper is offered instruction in team sports such as softball, soccer, volleyball, and basketball and other popular outdoor sports. Age-group teams compete against each other, as well as against other camps in the area. Organized games and activities are always carried out within the tribe, so that age and size are no disadvantage.

■ Each boy receives instruction in five different skills of his choice. These daily skill classes include ARCHERY, RIFLERY, HORSEMANSHIP, ROCKETRY, WEIGHT LIFTING, TENNIS, BASKETBALL, SWIMMING, OUTDOOR LIVING, INDIAN LORE, CRAFTS, and many others.

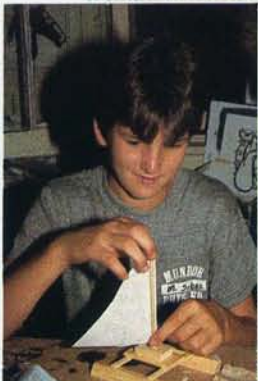
■ Each camper takes advantage of the mountains and natural beauty around camp through our overnight camping program. Every boy will camp out at least once a week at a nearby campsite or national park. Mountain hiking, cooking over an open fire, and campfire stories and devotions bring out the true essence of camp life.



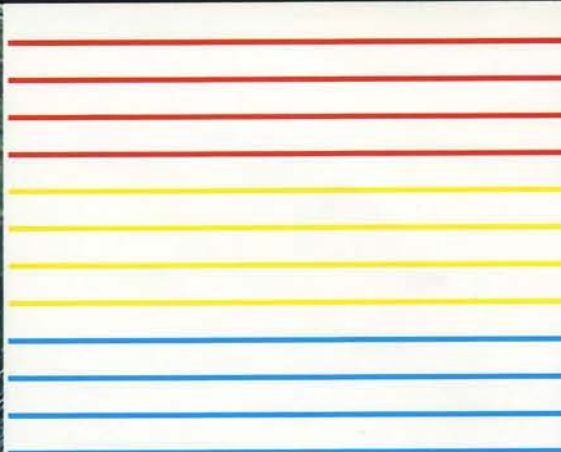
■ The camper's schedule of daily activities is a result of much experience and careful planning. It makes the most of every hour of the day, yet rest periods and milder sports are intermingled with the more vigorous activities so that no camper suffers from overexertion.

- 7:45 Reveille
- 8:00 Morning Assembly
- 8:15 Breakfast
- 8:45 Morning Watch
- 9:05 Cabin Clean-up
- 9:30 Inspection
- 9:45 1st Skill
- 11:00 2nd Skill
- 12:15 Free Swim
- 1:15 Lunch
- 1:45 Rest Period & Mail Call
- 3:00 Tribal Activity-
- 5:15 Canoeing, Swimming, Free Time
- 6:15 Retreat
- 6:30 Supper
- 7:00 Canteen & Free Time
- 7:45 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.



THE ZIP SLIDE & "THE BLOB"



■ Free swim times and lake activities are a part of each weekday at camp. The Zip Slide and Blob, our newest facilities, are the most popular of all our lake activities. The zip slide cable stretches across the lake inviting each camper to experience the ride of his life. After being harnessed to a pulley, the rider drops from a hillside treehouse and "zips" to the other side of the lake.

■ 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.



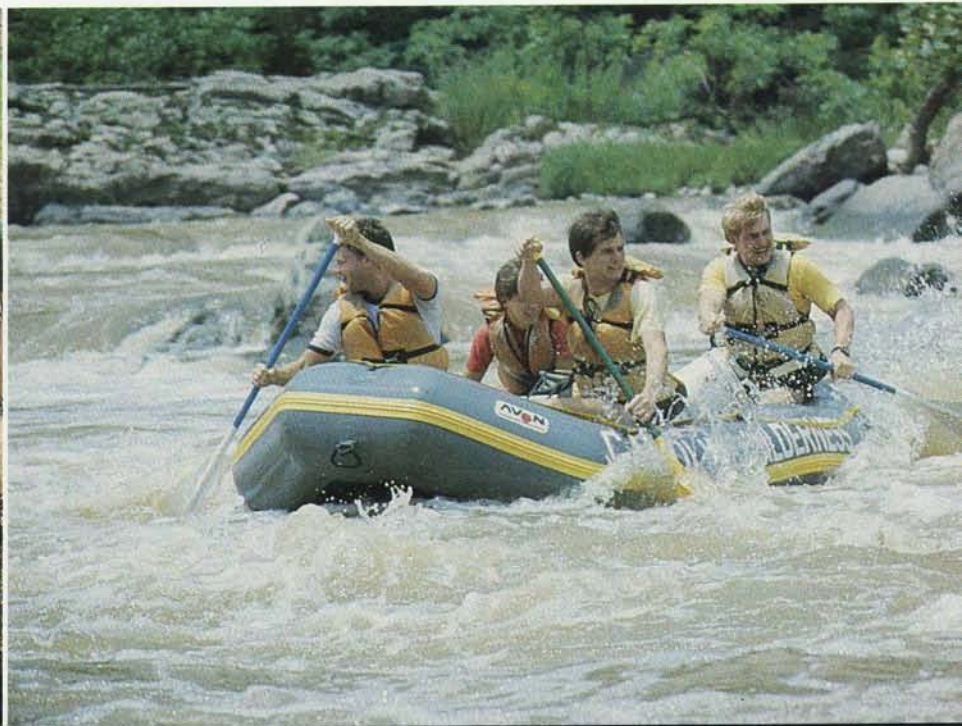
SPECIAL TRIPS & ACTIVITIES



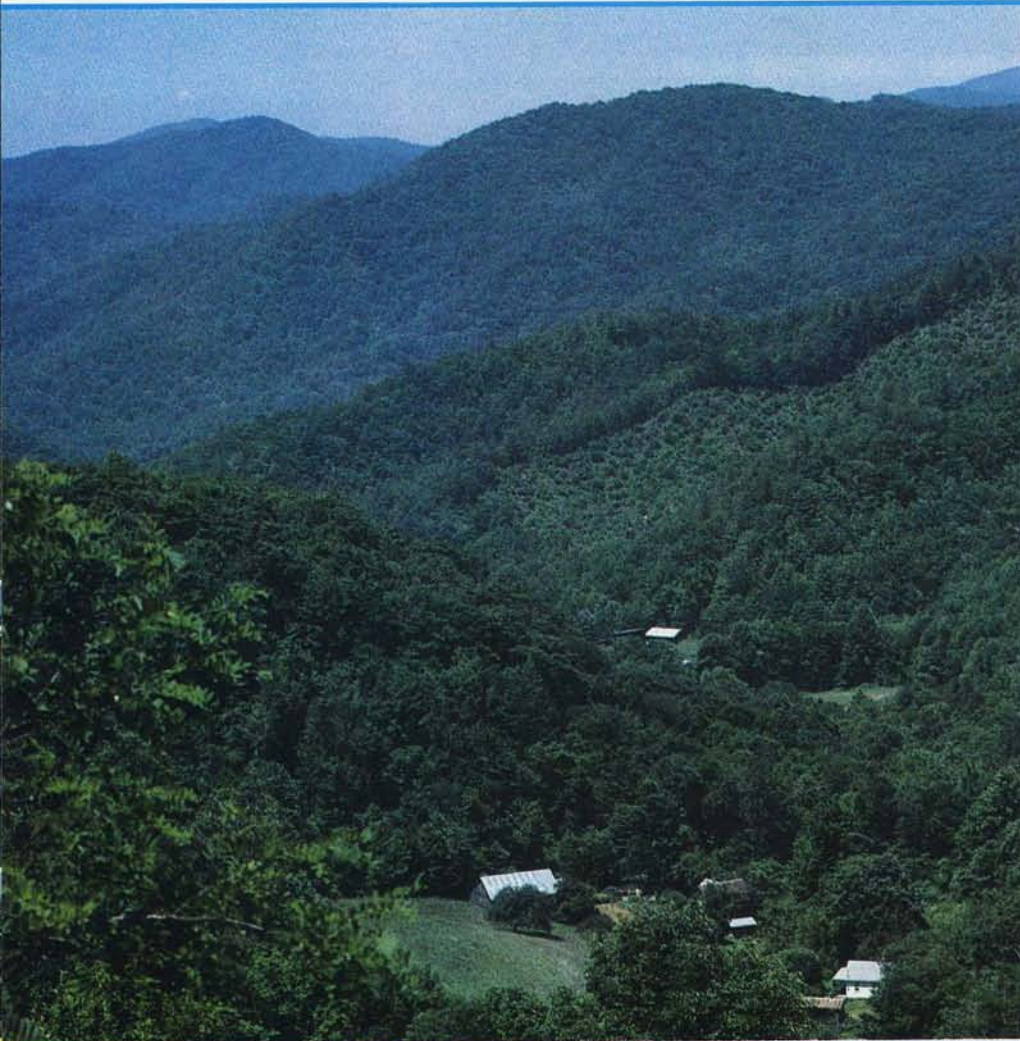
■ The Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountain areas are filled with scenic spots and exciting attractions. Every camper has the opportunity for fun and adventure outside the camp gates. Whether rafting a whitewater river, splashing down Sliding Rock, learning more about Indian culture in Cherokee, or tubing down a sparkling creek, each age group has special trips planned especially to suit their interests.

■ Special activities in camp are just as exciting as the trips. Each day includes tribal activities such as raft races, dam building contests, scavenger hunts, campouts, an Iron Man competition, and other events planned for each specific age group. Saturdays are set aside for campwide events. Sock Wars, the Ridgecrest Olympics, Camper's Day, "Critter Crawls," and 30-foot banana splits are just a sampling of the excitement in store for each camper.

■ Several times during each session, special activities with Camp Crestridge for Girls are planned. Carnivals, cookouts, skating, magic shows, and Christian concerts are the types of activities that allow the boys and girls to have a good time, while also being able to visit and make new friends.



TRAILBLAZERS



■ The Sioux Trailblazer program is specially designed for boys who prefer hiking, camping, and other outdoor challenges. Each week is an adventure for the Trailblazer camper. Whether he is hiking the Appalachian Trail, canoeing the Nolichucky River, or climbing John's Rock, he is being taught a valuable lesson in appreciation and respect for nature and God's creation.

■ This program is open to boys 14 to 16 years old who have completed the 9th grade. Enrollment is limited to 16 boys per session. The boys will usually spend the weekdays on their out-of-camp trips and return to camp on the weekend to join the other campers in the exciting special events and activities. Camping equipment is not provided by the camp, so it is recommended that the boys bring any gear they may own. A list of this equipment and other special information will be mailed to all boys accepted into the Trailblazer program.





■ The Indian Lore program and Council Ring are the heart of Camp Ridgecrest. Those campers choosing Indian Lore for a skill will make Indian crafts and costuming, learn authentic Indian dances, and develop an appreciation for the native American and his heritage.

■ All campers participate in our weekly Council Ring ceremony, where each week's activities, adventures, and challenges are interwoven into one program. Located on a secluded mountain site, Council Ring begins with the lighting of the fire, and then moves to a program of tribal songs, Indian games and dances, and rank promotions. Each camper earns his Council Ring rank based on his physical, mental, social, and spiritual growth at camp. Special care is taken to preserve the essence and attitude of the Indian ceremony of the past. Council Ring is a meaningful, yet exciting time for each camper.



LAKE RIDGECREST



■ The focal point of the camp area is our own Lake Ridgecrest. The lake is used for swimming and canoeing classes, as well as free swims, boating, sailing, "blobbing," and zip-sliding. Our facilities meet all Red Cross safety standards, and all our classes are taught by certified Water Safety Instructors. The wide variety of activities offered on our stream-fed lake gives each camper a choice of exciting opportunities.

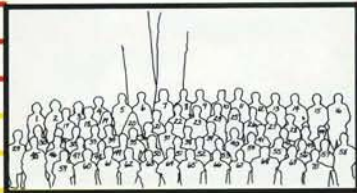
MAKING A DIFFERENCE



■ We like to think that the difference between Camp Ridgecrest and other summer camps is that, in all our programs and activities, we try to stress God's importance in every area of life. Our philosophy is reflected through our church services, campfires, morning watches, and devotions. These programs are instructive and meaningful, yet simple and unforced in their delivery. Yet, the most important way that we reflect our beliefs is through the lives, actions, and words of our Christian counselors. Each camper has the opportunity to see a living example in action, and then follow that example. More than ever, we see the need for a quiet place, removed from a troubled world, where a boy can see that it is God that truly makes a difference!



CAMP RIDGECREST STAFF ■ 1986



CAMPS DIRECTOR

16 Ron Springs, Black Mountain, NC; Hometown - Monroe, NC; B.M. Education - UNC - Chapel Hill; ACA Certified Camp Director; Counselor, Tribal Leader at Camp Ridgecrest 4 years, Camps' Assistant Director - 5 years, CR 11 years; July 14.

CAMPS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

15 Chris Shirley, Black Mountain, NC; Hometown - W. Palm Beach, FL; BBA Business Adm., Belmont College, Appalachian State University; CR 16 years; June 4.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

14 Raleigh Langley, Columbia, SC; University of SC - Health and Fitness; CR 7 years; Dec. 10.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

13 Paul Grass, Clarksdale, MS; B.A.E. Secondary Education - University of Mississippi; University of Alabama - History - Master's program; CR 9 years; Jan. 17.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

4 David Howard, Missoula, MT; Linfield College - BA Biology, Communications; Oregon State University - MS Biochemistry; Golden Gate Seminary - M Div. Theology; CR 6 years; Aug. 4

CAMPS SECRETARY

* Faye Greene, Hometown - Black Mountain, NC; Year-Round Baptist Sunday School Board Employee; CR 6 years, Dec. 7.

CAMP BOOKKEEPER

25 Melanie Markham, Birmingham, AL; Birmingham Southern College - Chemistry; CR 1 year; July 26

RECEPTIONIST

28 Anne Jackson, Chattanooga, TN; Belmont College - Social Work; CR 2 years; May 20.

TRIBAL LEADERS

APACHE TRIBE

8 Darryl Andrews, Laurens, SC; Lander College - BME - Instrumental; Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center - Winter Staff, CR 6 years; Feb. 7.

SHAWNEE TRIBE

7 Richmond Stroupe, Stanley, NC; Wake Forest University - BA - Psychology; Florida State University - Counseling; CR 12 years; Nov. 7.

CHOCTAW TRIBE

11 Ernie Roberts, Knoxville, TN; University of Tennessee - Knoxville - BS Education, MM Mathematics; Teacher - Bearden High School; CR 3 years; Jan. 24.

ARAPAHO TRIBE

6 Steve Cothran, Greenville, SC; Furman University -

B.A.; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY; CR 9 years; Dec. 31.

SIOUX TRIBE

10 Craig Orange, Miami, FL; Miami Dade Community College - Civil Engineering, University of Florida, Santa Fe Community College; CR 13 years; Sept. 20.

CAMP DRIVER

5 Jim Ellis, Black Mountain, NC; University of NC - Chapel Hill - Radio, Television, and Motion Pictures; CR 3 years; Mar. 12.

CIT/COUNSELING DIRECTOR

12 Landis Stanfield, Smithfield, NC; UNC-Chapel Hill - BA Psychology, East Carolina University - MA Education in School Counseling; CR 12 years; Oct. 27.

HORSEBACK SUPERVISOR

3 Melanie Atwood, Pineville, LA; Louisiana State University - Physical Education, Louisiana College; CR 3 years; Aug. 22.

WATERFRONT DIRECTOR

9 Steve Whipple, Franklin, TN; Belmont College - BBA; Southwestern Baptist Seminary - Ft. Worth, TX; CR 2 years; Dec. 10.

CAMP NURSES

* Cecelia Jones, Miami, FL; Jackson Memorial School of Nursing; RN; CR 1 year.

2 Louisa Long, Rochester, MI; Oakland University - BSN; CR 1 year; Nov. 11.

1 Sue Moore, Garner, NC; Wilson School of Nursing - BSN; CR 1 year; Nov. 22.

* Toni Singh, Palm Harbor, FL; Mt. Sinai Hospital School of Nursing - RN; CR 1 year; June 17.

* Sinda Snead, Centre, AL; Jacksonville State University - BSN; MS in Counseling and Guidance; CR 10 years; Jan. 27.

CAMP PHYSICIAN

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

FOOD SERVICE MANAGER

* Ellen Huggins, Easley, SC; Greenville General Hospital of Nursing; Food Service Manager, Wren Middle School; Piedmont, SC; CR 3 years; Nov. 23.

FOOD SERVICE AIDES

* Sharon Beaubouef, Pineville, LA; Louisiana College; CR 2 years; May 7.

19 Janet Berry, St. Francisville, LA; Hardin-Simmons University; CR 1 year; May 9.

* David DaDa, Lagos, Nigeria; Carson-Newman College - BS Business Administration; CR 1 year; Feb. 28.

20 Karen Epps, Jackson, TN; Belmont College - Music Theory and Composition; CR 1 year; June 2.

23 Dave Garner, Great Falls, SC; North Greenville College - Religion; CR 1 year; Jan. 14.

24 Rob Miller, Alexandria, KY; Georgetown College - Political Science; CR 1 year; Oct. 24.

18 Michelle Markham, Reston, VA; South Lakes High School; CR 1 year; Jan. 20.

17 Mike Wallace, Chapin, SC; Chapin High School; CR 1 year; March 22.

COOKS

* Mary Foster, Marion, NC; CR 1 year; Feb. 13.

21 Beth Nelson, Sycamore, GA; Georgia Southern College - BA Art Education, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; CR 2 years; Aug. 30.

* Brenda Rice, Old Fort, NC; CR 1 year; Jan. 20.

* Vickie Robinson, Old Fort, NC; CR 2 years; July 4.

* Judy Ann White, Old Fort, NC; CR 3 years; Feb. 7.

COUNSELORS

29 Bart Craig, Vale, NC; Gardner-Webb College - Education; CR 1 year; CRAFTS; Dec. 7.

30 Eric Wodka, Key Largo, FL; Carson-Newman College; CR 1 year; WEIGHTLIFTING; March 31.

31 Stephen Hardy, Ft. Worth, TX; Texas A & M University - Finance; CR 6 years; ARCHERY; Oct. 24.

32 Tim Anthony, Miami, FL; University of Florida - English and Accounting; CR 6 years; ARCHERY; Nov. 30.

33 Lan Quattlebaum, Greer, SC; Furman University - Psychology, Anderson College; CR 7 years; BASKETBALL; May 19.

34 Michael "Buzz" Cook, Mars Hill, NC; Appalachian

State University - Broadcasting; CR 3 years; TENNIS; March 30.

35 Tom Horner, Brevard, NC; Campbell University School of Law, Furman University - BA - Political Science; CR 1 year; BASKETBALL & SOCCER; Oct. 3.

36 Jay Hendry, Lodson, SC; College of Charleston - Music and Physical Education, Lander College; CR 1 year; TENNIS; Aug. 4.

37 Philip Brown, Macon, GA; University of Georgia - Athens - Political Science; CR 7 years; RIFLERY & INDIAN LORE; Oct. 2.

38 Terry R. Tinsley, Hattiesburg, MS; William Carey College - Adolescent Psychology; CR 4 years; ROCKETRY; Dec. 19.

39 John Taylor, Winston-Salem, NC; Furman University - History; CR 8 years; CRAFTS; Nov. 4.

40 Tony Goodman, Pineville, LA; Louisiana State University - Alexandria - Physical Education; CR 1 year; SELF DEFENSE; May 23.

41 Kevin Pagan, Lynchburg, VA; Liberty University - Youth Ministries; CR 3 years; RIFLERY; June 23.

42 Dan Capps, Rocky Mount, NC; Wingate College - Religious Studies; CR 1 year; BASKETBALL & TENNIS; Oct. 12.

43 Rusty Nix, Johnson City, TN; East Tennessee State University; CR 1 year; ROCKETRY; Feb. 15.

44 Andy Fletcher, Athens, GA; CR 12 years; SOCCER & ROCKETRY; April 16.

45 David Turner, Arkadelphia, AR; Stetson University - Psychology; CR 5 years; OUTDOOR LIVING; Aug. 25.

46 Paul Brown, Morristown, TN; East Tennessee State University - Land Surveying; CR 1 year; TRAILBLAZERS; April 15.

47 Lee Ruble, Huntington, WV; Marshall University - Engineering; CR 1 year; TRAILBLAZERS; Aug. 28.

56 Frank Johnson, Winston-Salem, NC; Wake Forest University - Speech Communications; CR 9 years; CRAFTS; Aug. 30.

57 Jay Montgomery, Hattiesburg, MS; Mississippi State University - Mathematics and Physics; CR 2 years; OUTDOOR LIVING; April 10.

58 Scott Andrews, Laurens, SC; Clemson University - Biochemistry; CR 2 years; SWIMMING & CANOEING; Feb. 14.

* Howie Mathews, New Bern, NC; Wake Forest University; CR 1 year; BASKETBALL; Sept. 25.

JUNIOR COUNSELORS

48 Scott Cothran, Greenville, SC; Anderson Jr. College; CR 7 years; RIFLERY; Sept. 7.

49 Jeff Rogers, Nashville, TN; Antioch High School; CR 10 years; HORSEBACK; Dec. 12.

50 Kevin Poindexter, New Orleans, LA; Ben Franklin High School; CR 3 years; BASKETBALL & TENNIS; Sept. 3.

51 Marvin Hardy, Orlando, FL; Edgewater High School; CR 8 years; OUTDOOR LIVING; July 31.

52 Jeff Davis, Pippa Passes, KY; Mars Hill College - Pre-Med; CR 9 years; SWIMMING & CANOEING; Dec. 14.

59 Tom Bunton, Greensboro, NC; University of North

Carolina - Charlotte - Mechanical Engineering; CR 6 years; INDIAN LORE; June 21.

61 Mike Thompson, Gainesville, GA; Gainesville High School; CR 8 years; RIFLERY; Jan. 28.

62 Stephen NeSmith, Tallahassee, FL; Tallahassee Community College - Business; CR 7 years; ARCHERY; Sept. 28.

63 Gary King, Candler, NC; University of NC - Asheville; CR 1 year; INDIAN LORE; Jan. 14.

64 David Coley, Candler, NC; University of NC - Asheville - Computer Science; CR 1 year; SOCCER & ROCKETRY; Aug. 14.

65 Kevin Thompson, Huntington, WV; CR 10 years; June 26.

66 Chad Miller, Tallahassee, FL; Florida State University - Business; CR 6 years; HORSEBACK; Aug. 27.

67 Jason Wade, Prairie Village, KS; University of Kansas - Liberal Arts; CR 8 years; CRAFTS; Jan. 15.

68 David Silvious, Chattanooga, TN; Tennessee Tech - Engineering; CR 2 years; OUTDOOR LIVING; Dec. 23.

69 Ron Latimer, Miami, FL; Miramar High School; CR 5 years; WEIGHT LIFTING; Jan. 9.

* Tom Gailey, Atlanta, GA; Peachtree High School; CR 9 years; WEIGHT LIFTING; Dec. 5.

* Kelly Hines, Nashville, TN; Brentwood Academy; CR 6 years; TENNIS; Aug. 29.

* Tom Ingram, Naples, FL; Brooks Academy, N. Andover, MA; CR 5 years; INDIAN LORE; Dec. 16.

* Greg McElrath, Tallahassee, FL; Leon High School; CR 6 years; OUTDOOR LIVING; May 28.

COUNSELORS IN TRAINING

53 Jay Gaino, Gaffney, SC; Gaffney High School; CR 10 years; Nov. 16.

54 Kevin Schoonderwoerd, Raleigh, NC; Hargrave Military Academy; CR 1 year; March 2.

55 Scott Fearheiley, Nashville, TN; Hillsboro High School; CR 4 years; Jan. 13.

60 John Thayer, Miami Lakes, FL; Chaminade High School; CR 6 years; Aug. 8.

70 Guillermo Velasco, Mexico; Panamerican University High School; CR 5 years; March 20.

STABLE WORKER

22 Freddie Morgan, Albemarle, NC; NC State University - Biological Research; CR 1 year; Oct. 29.

LAUNDRY WORKERS

27 Andi Freirich, Black Mountain, NC; Charles D. Owen High School; CR 1 year; Sept. 23.

26 Marla Hale, Waynesville, NC; East Tennessee State University; CR 1 year; March 26.

HOUSEKEEPER

* Dana Cable, Old Fort, NC; McDowell High School; CR 1 year; Aug. 5.

MAINTENANCE

* Charles Clegg, Montreat, NC; Year-Round Baptist Sunday School Board Employee; CR 3 years; May 23.

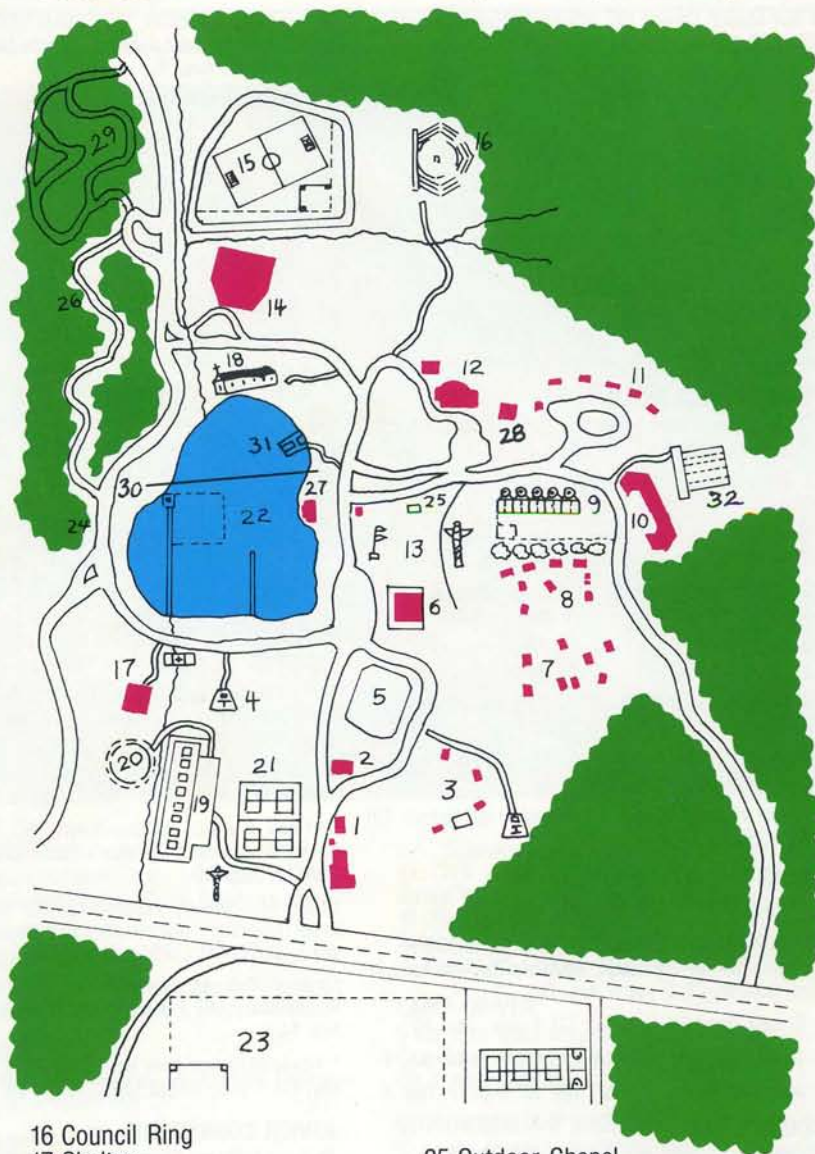
* Bill Manley, Old Fort, NC; CR 5 years; Sept. 17.

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CAMP RIDGECREST



- 1 Pastor's Office
- 2 Canteen (Old Ridgecrest Train Depot)
- 3 Apache Circle
- 4 Rhododendron Chapel
- 5 Gym (Spillman Lodge)
- 6 Lake Lodge
- 7 Shawnee Hill
- 8 Choctaw Ridge
- 9 Archery Range
- 10 Infirmary
- 11 Arapaho Hill
- 12 Trailblazer Inn (Sioux)
- 13 Middle Green
- 14 Activities Building (Upper Gym)
- 15 Upper Green (Soccer Field)



- 16 Council Ring
- 17 Shelter
- 18 Lakeside Chapel
- 19 Stables
- 20 Riding Ring
- 21 Tennis Courts
- 22 Lake Ridgecrest
- 23 Lower Green & Tennis Courts
- 24 Indian Lore
- 25 Outdoor Chapel
- 26 Nature Trail
- 27 Roger's Retreat
- 28 Crafts Lodge
- 29 Ropes Challenge Course
- 30 Ridgecrest Zip Line
- 31 "The Blob"
- 32 Riflery Range

