

FALLING CREEK CAMP FOR BOYS





Falling Creek Camp for Boys

Founded 1969

Directors and Owners

James F. Miller, III

J. Yorke Pharr, III



**Ages 6-17
3 Week June Camp
7 Week Regular Session**

**Family Camp
Weekend Groups
Trip Outfitting**

**Tuxedo
North Carolina 28784**

Philosophy

Falling Creek is a Christian camp for boys, seeking to provide a maximum opportunity for fun and growth in a wilderness setting.

Summer camp offers a unique opportunity for spiritual, physical and social growth. Falling Creek strives to encourage development in these areas through both its program and the leadership of its staff. A stimulating program is offered, emphasizing a variety of wilderness tripping opportunities and a wide range of in-camp activities with lifetime carry-over value.

We believe that the most important part of a camp experience can be growth through the exchange of ideas between the developing mind of the camper and the more mature minds of his cabin counselor and other staff members. Hence our first priority, since the founding of the camp in 1969, has been to attract and keep a high quality staff. Counselors are chosen not only for their activity strength and teaching ability, but also for their high ideals, character and human relations skills.

Our camp is young, exciting, and still growing. Our program has developed over the few years of our operation to the point that we now believe it competitive with that of any camp in the South. This, in combination with the sound leadership and high Christian ideals that have characterized the camp from its beginning, provides an environment ideally suited for fun, adventure and individual growth. We invite you to discover the Spirit and Secret of Falling Creek.



Welcome to Falling Creek

Nestled in a secluded mountaintop cove in North Carolina's Blue Ridge mountains, Falling Creek is ideally located for a summer of fun and adventure. The camp's proximity to Asheville, North Carolina and Greenville, South Carolina makes it readily accessible by both car and plane, yet the last five miles can make you realize just how far apart from "civilization" Falling Creek really is! Our 3,000 foot altitude provides for pleasant days and blanket-snuggling nights. Camp owns, or has available to it, over 1,000 acres of land well suited for short hiking and riding trips. The Great Smoky Mountains are one hour away and Pisgah National Forest can be reached in just thirty minutes; these, plus the numerous white-water rivers nearby, provide ample opportunity for extended wilderness tripping by foot, horse or canoe.

The camp's program centers around five activity periods each day, during which a wide variety of water, woods and in-camp activities are offered. Campers draw up their own schedule of activities, which may be modified periodically. There is free time each day, when a boy may participate in non-instructional but supervised activity, such as climbing on the Monkey Bridge, free swimming and canoeing, challenge tennis matches or fishing. Flexibility is built into the program, as a camper, once qualified in swimming, may at any time interrupt his regular schedule for a morning or afternoon of sailing or skiing at Lake Summit. Frequent cabin trips and special programs offer an enjoyable break from routine. For those who develop the requisite skills, regardless of age, white-water canoeing trips, long trail rides and three-to-six day backpacking trips often prove to be the highlights of the summer.

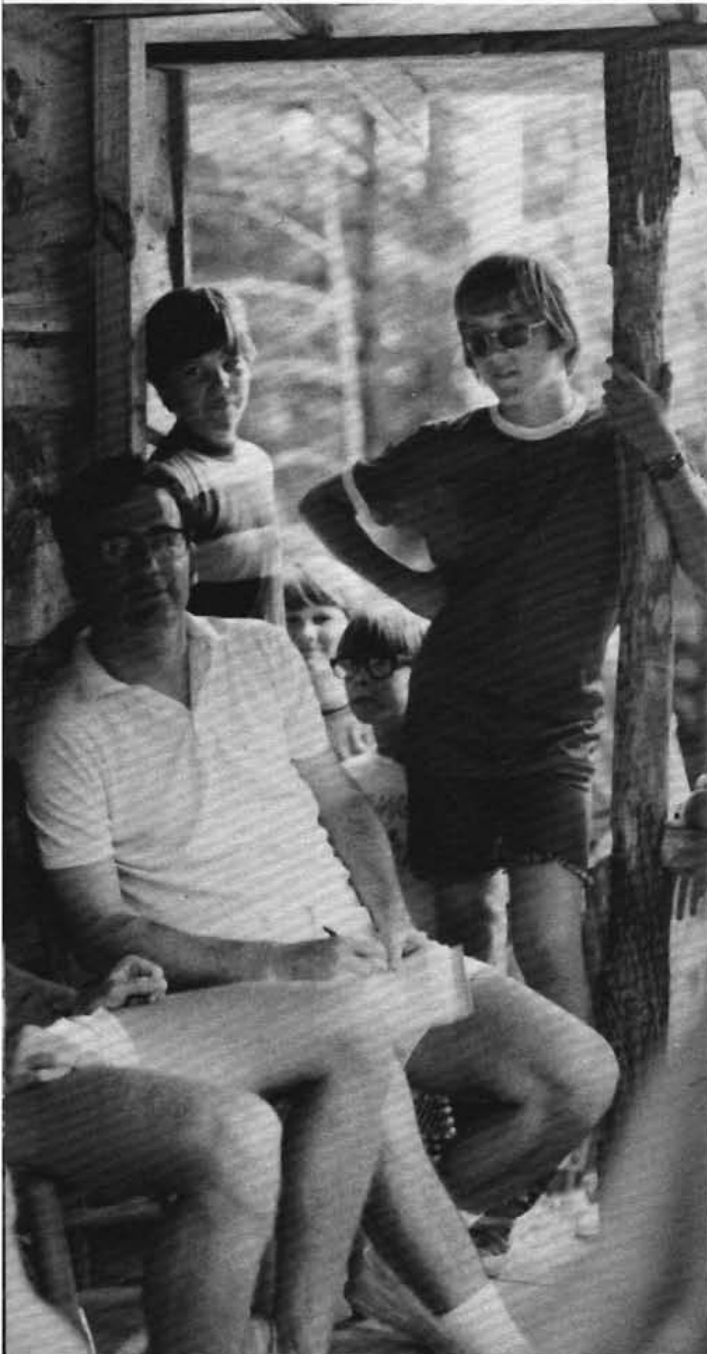
Each boy lives in a cabin with five or six cabinmates and a counselor. We think the cabin is the most important unit at camp and the interaction between camper and counselor, and camper and cabinmates, is an invaluable experience in living and sharing with others. Cabin units take frequent hikes and overnight campouts, and many take multi-day hiking or canoeing trips.

The camp is divided into three age group divisions — Juniors, Middlers and Seniors — with six to eight cabins in each division. About half of our evening programs are planned for these special age groups; the remainder are for the entire camp.

Special programming contributes to the fun of the summer. We attempt to introduce older boys to the cultural life and folkways of the mountains through visits to points of interest, such as the Craftsman's Fair, the Asheville Folk Festival, the Flat Rock Playhouse and the Brevard Music Center. Square dances with neighboring girls' camps are always popular. The Green/Gold Field Day and Corn Roast is a tradition at Falling Creek. Other special days, such as Backwards Day, the Gymkhana, Green/Gold Work Days, the Grey-stone basketball game and swim meet, and excursions to places such as Big Bradley Falls and Pisgah Slides, keep spirits high.

Spiritual growth is an important goal at Falling Creek. Each day begins with a brief "morning watch" service, and many counselors conduct cabin devotions at night. Sunday is highlighted by a church service in the morning and an evening Council Fire, and is generally a day of relaxed activity. Transportation to Mass is provided for those of the Catholic faith.

An enthusiastic counselor staff is the life and strength of any camp. A great deal of time and effort is put into the careful selection of each year's counselor team. Falling Creek is fortunate to have a core group of mature and highly experienced camp personnel in key staff positions. Many of our younger counselors are former campers.



Falling Creek was founded in 1969 by Jim Miller as brother camp to Camp Greystone for Girls. In 1971 Jim was joined by Yorke Pharr, and today the two men jointly own and direct the camp. Both had a wealth of camping experience before coming

to Falling Creek: Jim as an associate director of one of the South's top boys' camps and as a director of Camp Greystone since 1966; Yorke with twelve years of camp involvement as a camper, counselor, and year-round associate director. Jim graduated from the University of Kentucky, where he played varsity football.

He is married to Libby Hanna Miller, a director of Greystone; they have three children, all campers! Yorke is a 1970 business graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. An avid fisherman, hiker, hunter and canoeist, he does a limited amount of trip outfitting during the non-camp months.



Hiking

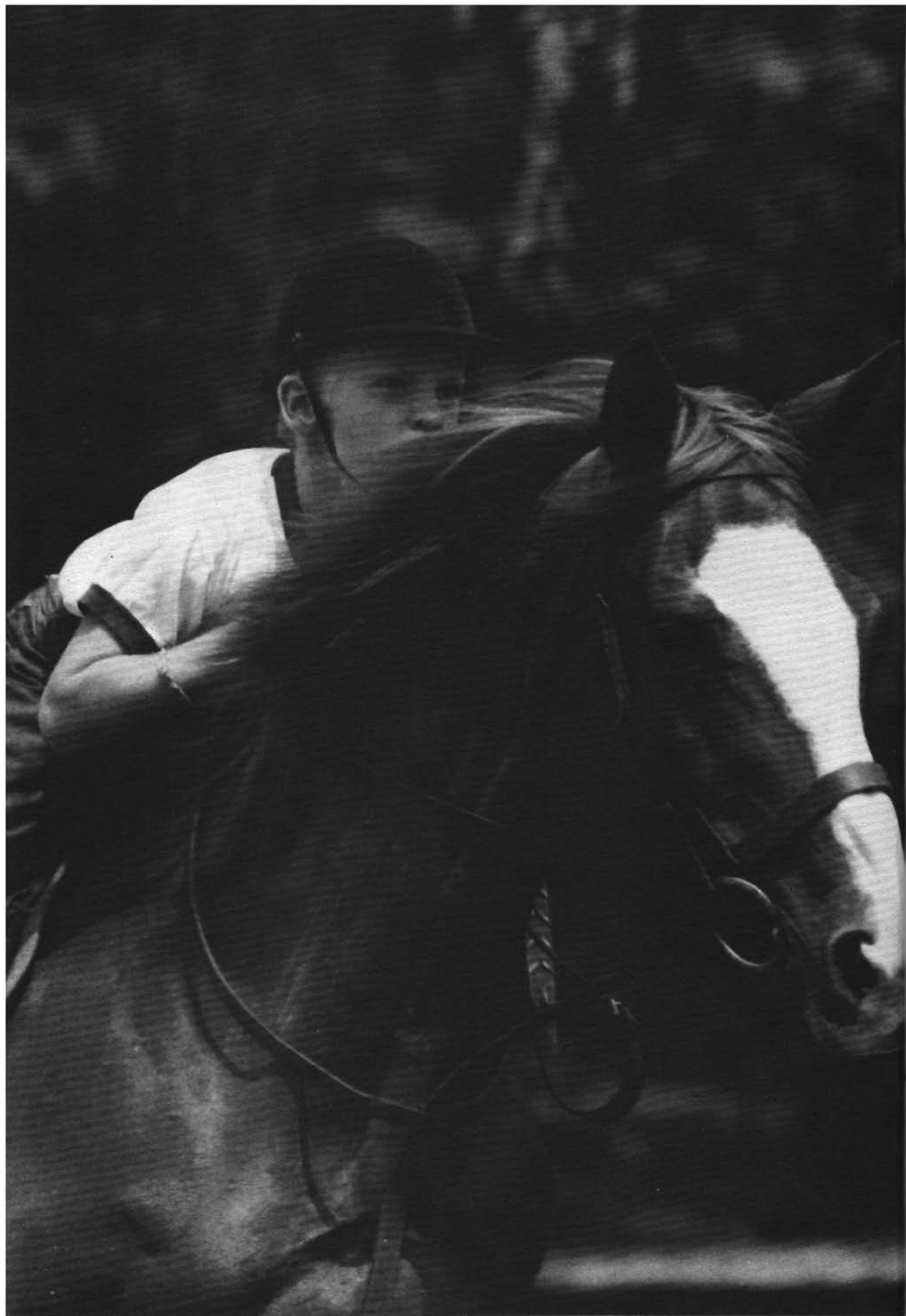
A large and well qualified hiking staff offers many exciting opportunities for extended pack trips as well as interesting day trips away from camp. The hiking counselors are experienced woodsmen, free from cabin responsibilities, and devote their full time to planning, packing and leading trips. Two hiking counselors

accompany each group of ten to twelve boys on the longer trips — normally from three to six days. On a typical week three or four such trips, designed to meet the needs of boys of different age and skill levels, might go out. Pisgah National Forest is just a thirty minute drive from camp and offers 140 square miles of wilderness terrain with a num-

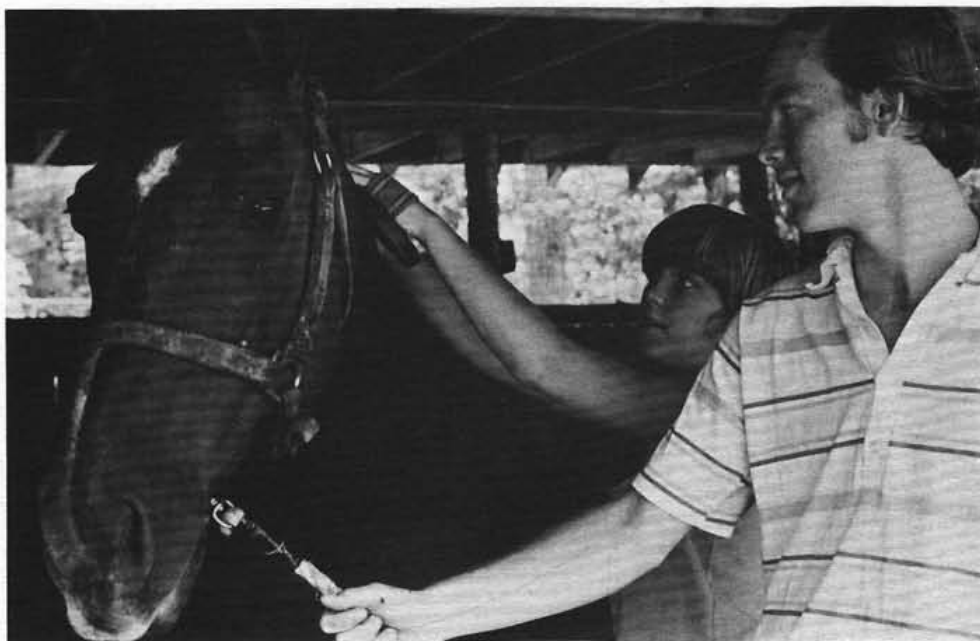
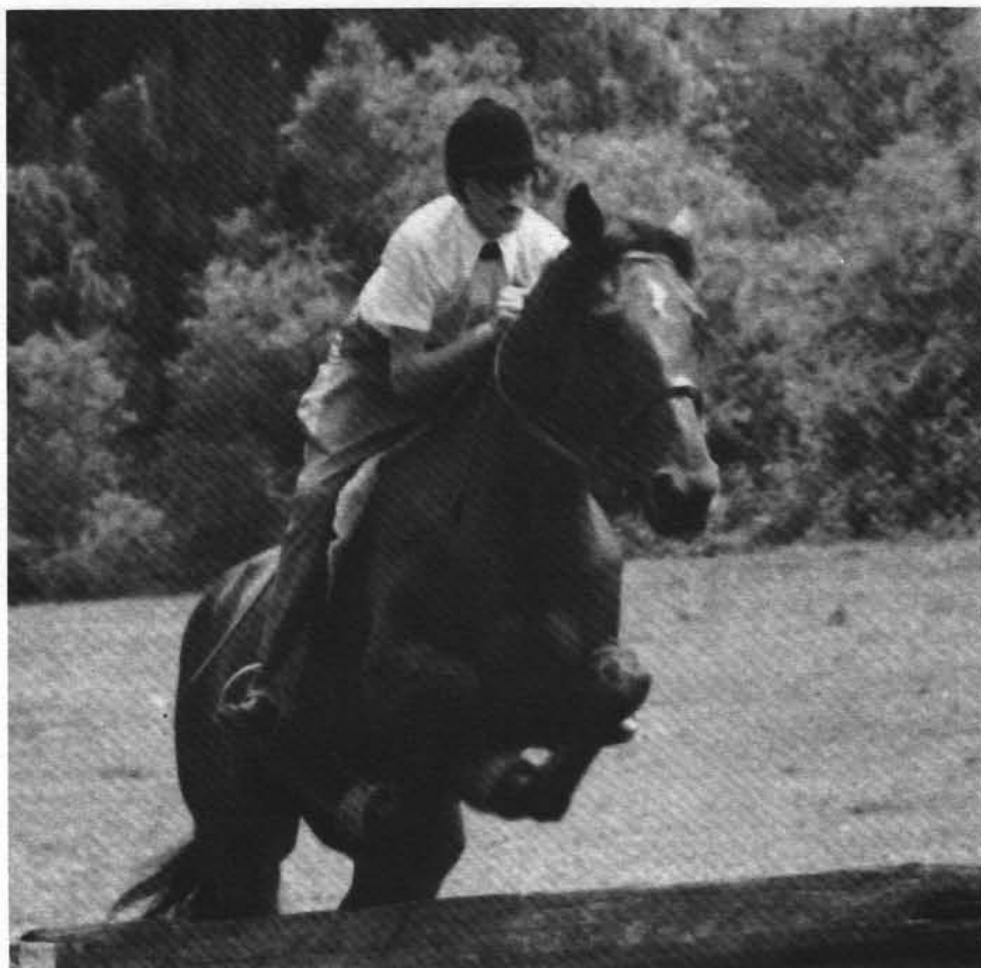
ber of peaks over 6,000 feet high. Falling Creek hikers also enjoy the trails and terrain in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Nantahala National Forest and some exciting wilderness gorges. All boys, regardless of age, are encouraged to participate and learn the fun and adventure of wilderness camping.







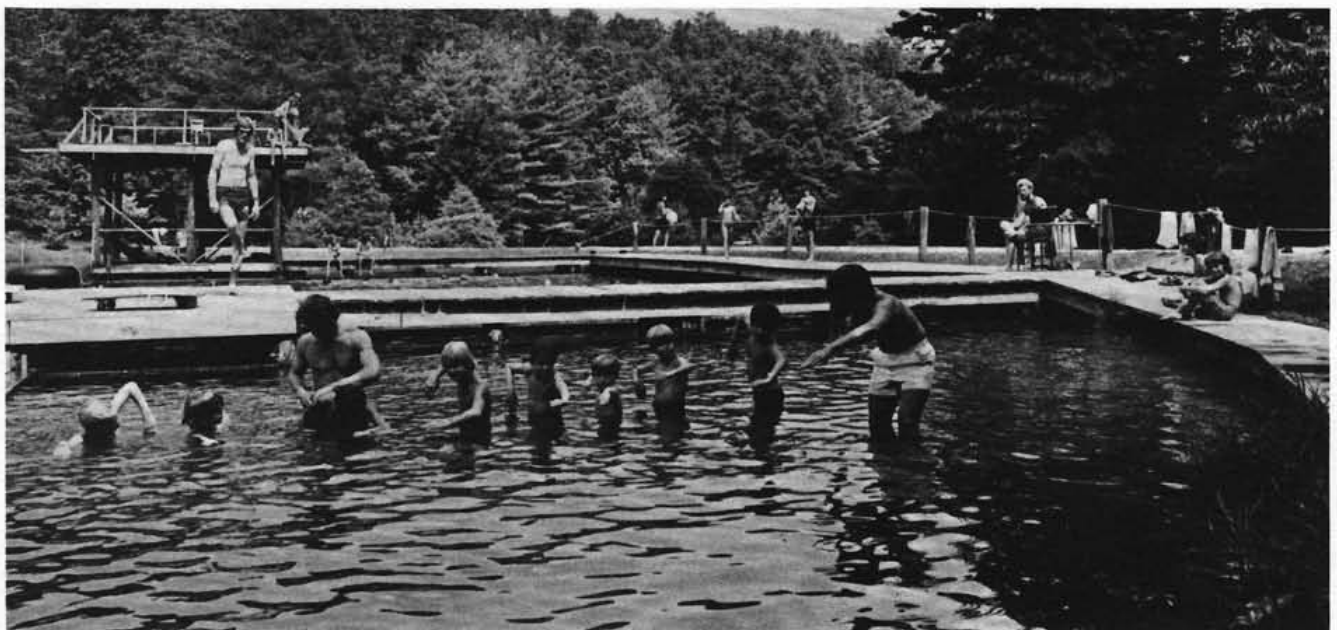
The many miles of trails around Falling Creek offer each boy an opportunity to explore the surrounding countryside and discover the beauty of the mountains on horseback. Lunch, supper and overnight rides provide each camper with the experience of taking care of and feeding his horse, as well as the fun of bareback riding and even some games on horseback in nearby fields and valleys. All riders are encouraged to improve their horsemanship by working in the ring, where qualified instructors teach the forward seat position. The more advanced riders receive instruction in jumping and stable management. During each session, every rider is invited to participate in a Gymkhana — a day of games on horseback, offering events for all levels of riding. The Falling Creek Horseshow in August culminates the summer's varied riding program.

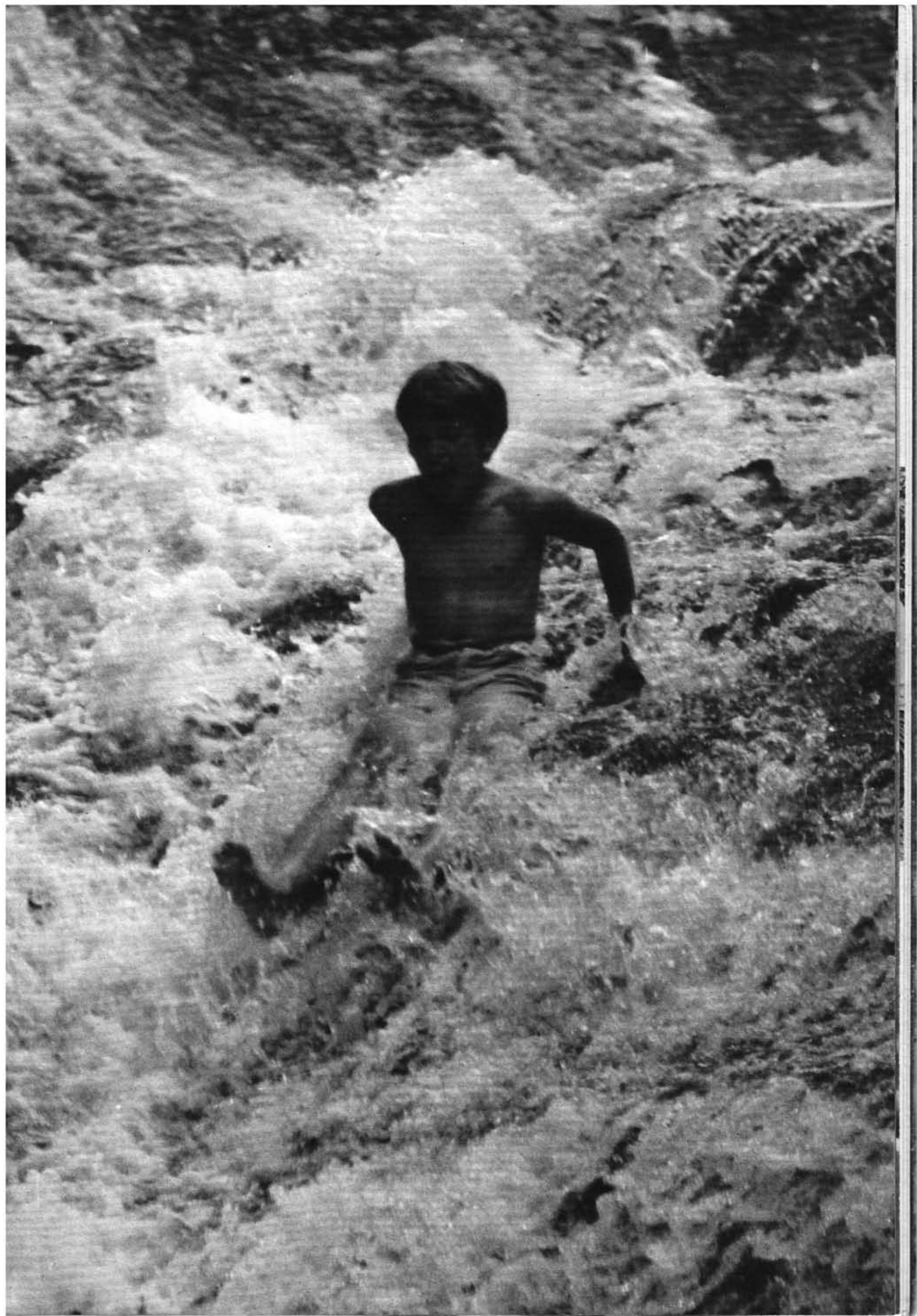


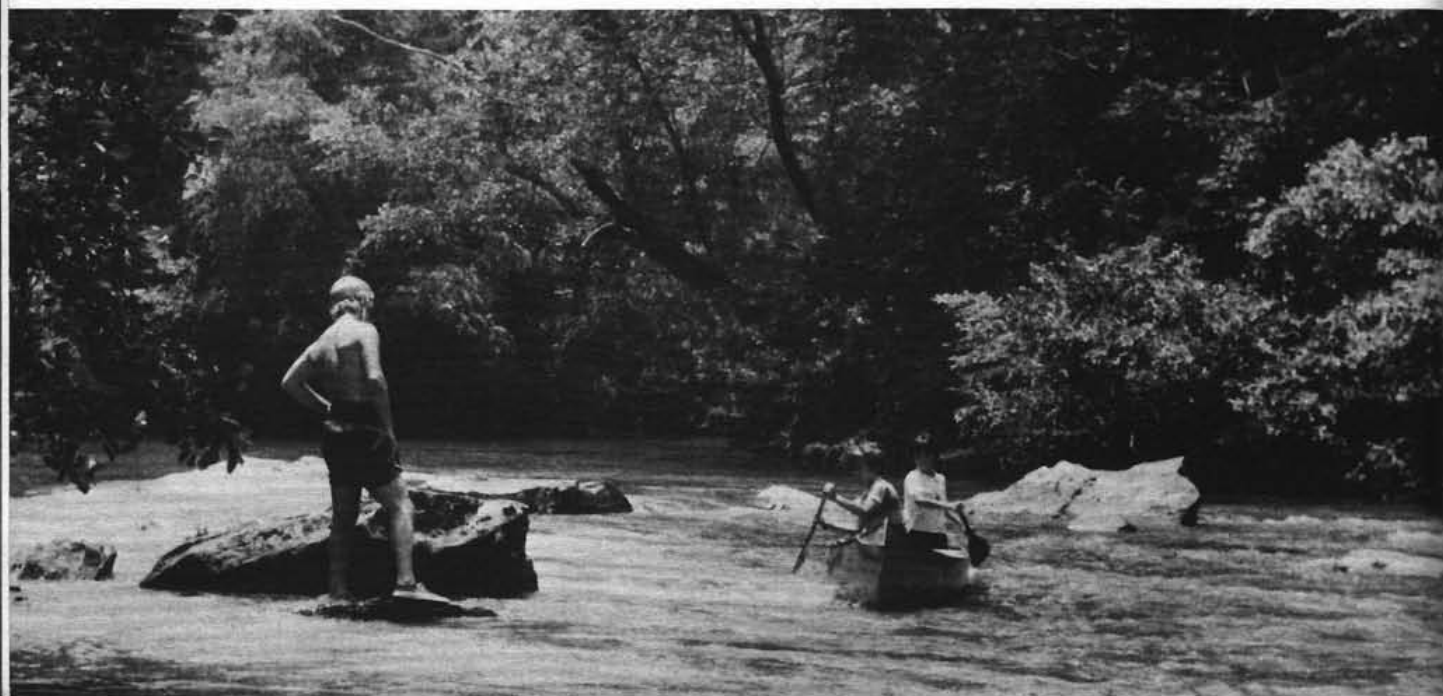
Swimming



Falling Creek offers an excellent swimming program directed and supervised by qualified American Red Cross instructors. All campers are required to take swimming lessons until they attain the Red Cross Intermediate level, after which structured swimming classes become an optional activity. Boys wishing to develop further swimming skills may continue to take courses at the level of Swimmer, Advanced Swimmer, Junior and Senior Lifesaving and Distance Swimming. Campers enjoy two free swim periods each day. Exciting rides, such as the Roller Coaster and High Wire, along with the Monkey Bridge, provide hours of water-oriented fun for the campers. Other activities include swim games, water polo, swim meets and tubing trips on the local rivers.



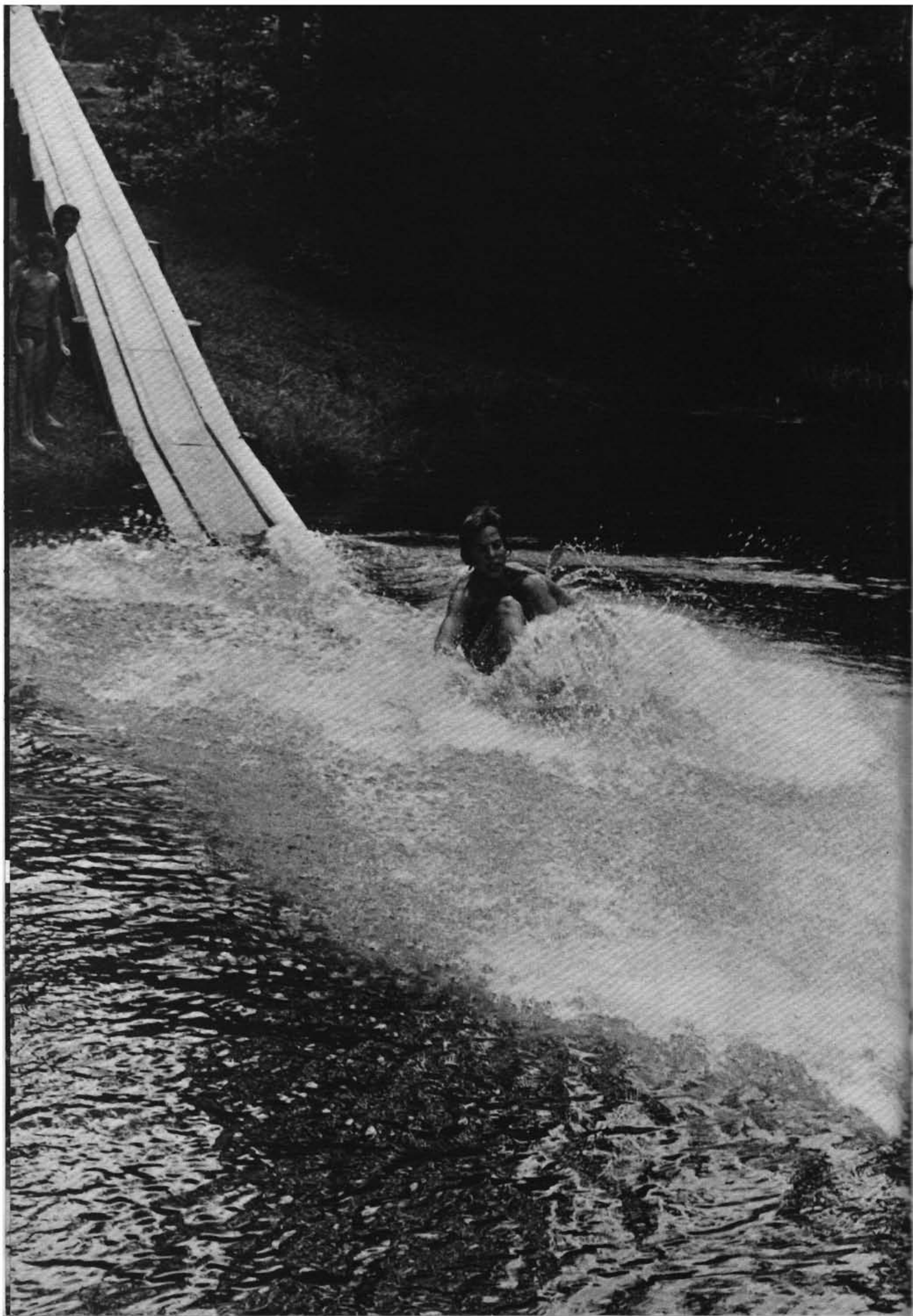


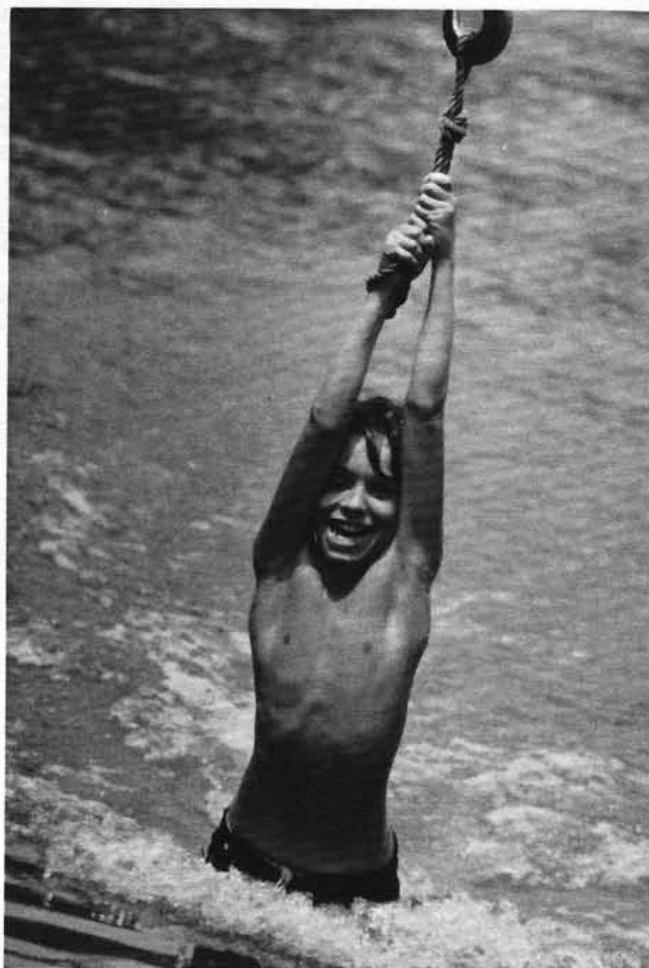


Canoeing

Falling Creek enjoys an outstanding canoeing program oriented toward white-water river trips. Beginners receive instruction and practice in the camp's lower lake. A series of eight to ten rivers are fully utilized and enjoyed as boys progress in confidence skill. The Upper and Lower Green River are the beginner and intermediate working rivers. Both rivers are very close to camp, the Upper Green bordering upon camp property. After successful work trips are completed, exciting rivers such as the Oconaluftee, Tuckasegee, Little Tennessee, Chattooga and Nantahala in Western North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia are offered as rewards for hard work and skills well-learned.







Many of the photographs in this booklet were taken by Counselors Starr Teel and Jeff Proctor.

Sailing

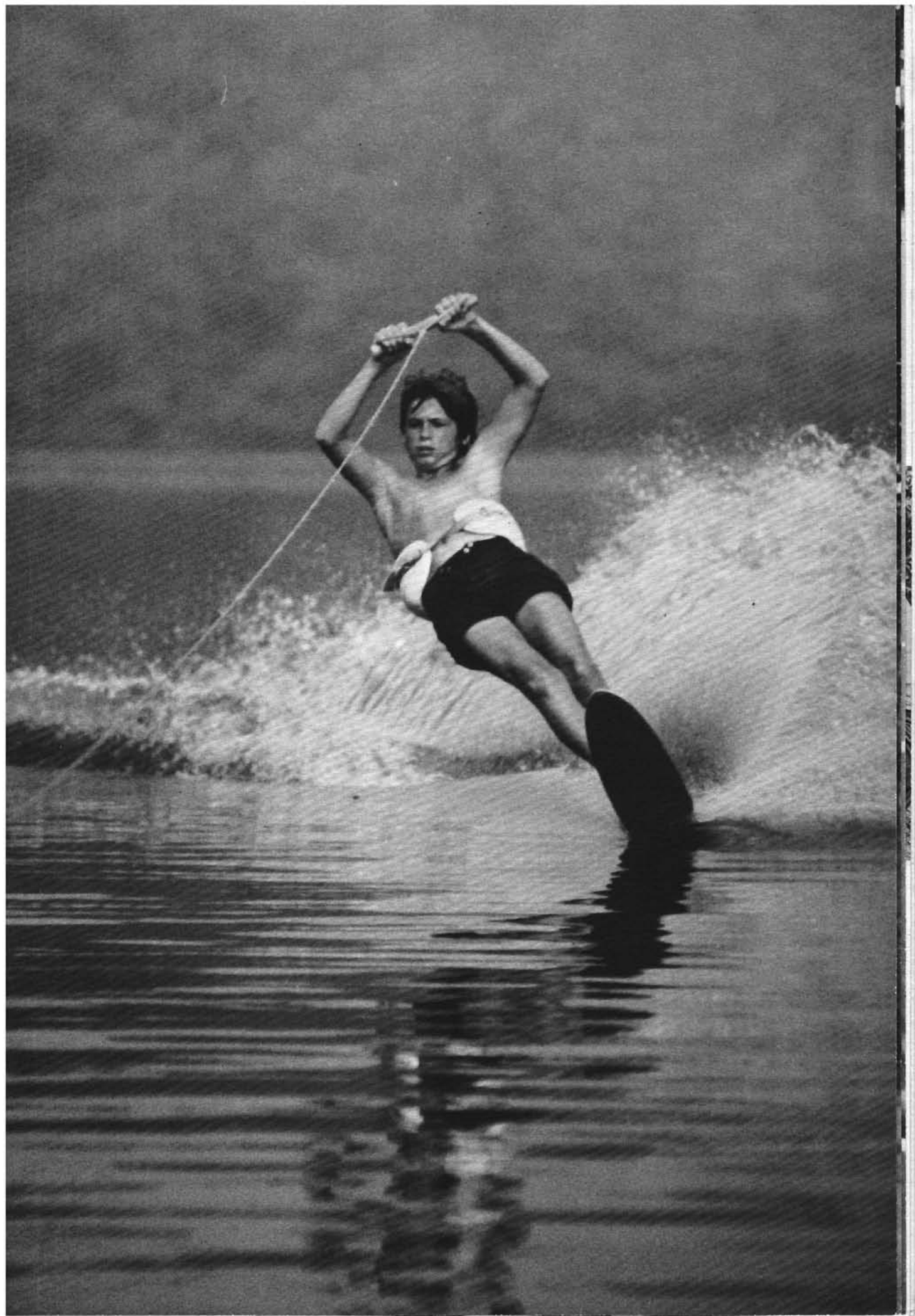
Skiing



The Falling Creek and Greystone sailing fleet and skiing facility are located only six miles from camp on Lake Summit, a beautiful mountain lake with a 27 mile shore line. It is made up of 28 boats including Y-flyers, a Hobie Cat, the Jet 14, skylarks and sailfish. Each Sunday, competent sailors are able to match their skills with skippers from other camps in exciting regattas on the lake.

Both beginner and advanced skiers spend many exciting hours on Lake Summit behind Falling Creek's power boat.

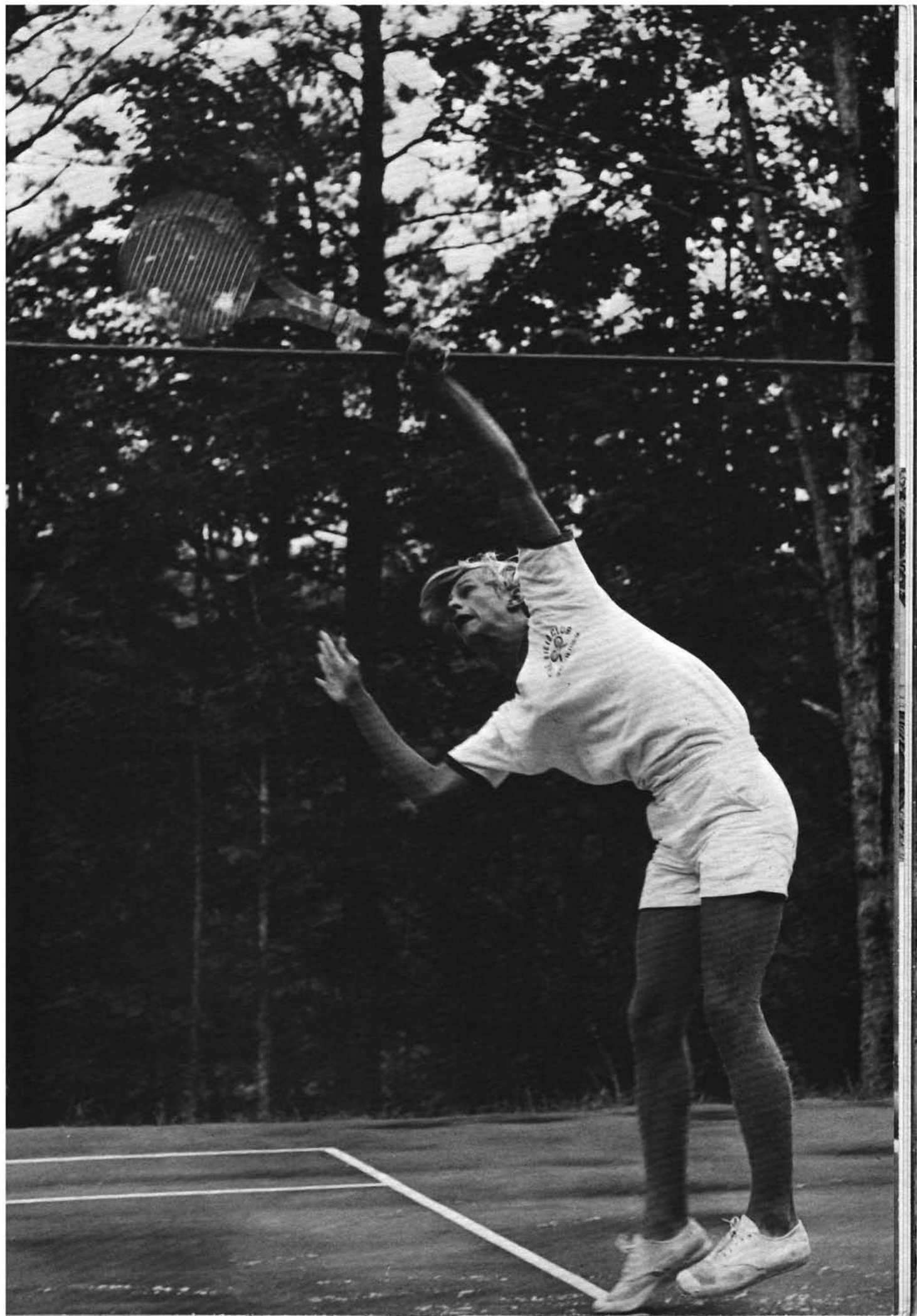


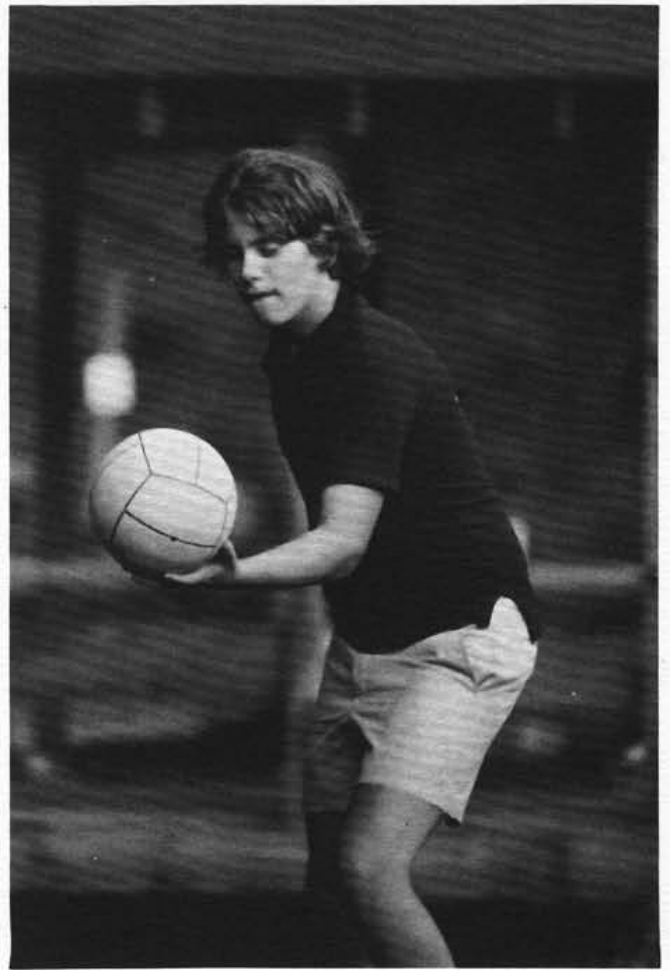


Tennis

Qualified staff members offer expert instruction in tennis on four hard surface all-weather courts. Form and drills are stressed at first. As the camper progresses in necessary skills, he learns the strategy and sportsmanship which characterize the good tennis player. Tennis has consistently been one of Falling Creek's outstanding instructional activities.

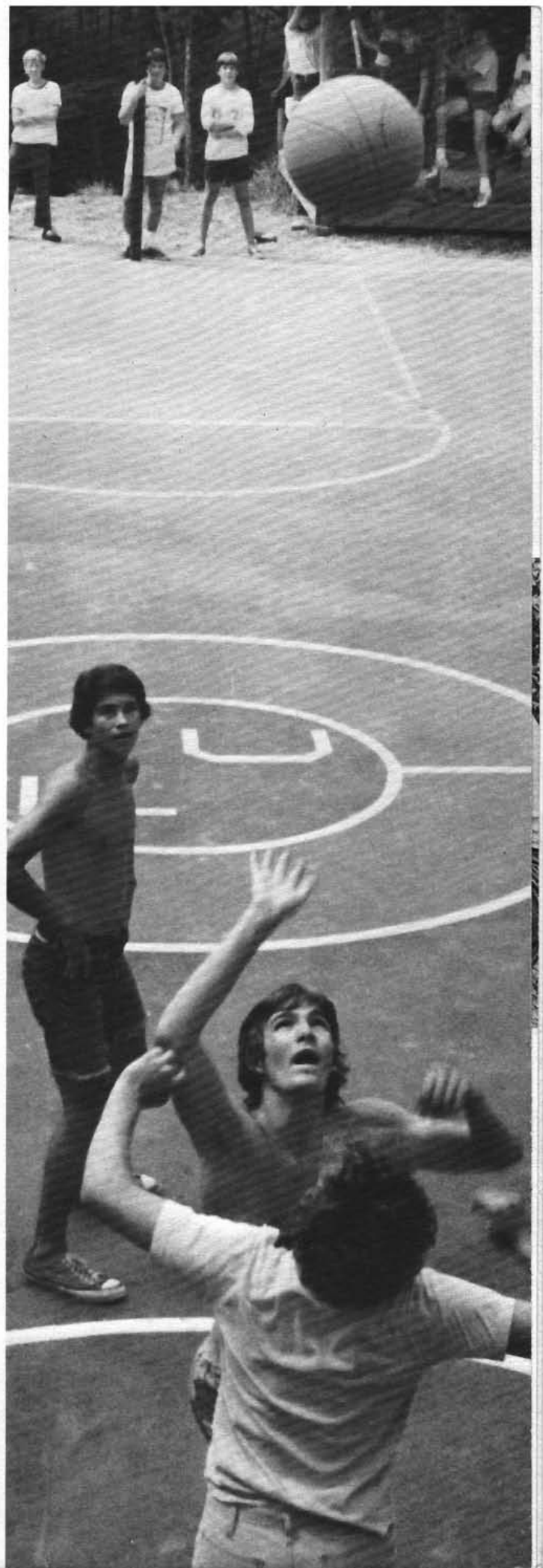






Land Sports

The Land Sports program at Falling Creek is designed to provide campers with an opportunity to learn and develop athletic skills while practicing sportsmanship and fair play. Soccer, which is a fast growing major sport in the United States, is one of the favorite activities in landsports. Softball and volleyball games, horse-shoes, tetherball, touch football and badminton are enjoyed by many boys. A track program, with distance running as well as a football conditioning clinic, is offered.





Crafts

Nature

Woodcraft

Riflery

Falling Creek has a well equipped craft shop located under the dining hall, where boys become skilled in ceramics, woodworking and copper work. Because Falling Creek is still growing, the woodcraft construction program offers boys the opportunity to design and build structures which quickly become an important part of camp life. The Observation Tower and Monkey Bridge are two projects which testify to the skill and efforts of woodcrafters of former years.

The archery range is located above the lower lake where many boys practice their skill with the bow.

Falling Creek is a member of the American Rifle Association, and riflery is a very popular activity at Falling Creek. Skeet shooting and a state-recognized hunter safety course are also offered for interested boys.





Falling Creek is proud of its reputation for good food. The meals are planned, and the preparation supervised, by a resident trained dietician and feature an abundance of fresh meat, fruit and vegetables. Modern equipment assures the best possible conditions for food preparation, and Falling Creek has consistently received a high Grade "A" rating from the North Carolina State Board of Health. Groups going on extended trips generally carry high quality freeze-dried food products. For the best recommendation of Falling Creek food, in camp or out, ask a camper!

Care has been taken in the construction of Falling Creek's buildings to preserve the natural beauty of the surroundings. The focal point of camp is the dining hall, which is large and airy with a high cathedral ceiling and tables which seat seven boys and a counselor. The front porch of the dining hall overlooks the camp's twin lakes and is the gathering point for morning assembly and the popular Saturday night movie! On the ground floor of the dining hall is an office, the campers' store, the large craft shop and an indoor recreation area.





Most of the cabins are located on the side of the hill overlooking the first lake and are of board and batten construction, with large porches. Six or seven boys live in each cabin with a counselor. A central bathhouse with sanitary flush toilets, lavatories and showers with hot water serve these cabins; the newer cabins, away from the center of camp, have their own toilet and bath facilities.

Health and safety are stressed throughout the camp session and are a vital concern of the entire staff. The infirmary is attractive and well equipped, and a Registered Nurse is on duty at all times. We now provide quarters for, and will have in camp throughout most of the summer, a licensed physician. Camp also has on call doctors in both Hendersonville, N. C. and Greenville, S. C., and the medical facilities of these cities are close at hand.





Prospective campers and their parents are encouraged to visit Falling Creek to examine the facilities first hand, and to obtain more detailed information on matters of particular interest. To make arrangements for a visit, contact should be made with:

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Camp Greystone for Girls
Tuxedo, N.C. 28784

Camp Greystone, Falling Creek's sister camp, celebrated its 54th Anniversary in 1973. One of the pioneer camps for girls in the South, it was organized by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Sevier and is today one of America's leading Christian camps. Mrs. Virginia Sevier Hanna, daughter of the founders, and Jim and Libby Hanna Miller are the directors.

Located on beautiful Lake Summit, Greystone offers all land and water sports. It has a fine and wholesome program geared to meet the needs of today. The ideals and Christian philosophies of Greystone and Falling Creek offer to both girls and boys the finest environment for the development of future leaders.



The Greystone Directors





