

Falling Creek Camp



For boys

TUXEDO, NORTH CAROLINA 28784

Falling Creek is a Christian Camp for Boys . . . Seeking to provide a maximum opportunity for fun and growth . . . in a wilderness setting.



Falling Creek Camp

Founded in 1969 by James F. Miller, III



Owned & Directed by
Mr. and Mrs. J. Yorke Pharr, III
Tuxedo, North Carolina 28784

Ages 6-17
3 Week June Session
Midsummer 6 Week Main Camp
2 Week August Session

Capacity: 190 Boys



Welcome to Falling Creek... A word to parents

Summer camp offers a unique opportunity for physical, spiritual and social growth. We seek to encourage development in these areas by providing sound leadership and a variety of enriching experiences, so that our campers may best realize their strengths—and accept their limits—as they relate to others and to the world around them.

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, N.C., and Greenville, S.C., makes it readily accessible by both car and plane. Yet the last five miles down Bob's Creek Road can make you realize just how far apart from "civilization" Falling Creek really is!

A stimulating in-camp program and numerous wilderness camping opportunities are designed to awaken in each boy a sense of wonder and appreciation for the world of nature. At the same time, we hasten to remind ourselves of man's place in the scheme of creation, for at Falling Creek we are strongly committed to the goal of building a Christian Community.

While we do offer many competitive activities, we feel it is more important for a boy to learn to work and cooperate with others than consistently try to outrank his peers. Thus, at Falling Creek we try to recognize boys who demonstrate unselfishness in their everyday lives. We would rather see a boy develop a sensitivity to the feelings and needs of others, than paddle down a class V rapid or jump a four foot fence.



We feel one of the most important elements in a successful camp experience is the cabin group. The cabin counselor's enthusiasm, and his interest in each individual boy and his abilities, contribute greatly to the success of a child's summer.

On the following pages we have set forth many of the opportunities offered each summer. We would like to stress at this time that we do not look upon these activities as ends in themselves, but rather a means whereby a boy may come to a greater realization of his own self-worth, while experiencing the spirit and unity of a caring community.

Our camp is young, exciting and still growing. We invite you to discover the secret of Falling Creek.

Noelke and Barbara Pharr





Staff

Counselors are chosen not only for their activity strengths and teaching ability, but also for their character, high ideals and human relations skills. An enthusiastic counselor staff is the life and strength of any camp. The following quotations represent some of our campers' feelings about staff members at Falling Creek.



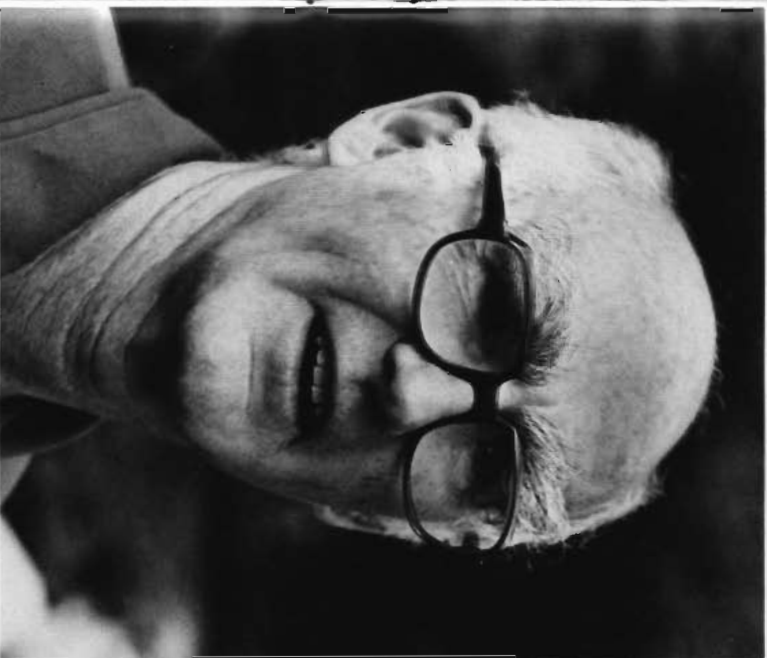
"Counselors are patient" (Ted)



"They take you and your abilities for what they are, no matter what your age." (Bobby)



"They take a personal interest in your life." (Jim)



"They help you with any problem you have." (Corky)

"They try to share their knowledge of life with you." (Howard)



"They're teaching you a skill and building a friendship with you." (Victor)



Counselor-In-Training Program:

Falling Creek offers a Counselor-In-Training program for 16 and 17 year old boys who desire a chance to experience all the fun of camp as a camper, as well as some of the leadership responsibilities of a counselor.

The director of this program leads the "C. I. T.'s" in weekly sessions which focus on human relations training and personal growth.

The C.I.T. program is an excellent opportunity for a young man to have an initial experience in a position of responsibility.





Swimming

Falling Creek's waterfront is located in the center of camp on the "upper lake," fed by numerous mountain streams. Over 100 feet of dock space, diving platforms, and high and low boards provide excellent teaching facilities for both the beginner and advanced swimmer.

The Swimming program is directed and supervised by certified American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors.

All campers are required to take swimming lessons until they acquire the Red Cross Intermediate Level, at which point swimming classes become an optional activity.





Boys wishing to develop further swimming skills may continue to take courses in Junior and Senior Lifesaving, Diving, Distance Swimming and Competitive Swimming.

Exciting Rides such as the Roller Coaster and High Wire provide hours of water-oriented fun. Other in-camp waterfront activities include watermelon scrambles, water polo and swim meets with neighboring camps. Special inner-tube trips down the Green River and excursions to Sliding Rock and Rock Creek Falls are organized by the swim department to refresh and reward some of the more adventuresome swimmers.





Sailing

The Falling Creek-Greystone sailing fleet and skiing facilities are located six miles from camp on Lake Summit, a beautiful mountain lake with 27 miles of shoreline.

Seamanship and sailing etiquette are taught along with the actual sailing skills in order that a boy may learn to meet all situations in and around boats with confidence and success.

Boys begin training on land and soon qualify to go out in instruction boats with a member of the sailing staff. Once a boy proves himself "seaworthy," he may go out with other campers in boats requiring a minimal amount of skill. After mastering these, he may work his way up to the most sophisticated boats in the fleet.

The 28 boat fleet includes Skylarks and Sailfish, Blue Jays, Hobie Cats, a Jet 14 and four Y-Flyers.



Skiing

Beginner and advanced skiers spend many exciting hours behind Falling Creek's power boat.

Boys may elect to take a break from their regularly scheduled activities and spend a morning or afternoon on Lake Summit learning to ski.

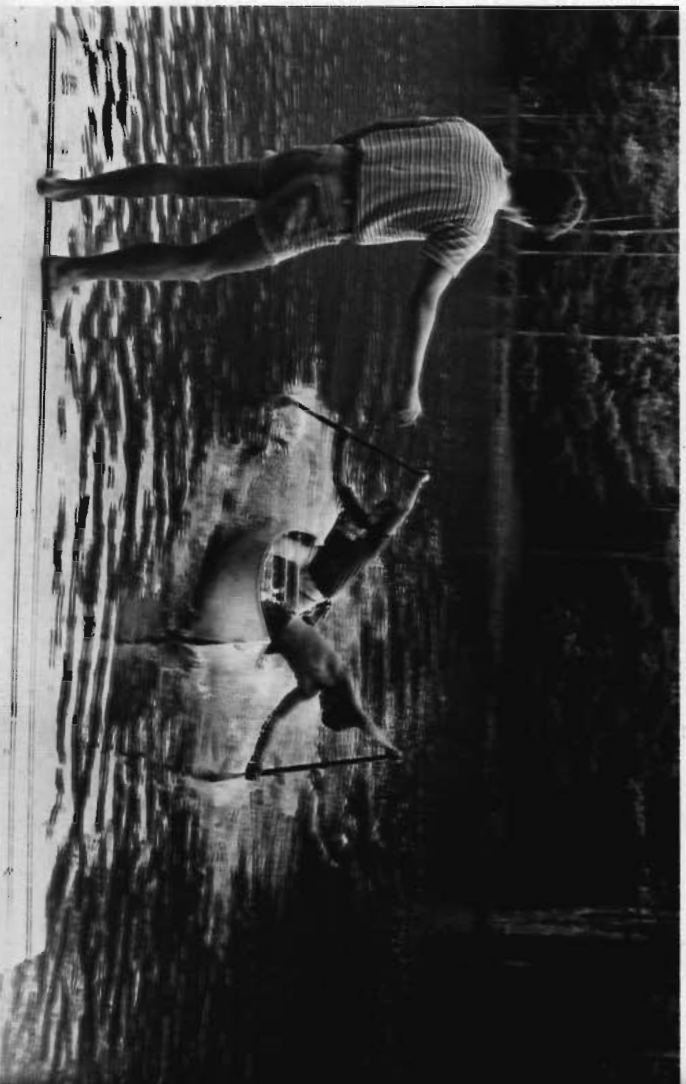
Cabin groups have the opportunity to sign up for evening skiing and enjoy the glasslike surface of Lake Summit at twilight.



Canoeing

Falling Creek offers an outstanding canoeing program oriented towards trips on exciting whitewater rivers, as well as camping overnights on peaceful mountain lakes.

A boy will begin canoeing in camp on the lower lake. It is here he learns the correct form of ten strokes which enable him to paddle his boat in a straight line and turn it in any direction on command.



Our first whitewater trip on the Upper Green involves more work than excitement. There is current on the river, but not very fast. The water is shallow and rocks are everywhere.

Intermediate rivers such as the Oconaluftee, Lower Green, Tuckasegee and Little Tennessee entail more water, faster current and many obstacles. Here a camper learns to apply more advanced techniques such as "eddy turns" and "ferrying."





Whitewater training continues until campers are safely paddling very difficult rivers such as the Nantahala and Section III of the Chattooga. Sometimes it takes a boy only one summer to advance to these rivers. Usually it takes several years.

Once a boy has completed all the rivers in an open canoe, he may continue in this sport by learning how to navigate the same waters in a kayak or C-1.



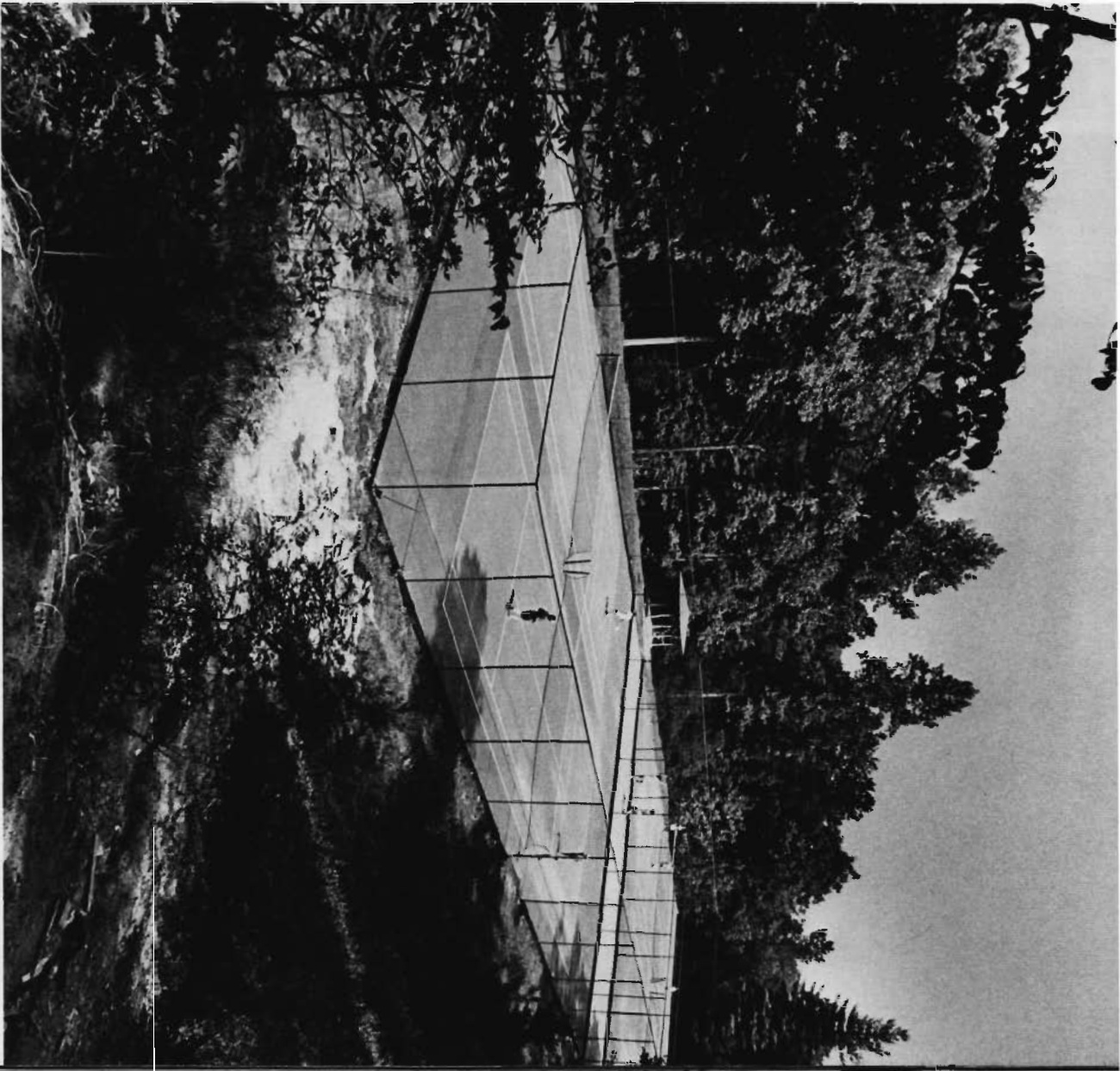


Tennis

Tennis has consistently been one of Falling Creek's outstanding instructional activities. Qualified staff members offer daily instruction on four hard surface all-weather courts.

Fun and constructive games are used to develop young players' skills. A tennis ladder, counselor-camper tournaments and competition with other camps challenge the more advanced players.

All campers learn the strategy, sportsmanship and court etiquette which characterize the good tennis player.



Riding

Horseback riding has always been one of Falling Creek's most popular activities. Boys start out in the ring learning the forward seat position and basic horsemanship skills. Once a boy demonstrates he can control his mount without abuse, he may choose to leave the ring and discover the beauty of the mountains on horseback, exploring the many miles of trails around Falling Creek.

All riders are shown how to properly take care of a horse and tack. Advanced riders receive instruction in jumping and stable management. Falling Creek's best riders are invited to participate in nearby horseshows against a variety of skillful competitors.

The Falling Creek horseshow in August culminates the summer's varied riding program and gives each boy who rides the opportunity to "do his best" against competition on his own level.

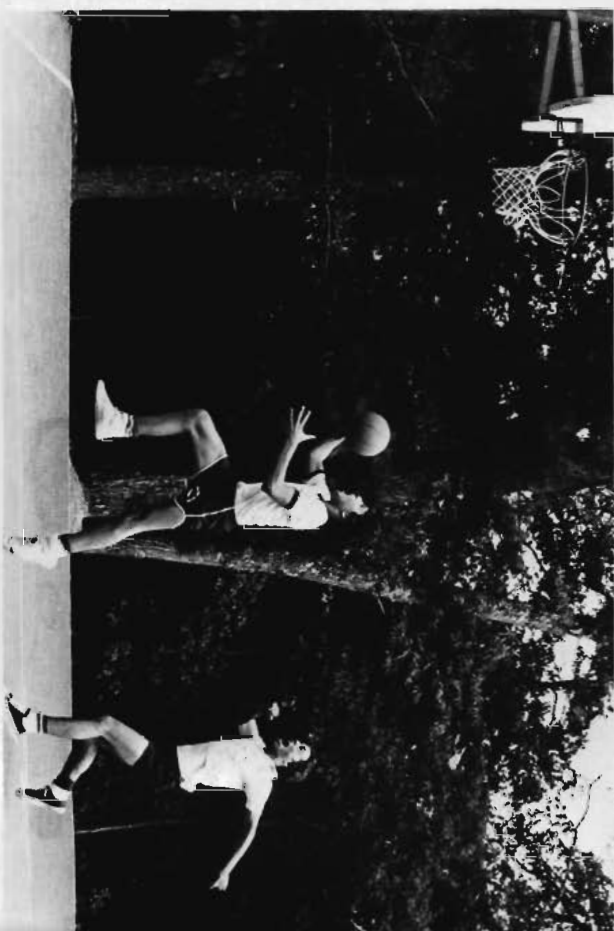




Landsports

The Landsports program is designed to teach boys athletic skills and sportsmanship. Football, soccer, softball, volleyball and basketball are offered to all campers interested in learning the fundamentals of good teamwork. Emphasis is placed on unselfish play and team spirit.

For those interested in more competition, Falling Creek schedules several "field days" with boys from neighboring camps throughout the summer, as well as traditional in-camp green-gold challenge days.

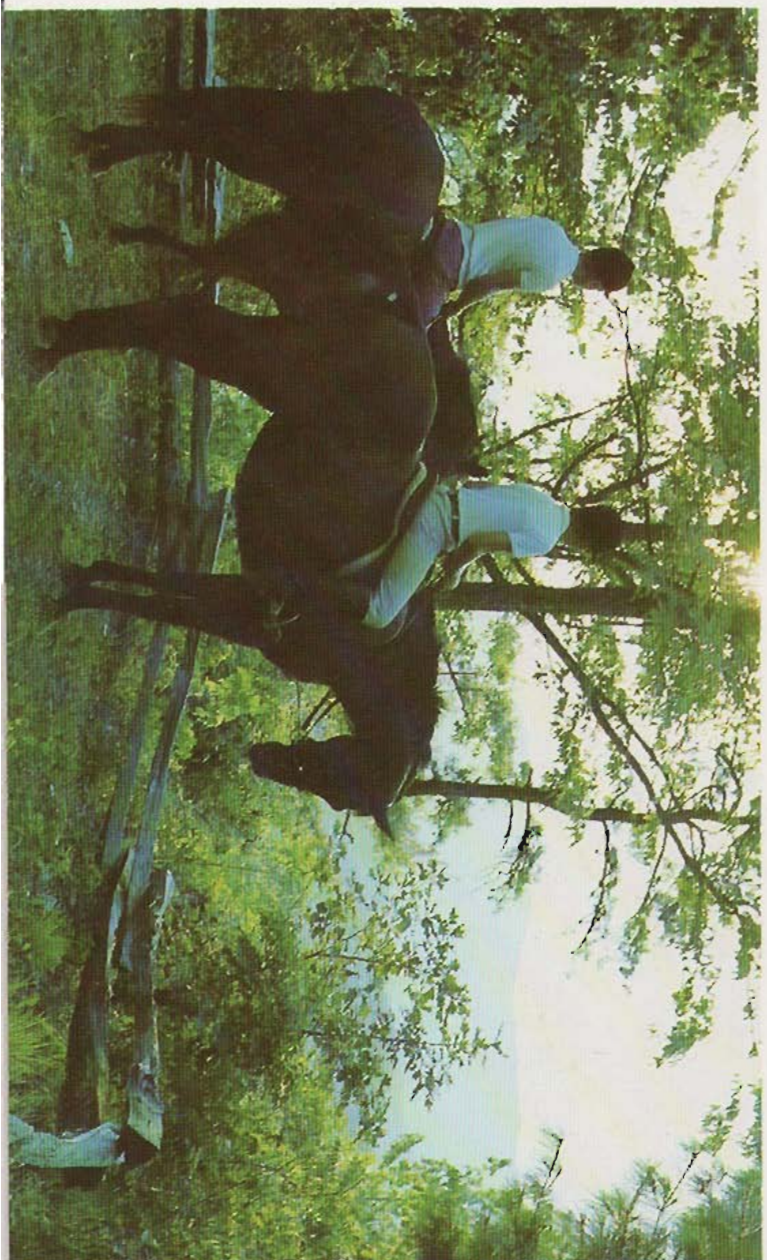


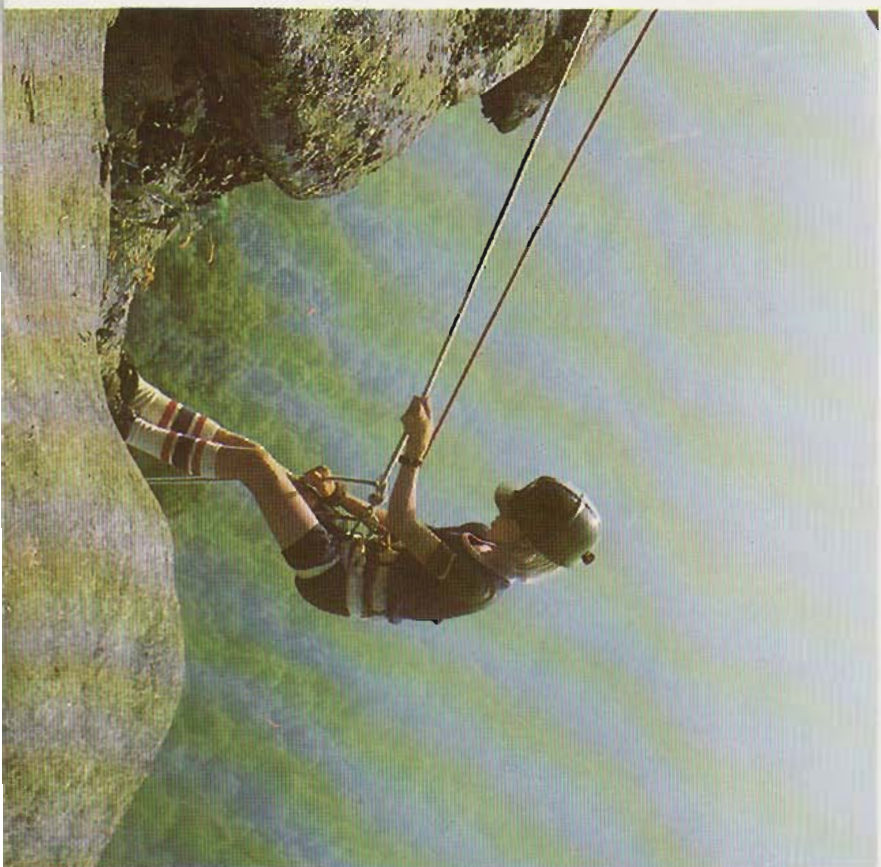
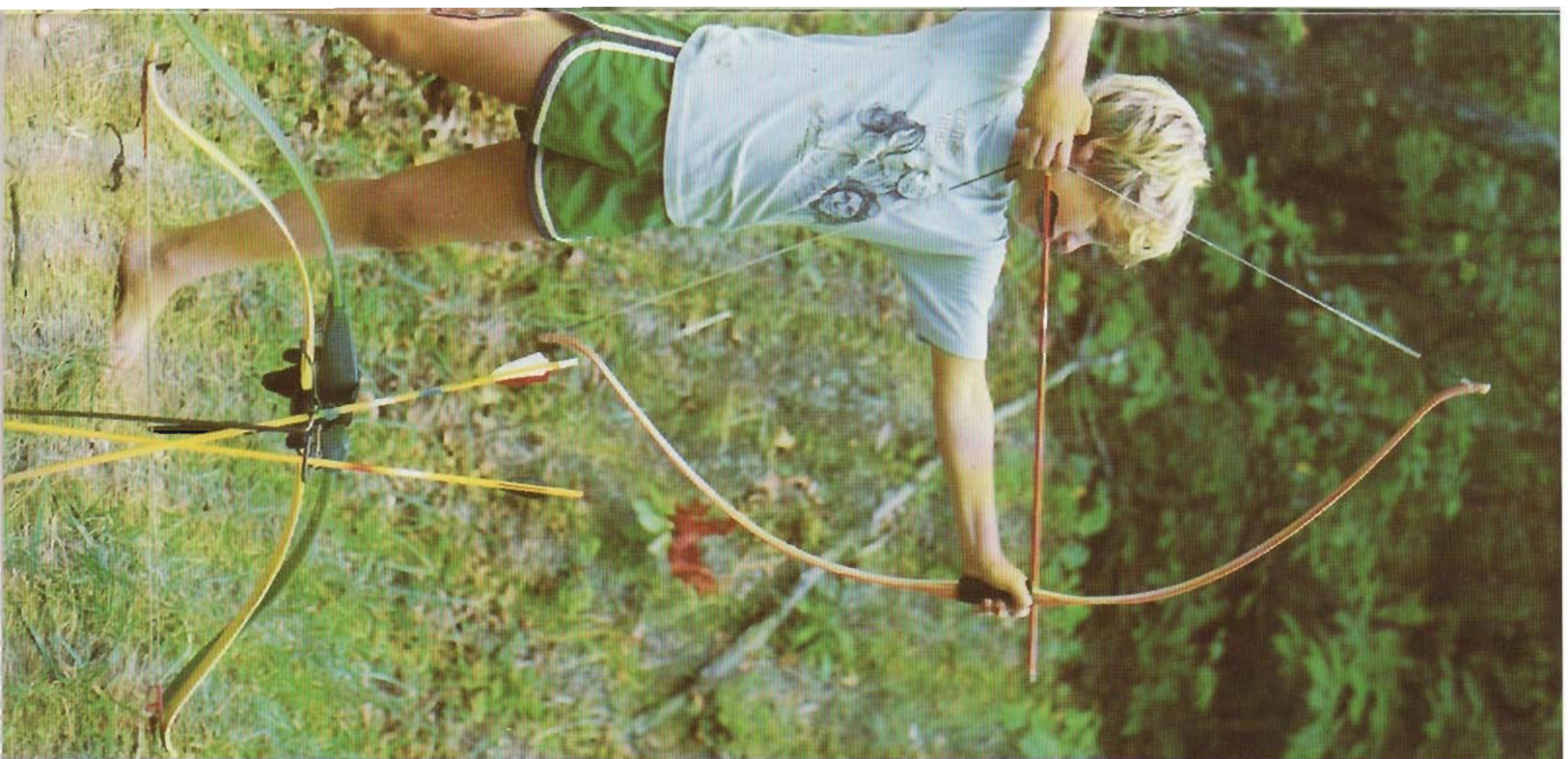
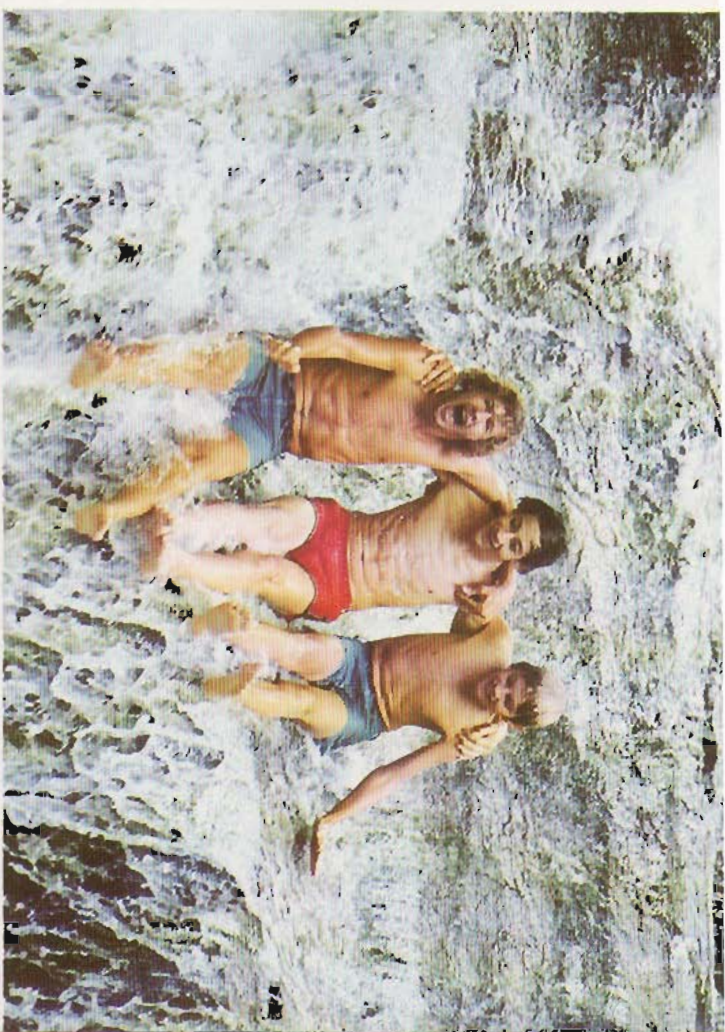
Barbara and Yorke Pharr, the owners and directors of Falling Creek, devote full time to the operation of the camp and live year round on top of the Falling Creek mountain.

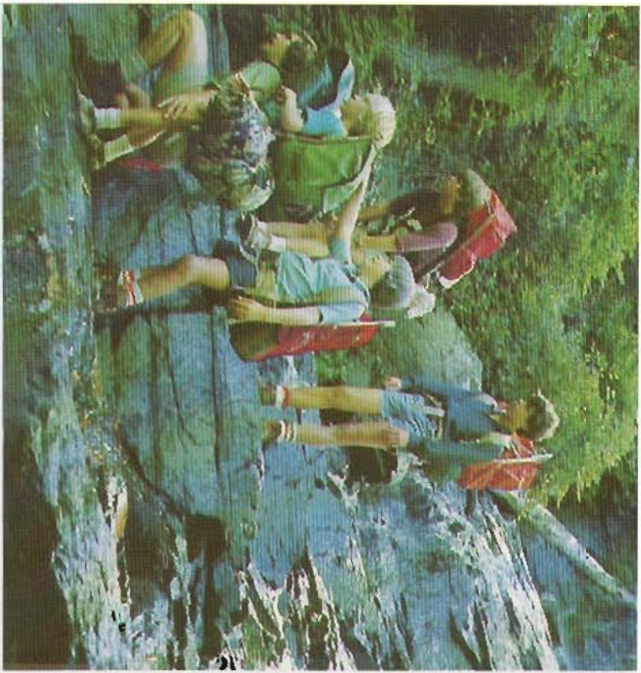
Yorke, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, has been at Falling Creek since 1971. He has a wealth of experience in private camping in the Western North Carolina mountains as a camper, counselor and director.

Barbara is a former "Greystone Girl," having spent nine years at Greystone as both camper and counselor. She is a graduate of Hollins College and holds a Master's degree from the University of North Carolina in Recreation Administration.









Program

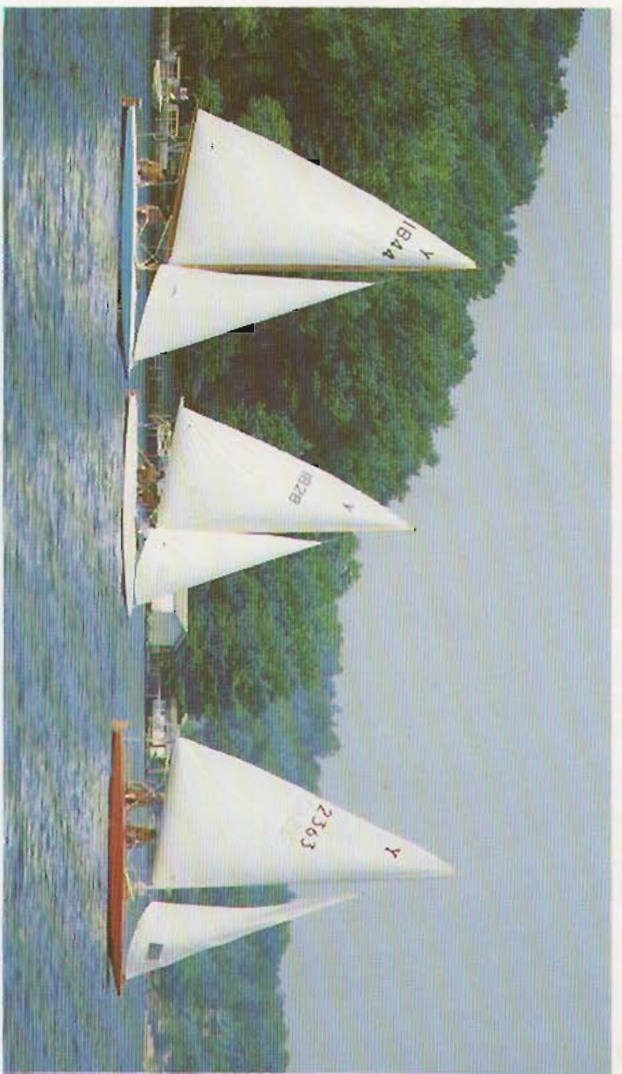
Falling Creek's program centers around five activity periods each day—three in the morning and two in the afternoon—during which a wide variety of water, wilderness and in-camp activities are offered.

Campers select their own schedules, which may be modified periodically. Once a camper is qualified in swimming, for example, he may at any time interrupt his regular schedule for a morning or afternoon of sailing or skiing on Lake Summit.

There is free time each day, before lunch and before supper, when a boy may participate in non-instructional but supervised activities such as free swim, canoeing, challenge tennis matches or fishing.

For those who develop the requisite skills, long trail rides, white water canoeing and lake trips, three to six day backpacking or extended rock climbing adventures often prove to be the highlight of the summer.

No boy is denied participation in any activity at Falling Creek because of age or size. All activities are organized by skill levels and safety is the only limiting factor in how far a boy may proceed in any given activity.





Track

A 220 yd. track encircles the landsports field. Boys receive instruction in all aspects of running as well as high jumping and broad jumping.

Each Thursday night a group of track enthusiasts travels to Greenville, S.C., to participate in the all-city meets held at Furman University.



Mountaineering - Hiking

The Mountaineering Program at Falling Creek is divided into two parts: Backpacking and Rock Climbing.

Backpacking is made available to every camper on an individual sign-up basis. Hiking counselors are experienced woodsmen, free from cabin responsibilities, who devote their full time to planning, packing and leading trips.

In the course of a typical week, three or four trips might go out, each designed to meet the needs of boys of different ages and skill levels. Two hiking counselors accompany groups of ten to twelve boys for three to six days of wilderness camping.

Some hikes have specific purposes such as the "snake hike," "waterfall hike," "wildflower hike," "moonlight hike" and "music



hike." Others are simply planned to show the boys the beauty of the many mountain ranges in our part of the country.

Falling Creek hikers enjoy the trails and terrain in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Nantahala National Forest, Pisgah National Forest, Saluda Mountains and the two designated wilderness areas in North

Carolina: Shining Rock and Linville Gorge.

All boys, regardless of age, are encouraged to participate in the fun and adventure of wilderness camping.



WEMA Wilderness Emergency Medical Aid

The "WEMA" course is open to any boy wishing to learn how to deal with certain medical emergencies which might arise in a wilderness setting.

Campers are taught first aid measures to treat bleeding, bruises, burns, bites and broken bones. Instruction in artificial respiration is also given as campers learn how to revive Falling Creek's dummy "Resusci-Andy."

Rockclimbing

Rockclimbing is one of the fastest growing activities at Falling Creek.

Boys begin in "ground school," learning basic vocabulary and rope handling techniques. Only after proving their skills on the ground will they be allowed to start climbing.

Once a boy masters the fundamentals, the door is wide open to continue with more difficult "party climbs." Falling Creek utilizes some of the best climbing areas in North Carolina including Devil's Courthouse, Looking Glass Rock, Linville Gorge and Stone Mountain.







Crafts

Falling Creek has a well-equipped craft shop located under the dining hall, where boys learn to express their individual tastes and talents. A wide variety of projects including ceramics, sand candles, batik-work, screen printing, weaving, macrame, woodworking and string art are available to each camper at no extra charge.



Woodcraft

Because Falling Creek is still young and growing, the woodcraft program offers boys the opportunity to design and build structures which quickly become an important part of camp life. In recent years, campers have assisted in the building of Coon Hollow Lodge, the library, two treehouses, the Doctor's A Frame, the monkey bridge, and the Observation Tower.

Campers who take part in this program gain knowledge of basic carpentry skills as well as get a taste of many aspects of building—from ditch digging and land clearing to roof raising! Perhaps more importantly, campers feel a sense of accomplishment and pride in their personal contribution to the camp.



Photography

Boys who participate in the photography program, soon learn to tell the difference between a "snap shot" and a picture achieved as a result of thought, skill and patience.

In the darkroom there are two enlargers, developing trays and developing tanks where exposed film is made into negatives. Time is devoted to the basic enlarging and developing skills needed to control black and white film—whether it be instamatic or 35 mm.

Projects include pinhole camera contests, photography hikes, portrait work, etc. A photography exhibit underneath the dining hall encourages campers to take pictures both in camp and on the trail, and display them for all to see.

Most of the photographs in this book were taken by counselor Mark Elliott. We would like to recognize his creativity, patience and perseverance in helping to make this catalog possible.





Nature

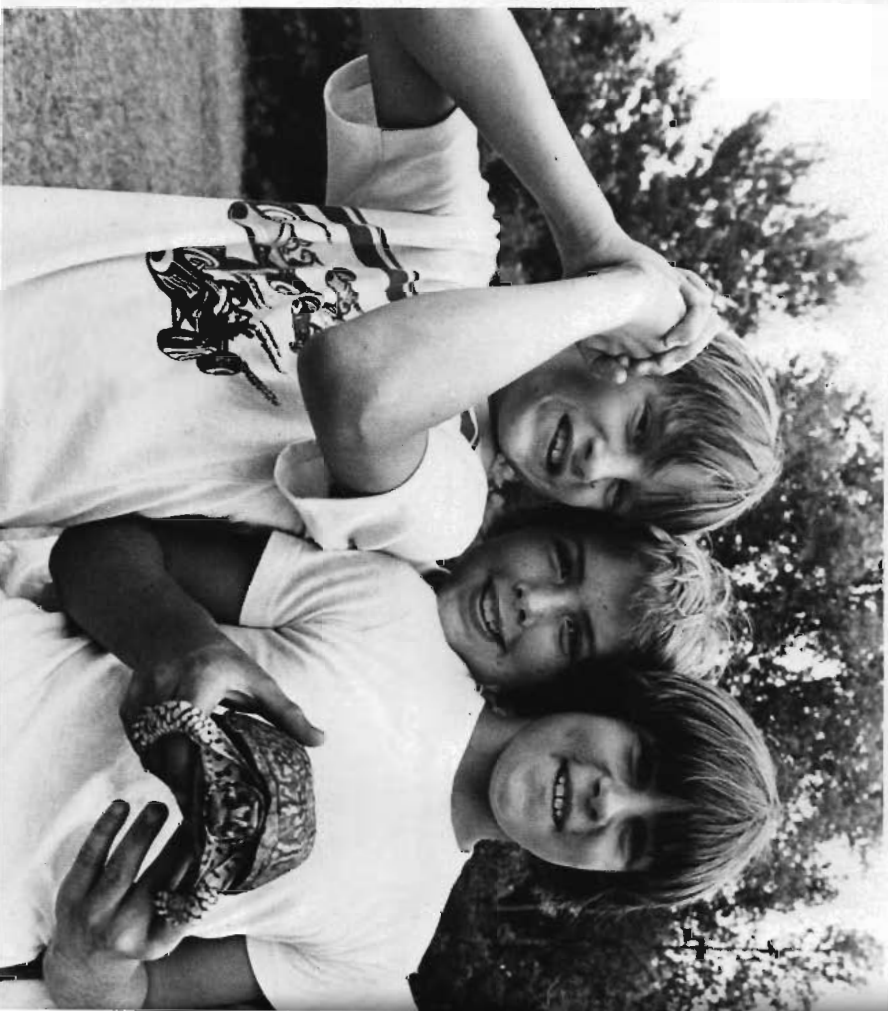
The Nature program is designed to acquaint campers with the abundance of plants and animals native to the mountains of Western North Carolina.

On daily nature hikes through the woods, or along lakes and streams, boys are able to see, hear, smell, taste and feel the out-of-doors.

salamanders and snakes, in order to observe their habits and life-cycles for a short period of time before releasing them.

Through participation in the world of nature, rather than simply memorizing names of plants, insects, and animals, we hope that boys will leave Falling Creek with a greater awareness and appreciation for our natural environment.

Many boys particularly enjoy returning to camp with animals such as turtles,



Archery - Rifery

Rifery and Archery are taught with a strong emphasis on safety and the correct way of handling both the gun and the bow.

The archery range is located above the lower lake. Bow strengths vary from 15 to 40 pounds. Shooting distances of 15 to 30 yards provide a challenge to both the beginner and the expert archer.

The covered rifery range at the end of the ball field allows boys to shoot in any type of weather. Each boy who takes rifery is allowed to shoot six days a week and receives instruction in the four NRA positions: prone, kneeling, sitting and standing.

Team competition with nearby camps in both rifery and archery offers the more serious shooters a chance to compete with boys and girls of the same skill level.





Special Programs

Special programming contributes to the fun of the summer. We attempt to introduce boys who camp with us to the cultural life and folkways of Western North Carolina through visits to places of interest such as the Craftsman's Fair, The Asheville Folk Festival, Carl Sandburg's home and the Brevard Music Center.

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

Square dances with neighboring girls' camps are always popular as are excursions to places such as Big Bradley Falls, Looking Glass Falls and Sliding Rock.





Special Days

There are special days each session when regular activities cease and all boys participate together in camp-wide events. Green/Gold Field Days, Track Meets and The Falling Creek Olympics are held on certain Saturdays. Other special days such as Backwards Day, the Gymkhana, Green/Gold Work days, Brother-Sister Day, concerts, and matches with other camps keep spirits high.





Facilities

Each boy lives in a cabin with five or six cabinmates and a counselor. Cabin units take frequent hikes and overnight campouts, and many take multi-day hiking or canoeing trips.

The Junior and Middled Cabins are located on the side of the hill overlooking the first lake. A central bathhouse with sanitary flush toilets, lavatories and showers serve these cabins.

Seniors live in the cabin area across the Ballfield. All Senior Cabins have their own toilet and shower facilities.

Care has been taken in the construction of all of Falling Creek's buildings to preserve the natural beauty of the surroundings.





Food and Health

Falling Creek is proud of its reputation for good food. All meals are planned and supervised by a resident dietician. Modern equipment assures the best possible conditions for food preparation and Falling Creek has always received a high Grade A rating from the North Carolina State Board of Health. For the best recommendation of Falling Creek food, in camp or out, ask a camper!

We now provide a residence for a visiting camp physician and his family. Camp also has doctors on call in both Hendersonville, N.C. and Greenville, S.C. Falling Creek has a fully equipped infirmary staffed by two Registered Nurses.



Christian Emphasis

We are strongly committed to the goal of building a Christian Community at Falling Creek.

At Morning Watch, around the campfire, in church on Sunday and in our cabins we talk about what it means to be a part of a "Christian Community."

We begin each campfire with a special verse from Proverbs:
"BEHOLD, HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BROTHERS TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY."

We speak of love . . . responsibility . . . freedom . . . courage and brotherhood when we come to-

gether as a group. Individually, in our day-to-day interactions with others, we learn that courage is not just to be found climbing rocks or on the athletic field.

Courage is also believing that one of the greatest adventures in life lies in serving others.

"I wish for you my friend,
 This happiness that I've found.
 You can depend on Him
 It matters not where you're bound
 I'll shout it from the mountaintops
 I want my world to know
 The Lord of Love
 Has come to me
 I want to pass it on."





Camp Greystone for girls

Camp Greystone, Felling Creek's sister camp, celebrated its 58th Anniversary in 1977. 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 Christ-centered 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 Felling Creek offer to both girls and boys the finest environment for the development of future leaders.

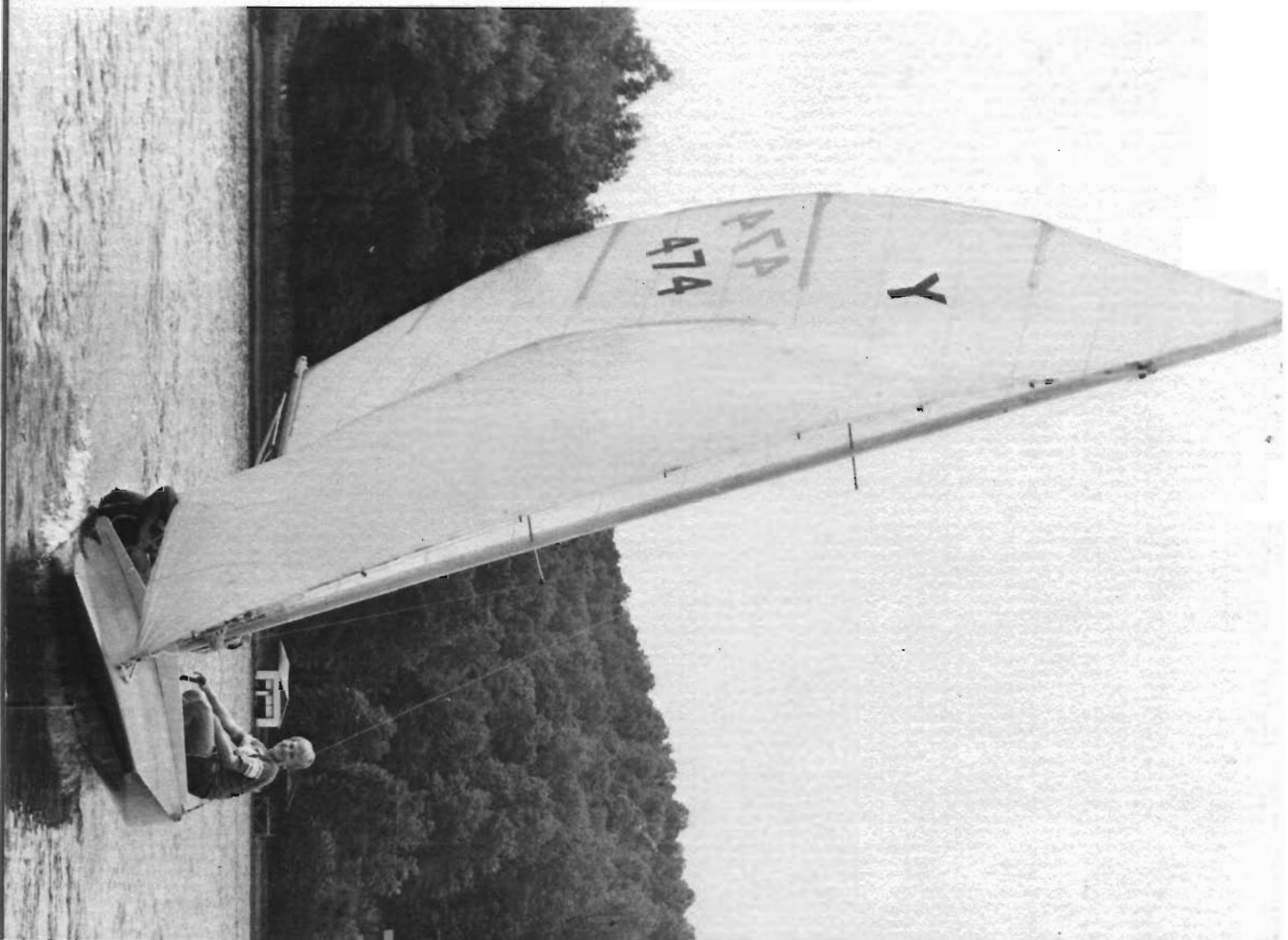


Prospective campers and their parents are encouraged to visit Falling Creek to examine the facilities first hand and obtain more information on matters of particular interest.

To make arrangements for a visit, contact should be made with:

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