









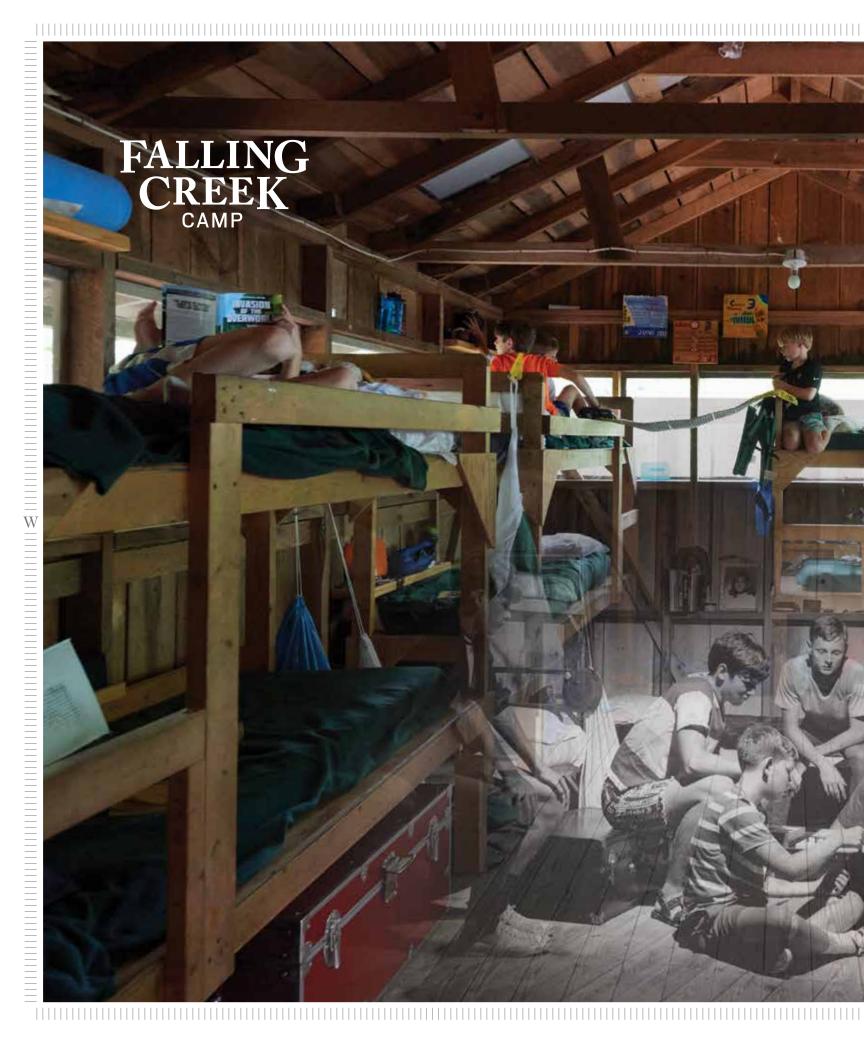
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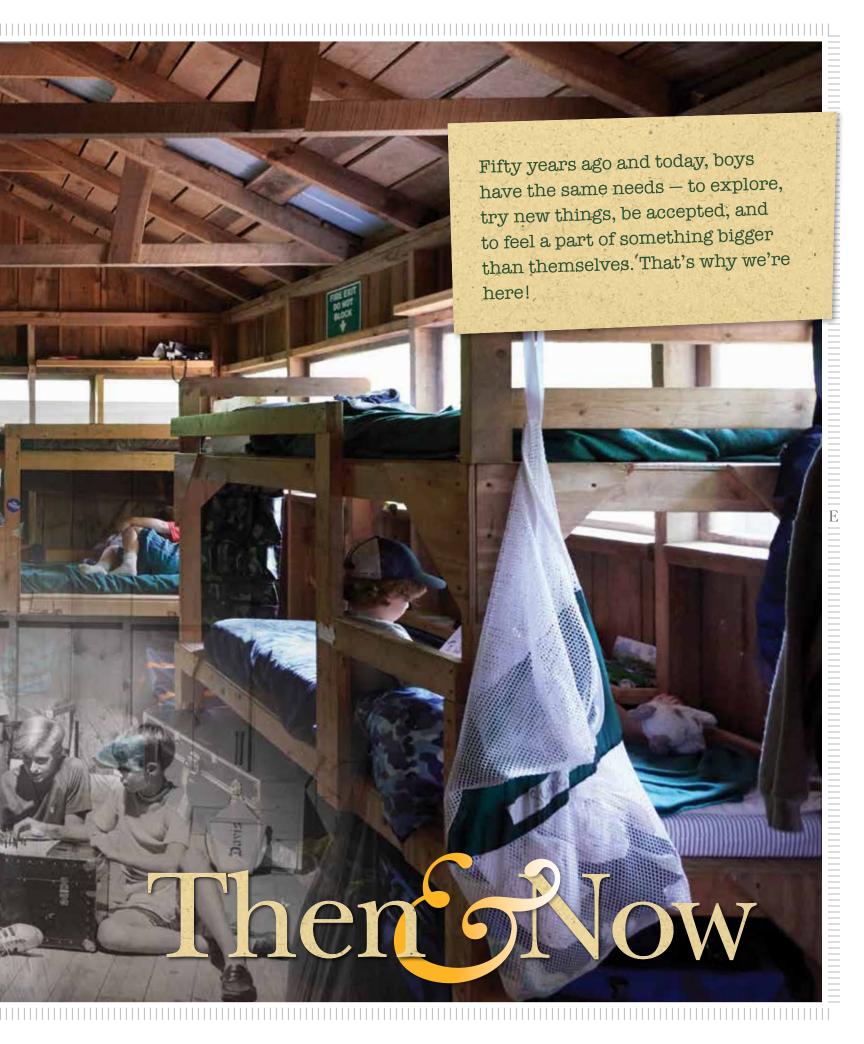
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On the Cover: Enjoying some fun time playing together in the Green River near the covered bridge during our 4th of July celebration.









### RESILIENCE: The Camp Experience is MORE Than Just Fun

As a parent, you might be surprised to learn that sometimes camp isn't always fun. You read that right. Something that sets Falling Creek apart is that it offers opportunities for boys to experience a place to fail, providing an environment that challenges them with appropriate risks.

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**Left to Right:** Yates, Marisa, Jazzy, Lucy, Annie, Danielle, and Mary

These challenges that require boys to step outside their comfort zones include striving to improve in progressions and trying difficult new skills. These are the times when boys build resilience and grow in character, times when they learn to get along with others and navigate the chemistry in a new cabin group, or deal with an instance when a boy doesn't get his way, or even work out conflicts that arise from living in close quarters.

The camp experience is an opportunity for boys to grow in leadership, patience, service, good decision making, and critical thinking. Camp is absolutely a fun time with friends, but more than that, it is a memorable investment in a young man's character and future.

Sometimes I find myself thinking back to a challenging opportunity I had as a young camper at Falling Creek that helped prepare me for future life challenges. The year was 1979, and it was my first paddling trip outside of camp. My paddling partner was cabin mate Kennon Walthall from Alabama. We'd worked hard to pass a ten-gate slalom course in the lower lake, proving we could work as a team to navigate our boat against strong whitewater. The progression requirements to make it on the Green River back then were more time-consuming on the pre-river portion, mainly because the consequences were higher with the old aluminum Grumman canoes. If you got pinned on the river, you

could damage or ruin the boat, especially since the Grumman canoes sat lower in the water and weren't made of today's more flexible and forgiving materials.

After putting in hours of practice and ensuring we had a solid partnership dynamic, the day had come to test our skills on the river. Heavy rain that day was an added distraction and challenge, made even more memorable because we didn't wear helmets in those days. The rain pelted down so hard it hurt my head, running into my eyes, making it hard to concentrate on reading the river ahead. All I could hear was the roar of the rapids ahead, which seemed daunting as a 10-year-old. My counselors, Talbot Carter, and David and Bucky Brown, had hearts of gold, but were all business when we made it to the rapids. They shouted instructions over the noise of the rain and rapids as we worked our way toward them, making sure everyone knew what was expected when navigating the changing currents.

We had to go through the rapids in a particular pattern, making sure to catch eddys and ferry out, zig-zagging our way down while avoiding rocks or strainers in the water. It was inevitable we wouldn't make it down perfectly on our first try. We were far from perfect. Our canoe had a keel on it, which made it harder to turn, but was the boat of choice back in those days. We messed up in the rapid several times, and kept having to drag the heavy canoe back to the top of the rapid to try again. I remember shedding tears because we wanted to succeed, especially in front of our counselors and the older cool guys who were also watching. Although we managed to paddle the Green that day, it would take multiple

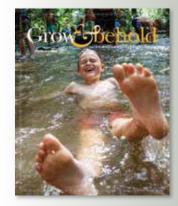
summers of continued failure, fun, determination, and encouragement from counselors and fellow campers to eventually paddle at a higher level.

Though this memory might seem like an example of failure at first, it was actually memorable to me because it was one of the first times I had persisted and succeeded in such a rewarding way. Because of my failure, I learned it was okay to take risks and even fail. I learned I have what it takes to be persistent and eventually successful in a new skill. Our multiple mistakes through the rapid were not a high risk to our safety, but they did teach me the value of resilience and the teachable moments that come with failure. At the end of that first hard day on the river, the sense of accomplishment was something I had not previously felt from school or sports back home. I was hooked.

My camp experience was filled with fun times and great memories, but the challenging moments of growth and progression were what shaped me. My time on the river as a camper made me eager to learn more, and that adventure was not something I could easily replicate back home in the city of Charlotte, NC. What keeps me believing in the benefits of the camp experience year after year are the success stories I hear from campers and counselors similar to mine.

These are the stories of failure, resilience, encouragement, persistence, and eventually, accomplishment. Thank you for trusting us with the opportunity to supplement the growth of your son's character, and for including us in your son's journey to manhood.





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We get a lot of mail around here and like to share some in each issue of *Grow & Behold*. Feel free to send your correspondence to the address on the back of the magazine, or to mail@fallingcreek.com.







We have spent the past day with Thomas and George reliving their wonderful memories of the June session. If anything, we're experiencing a bit of the coming-home blues! They have great fondness for the natural beauty, freedom, traditions, and genuine encouragement they experienced at Falling Creek. As you begin another session, please know how grateful we are for all you do to create a very special place for these boys. It carries over into other parts of their lives, giving them a solid value system to check in with, as well as the confidence to take risks and test their limits in healthy ways.

Vickie and Phil San Francisco, CA

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Based on the letters I am receiving from camp, I'm afraid Lukey and Tommy are not going to want to come home. They both have been better than ever about writing and it has been so fun to hear about what they've been up to. Tommy has made a new buddy and loves fly fishing. Lukey did horseback riding for the first time and especially loves mountain biking. He even mentioned that they did sailing together. Please accept this note as a quick but very sincere thank you for providing an environment where boys can be boys. And thank you for partnering with us in reinforcing common core values.

Eliza Mt Pleasant, SC This is a long overdue thank you and follow up on the amazing experience our boys had at main camp this year. Billy came back from his first week of Junior Camp five years ago a changed boy. He was more animated and excited than we had seen him since he was a toddler. Seeing how he reacted after just one week in an environment removed from the hyper-competitiveness of the DC area and immersed in nature and actual physical experiences was eye-opening. It caused us to look at the education he was receiving with a more critical eye and to think more intentionally about what we wanted his childhood to look like. As a result, we ended up enrolling both boys in an all-boys school with a focus on developing virtue and experiencing the natural world. They are happy and thriving, and it all started with Falling Creek.

One of the things I most appreciate about Falling Creek is the opportunity for the boys to try things and fail without judgement. We've listened to both Billy and Tucker talk about how difficult it is to throw a pot on the wheel in pottery without being discouraged about how many times it took them to get it right. Or how there is a fine line between too much and too little sanding of a piece of wood in woodworking. And for Tucker, the differences between the various stringed instruments and how he couldn't play some, but could play others. It is so important for the boys to be able to try new things with a focus on the experience and not on their performance. It would be hard to find two boys with more different temperaments, talents, and interests than Billy and Tucker, but each of them feel so at home at Falling Creek. You've created a place where that is possible, and we are so thankful.

Billy started seventh grade this year a more relaxed, confident boy than he was when sixth grade ended. His homeroom teacher recently told me he is one of the most optimistic and joyful boys in the grade, and is always looking for ways to encourage his classmates. Nobody has ever described him to us that way. That is the boy that has always been inside of him, and Falling Creek helped him find it. We are so incredibly thankful and blessed for our boys to have the opportunity to return to camp again next year and so appreciative for all the work you put into making it such a special and transformative place.

Holly McLean, VA

Jack could not be more thrilled to return next summer to advance his canoeing and sailing skills—we've heard a lot about that from him this fall. I like the way he will talk about it on the way to school like it's something he's up to this weekend. I can tell the way he and Thomas talk about counselors, camp moments, and friends that they feel so connected to FCC, and I don't take that for granted one bit! Thank you for ensuring our boys experience the same Falling Creek Camp magic their uncles and great-uncle enjoyed. What a very cool bond for them to share.

Ashley Atlanta, GA

Thank you for a few wonderful days at Father/Son camp last weekend. It was truly magical! Keller woke up Friday morning complaining of feeling sick and not wanting to go to camp. Any of those thoughts were gone within minutes of arriving at Falling Creek. I was so happy with his attitude and enthusiasm for any and all of the great activities on the schedule. We knocked out a 5k before the morning wake up bell and did not stop until sundown. Can't remember a better weekend! My favorite quote (after Parker put him on a monster rainbow trout) was, "Daddy, is fly fishing a sport?" I said yes and he said, "That is my new favorite sport!" Having spent a couple fabulous summers at Falling Creek, I can't tell you how happy it makes me to witness my own son enjoying and growing from the experience as much or more than me.

Andrew Greenville, SC



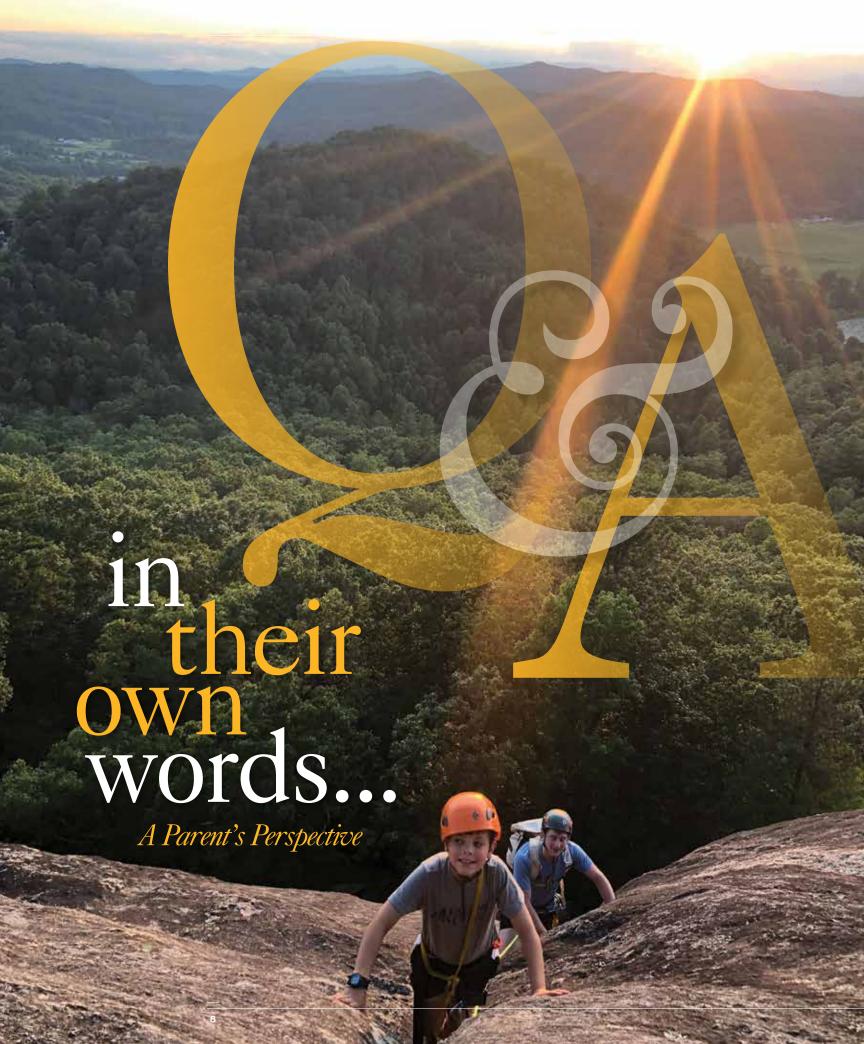
I have an excellent relationship with my son, but this Father/Son Weekend was so good because it was all about him. I let him pick all the activities and, surprisingly, he wanted to try almost everything. Some went better than others, but it was so enjoyable and rewarding to watch him make decisions and "own" the day. Half the benefit was just spending time one-on-one doing anything, without a bunch of his friends around to pull him in another direction.

Chris Charlotte, NC

There are so many conversations and memories I've overheard these boys speaking of that surround Falling Creek Camp. The lyrics of the songs they know; the discussions they've had with their counselors about all kinds of life experiences; the funny stories about their mountain biking and camping experiences. My heart sings just hearing them and I'm so grateful they have these memories that are so indelibly written on their hearts!

Annika Sewickley, PA





### What was the greatest value your son gained at camp?

Sam had amazing counselors who provided encouragement and guidance to step out of his comfort zone. The Mama notes allow for us—the parents—to see Sam in a different environment. He has emerged as a leader, helper, and friend. This has been a common theme since Sam first went to FCC.

Jon and Merri, Atlanta, GA

Our sons developed skills and mastered new activities. Both learned to love mountain biking and came home with knowledge and genuine confidence in their skills. You articulate a set of values that can be difficult to find in San Francisco and, for that, we as parents are grateful. I thought it was outstanding to focus on anger as a theme, and with candor. Boys need that, especially today.

Vickie and Phil, San Francisco, CA

He really grew in confidence and bravery through the paddling program. He mastered the rolls and was the first over Bald River Falls. Every year he has really gotten into a new activity in addition to paddling, particularly the horse program and fly fishing. It's been because a particular counselor connected with him, drew him in a new direction, and encouraged his growth.

Jane and Bill, Houston, TX

Both of our sons have gained confidence, greater selfesteem, and leadership skills. The confidence has come in big things, such as paddling a difficult rapid or completing a multi-day trip. But it has also come from simply stepping out of the car at camp and meeting new people every year. The ability our boys have learned to be individuals and have the confidence and self-esteem to be themselves is huge as both navigate the teenage years. Probably the value we did not fully appreciate until recently was leadership. They have both learned this, whether it be teaching a younger camper a skill at the FARM program or helping teach a camper how to do a roll in their kayak; this has been a true gem for our boys. Hearing stories from Ben about Will on a recent trip, helping guide campers down a river, sums up the number of skills and values our boys have gained from being part of FCC.

Katie and Dave, Alexandria, VA

Independence, confidence, and joy in having peers from all over the US. Sharing a cabin. Absolutely incredible counselors—Patrick and Twigs. Cabin clean up. Independent responsibility for dressing and finding new, dry, clean clothes daily. Navigating bathroom use with other cabin mates. Choosing classes that interest him. Dealing with cabin mates and cabin conflicts.

George and Natalie, Boulder, CO

### What's your son's favorite thing about camp?

He lives for the backpacking overnight trips. And this year he was able to go on the 3-night Peaks of Panthertown trip. He loved everything about it—setting up camp, sleeping under the stars, connecting with nature, laughing with other boys along the way.

Sapna, Winter Park, FL

Falling Creek does a great job in regards to morals, values, and teaching the children kindness and compassion toward others. They learned winning is not always the key to happiness, how to work with others as a team, and how to try new adventures.

Daniel & Mary, Mt. Pleasant, SC

A sense of humility as well as appreciation for all the things he has been given. He also seems calmer and more mature.

Chris & Hema, Waxhaw, NC

### Please share any additional comments that will help Falling Creek be the best camp experience for your son.

The Falling Creek code meets what we want our sons to experience at camp. The focus on helping them gain confidence and independence is so important. I appreciated the themes this year, including joy. Henry has two younger brothers, so we hope to send our middle son James next year, too!

Mandy & JD, Lookout Mountain, TN

Over the years we've found parents learn and benefit a great deal from hearing insights about camp from other parents — and so do we. That's why we survey parents periodically, to get the inside scoop.



Does your summer job include.....
Living in the mountains, paddling, mountain biking, horseback riding, campfires, cookouts, fresh air, lakes, getting outside, sailing, growing, working as a team, and laughing, lots of laughing...

Jours does!



### So Much More Than Another Summer Job

Everyone seems to agree the camp experience is enriching, enlightening, and beneficial for campers. But what about the staff members who work so tirelessly behind the scenes? What, exactly, is in it for them? And what can they expect if they choose to spend a summer on staff at Falling Creek Camp?

First of all, the summer camp counselor position is a highly selective job with a demanding schedule and high expectations for character traits such as maturity and responsibility. But, at the same time, it's a summer job that offers solid pay, remarkable life lessons, internship credit, great food, and long-term benefits almost too numerous to count. In essence, it's a lot of hard work, but it's also loads of fun—and its benefits are invaluable.

"Working at camp, you're not just learning life skills, you're practicing them every day," said Jim Goodrum, former counselor and staffing director until 2018. "You're learning time management, how to market your activity, and how to manage a group of people—from your peers to seven-year-old campers."

### Responsibility With a Capital "R"

Each cabin counselor is responsible for a cabin full of boys. They lead and teach a variety of activities, and constantly display admirable qualities by living by the Falling Creek Code (Positive Attitude, Warrior Spirit, Servant's Heart, Moral Compass). For three months, our staff serve as mentors, big brothers and sisters, role models, friends, and teachers. The job requires—and teaches—21st Century skills, such as leadership, communication, responsibility, and teamwork. These skills serve as fuel for our counselors' personal and professional growth down the road.

Being a camp counselor is more than just a "summer job" before getting a "real job." It's a real job with real opportunities and benefits. Few other jobs or internships can provide the same opportunities for growth, or the same leadership experience. Being a tribal leader teaches peer leadership, as counselors serve as leaders and role models among others their own age. Activity leaders and trip leaders gain further experience with planning, organization, communication, risk management, and proactive thinking to ensure their activity is taught effectively, or that their trip goes smoothly. These leadership opportunities ensure a certain level of

expertise in the activity itself, but also allow staff to excel in the areas of communication, teamwork, and "people skills" that are necessary in today's world.

"During my first year of camp (1990), I realized I had an ability to hold the attention of kids in nature as I talked about various animals and trees. They seemed to enjoy all the games and activities we did. I also realized that I was able to successfully manage a group of kids in a cabin. It was an untapped skill set," said Robert Kirby, who's served on the Falling Creek staff for 25 years and continues to come to Campfires during the summer to play guitar. "During that winter after my first summer I began to toy with the idea of teaching. I rationalized that if I could successfully do it in a camp setting, I would be just as successful in a classroom. It was the best preparation for a teaching career. I learned more at camp than I did in student teaching. And I continue to teach today."

When Robert moved into a position as tribal leader, he learned a great deal about leading other leaders. "Now that I'm a veteran teacher, I am doing the same things in the teaching profession, only at a different level. Camp taught me how to deal with people and how to deal with difficult students. Mostly it taught me that there are other methods in an instructor's arsenal than threats of disciplinary action. I recommend any would-be teacher to work as a cabin counselor for a summer. If you're successful at camp, the success will follow in the classroom."

### Three Critical "Cs"

Critical Thinking & Problem Solving

**C**reativity & Innovation

Communication & Collaboration

These are the three "Cs"—a list of skills businesses look for when hiring, compiled by The Partnership for 21st Century Skills, a non-profit in Washington, D.C., made up of America's largest and most successful companies.

Such life skills can't be learned from textbooks or through standardized test prep in schools. But they can be learned and tested during the camp experience, which provides staff members with these critical life skills, giving them that extra edge for the competitive job market, and for life in general.

Working at camp provides a new depth of knowledge that goes far beyond the classroom, and that educates through face-to-face interaction in a community and through hands-on experience in an activity. Life skills such as initiative, resilience, responsibility, integrity, accountability, adaptability, and teamwork are crucial for success in the modern world.

"According to the World Economic Forum, the coming Fourth Industrial Revolution builds on the innovation of the Third Industrial Revolution to transform industry all over the globe, such as: artificial intelligence, the Internet of things, self-driving vehicles, nanotechnology,

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Reed Mattison,
Third year counselor

renewable energy, quantum computing, and biotechnology (Gray, 2016)," according to the President of The American Camping Association, Tom Rosenberg. Tom recently published an article elaborating on how these unique life skills are even more valuable in this new age. He explained, "With the evolution of these new fields, emerging markets will require a novel set of uniquely human skills for employment—the same skills we teach at camp."

While away from the distractions of technology, counselors and campers are able to grow in an unplugged and communal environment, where all these skills are taught extensively through the camp experience.

### Invaluable Life Lessons

It may seem like all fun and games, but the lessons learned during a summer of work at camp are invaluable, especially as the new job market demands more human skills in an increasingly technological society. Where else can young people get the hands-on experience of teaching, coaching, and caring for children; the excitement of leading trips; the organization needed to initiate and carry out a new idea from start to finish; the planning and speaking skills required to communicate a lesson to hundreds of people; or the peer leadership experience from working with fellow staff?

"What kept me coming back was the personal connection to the community," said Reed Mattison, prior camper, CIT and third year counselor. "Once I graduate, I think having a personal connection to the work that I'm doing will make me successful in the work place. Being good at warrior ball isn't a transferable skill, but putting passion into whatever work you're doing sure is."

Parents notice the difference in their sons and daughters as they return from working at camp over the summer. Bonnie Snyder Hamrick, mother of prior camper and current mountain bike counselor Jake Lambrecht, said, "I would like to thank you for the very positive influence you have had on my son Jake. I saw him mature before my eyes last summer. Your camp has left a lasting impression on this young man and he is so proud to be coming back. Thank you for all you are doing for these young men."

Tim Efird, parent and alumnus, also reached out to Falling Creek. "Truly, the development and personal growth our son exhibits after his time at camp is noticeable," Tim said. "The fun, the experiences, and the friendships are the icing on the cake."

### **Giving Life Meaning**

Aside from the many personal benefits gained from working at summer camp, one of the biggest "perks" of the job is the difference counselors make in boys' lives.

"Why do I do this? Because it's so rewarding," said Jez,

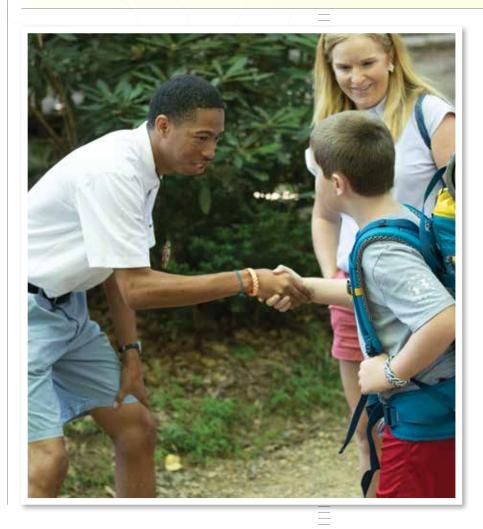
Falling Creek paddling instructor, three-time Australian Grand National Champion in Freestyle Kayaking, and two-time World Cup winner. "It's the most rewarding part of my life. I learned to paddle 10 years ago at a camp. Seeing kids in kayaks and getting them on the water? I'll tell you what, there's nothing like it."

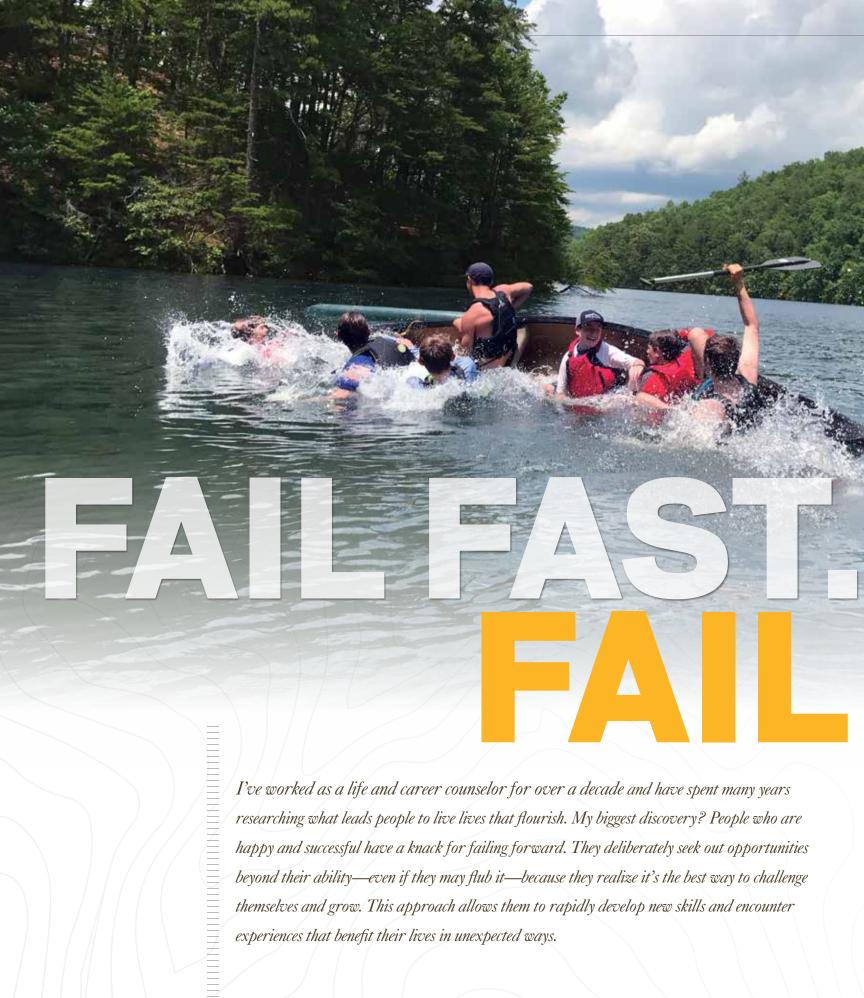
Few other jobs can offer the same impact or level of meaningfulness. Campers often look up to their counselors and build strong relationships over the years at camp. The bonds created are lifelong, and the positive impact counselors have can't be overstated.

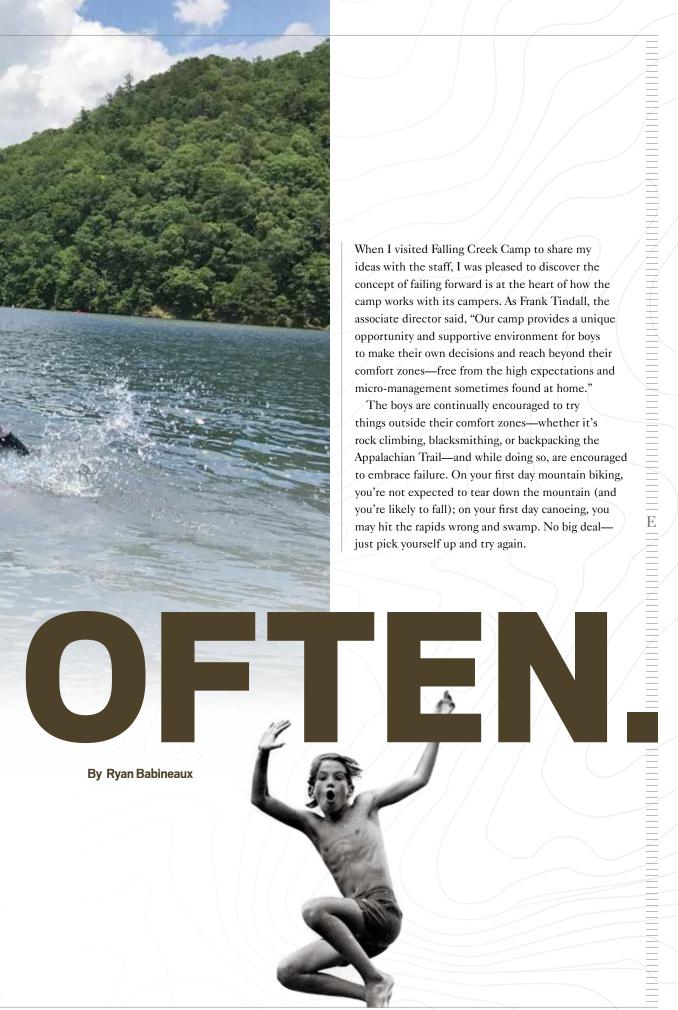
One counselor summed it up this way: "I fondly hold Falling Creek Camp in concert with the most special and remarkable places I've ever had the privilege to experience."

For young men and women looking for something more than just another summer job, being a camp counselor at Falling Creek is an unforgettable way to create memories, make a positive impact, experience personal growth, and build a foundation for the future with 21st century skills.

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"Our camp provides a unique opportunity and supportive environment for boys to make their own decisions and reach beyond their comfort zones—free from the high expectations and micro-management sometimes found at home." —Frank Tindall, Associate Director

### **Take the Pressure Off**

Something that is continually reinforced throughout camp, whether it's at Morning Watch or in a one-on-one pep talk with a counselor, is that it's okay to fail. Try things, allow yourself to be imperfect, and gradually improve. This is such a simple message, but it's one that is not always part of every child's life. Today, many kids are pressured to excel—to achieve higher grades, to perform better in sports, to stand out as leaders. This expectation leaves little freedom to experiment and make mistakes. But research shows pushing the boundaries and taking chances is where the greatest learning and discoveries occur.

So now that your boys are back home from camp, I thought I'd share a few pointers on how to keep the failing forward spirit alive:



- Encourage your children to enjoy being beginners at new things. If they only focus on what they're already good at, they're going to miss out on a lot in life.
- Show your own willingness to be a goof and make mistakes. How about family Karaoke night or salsa dancing? And don't forget to share your own stories of times when you have struggled and failed.
- Support your children in pursuing their curiosity widely, without worrying about expected payoffs.
   (But, how will learning to hang-glide improve your chances of being admitted college? Who cares!)
- Instill a passion for experimentation and continual learning. The most important life lessons usually happen outside of school.
- Praise your children for effort ("Great job. I'm glad you gave it a try!"), not for performance or ability.
- Support your children in finding simple, low-cost ways to explore their interests and test their ideas—jot down a story; try selling your hand-tied fishing flies at the swap meet; make a low-res video game to amuse your friends. Too often, people's perfectionism makes them unwilling to take that vital first step toward pursuing their dreams.

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- Ryan Babineaux, Author, Life and Career Counselor

### **Consider the Possibilities**

During my presentation at Falling Creek Camp, I included activities, such as juggling and building spaghetti towers, that were designed to get participants to have fun and fail. I know from experience that once I get people to be silly and make mistakes it becomes easier for them to lighten up and consider new possibilities.

During breaks, some of the camp counselors came up to introduce themselves and ask for advice. Wesley, a bright and charming young man, told me he was in his third year in a business program, but he had recently discovered that he was more excited about product design. Another university had a fantastic design school that he loved—he had visited the campus, sat in on a class, met with some students,











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and felt excited and at home. He described how, for fun, he liked to come up with innovative ideas for new products. Wesley was considering switching to design school but was hesitant because it would take an additional year to graduate. He asked me what I thought he should do. I could see that he was asking for encouragement—or even permission—to follow his heart. I told him that an extra year of school wouldn't matter if he found a line of work he truly loved. And graduating early wasn't going to be much of a benefit

if he was plunged into a career he dreaded. I hope Wesley had the courage to make the change.

This interaction brings to mind the last tip I have for parents: Remind your kids that life is a sacred journey, to be cherished each step of the way. As your children change and grow, they should be encouraged to pursue new possibilities that keep their inner spark alive. Too many people spend decades pursuing a hastily selected path out of some sense of obligation long after their interest and passion have faded.



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As a boy, Will Wilson experienced adventures with TAASC that ultimately changed the direction of his life.







Will Wilson

The future is looking bright for Will Wilson, but it wasn't always that way. Today, Will is a healthy, sunburned 22-year-old kayak-junky, climber, caver, white water lover, Falling Creek paddling instructor, and business/outdoor leadership major at Warren Wilson College.



### But when he was 10, Will was searching for an anchor in his life.

His single mom, Bonnie, had just moved the duo from Boone to Morganton, North Carolina, where she took a job as a teacher. Will had no friends, siblings, or father; to coin a phrase, he was drifting. A co-worker told Bonnie about a program Will might be interested called The American Adventure Service Corps, better known as TAASC.

Will describes TAASC as "the Boy Scouts on steroids." It's run by a busy, amazing, immediately likeable guy by the name of Mike Fischesser (who's 67 but feels like 45). Mike has run TAASC for 24 years with the goal of instilling in boys and girls a love for the outdoors and a desire to teach them teamwork, tolerance, camaraderie, and stewardship for the environment.



Will Wilson is pictured in the white helmet.



### A Foundation on Which to Stand

"We try to build confidence and self-esteem in their lives so when things get rocky later in life, hopefully they can reach back and remember the tough challenges they overcame here," Mike says.

That's proven true for Will, who attended weekly TAASC meetings and excursions from age 10 to 18. "It became a second family for me. I was there every single week," Will says. "We did backpacking, climbing, kayaking, caving, and mountaineering. We got to really progress with our skills. We had 12-year-olds leading climbing expeditions on 400-foot rocks."

Mike says the boys and girls involved in TAASC become as close as family, because they interact so often, and share immense highs and lows, failures and successes.

Mike recalls when Will first showed up at TAASC. "His mom was hoping to find a male role model for him. He excelled at everything we threw his way over the years. He even went on a 10-day mountaineering expedition in the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range in California when he was 11 or 12. He was a natural. And then he really took to paddling. He was part of our 30-day, 320-mile expedition to the Nahanni River in the Canada's Northwest Territories in Canada. He loved it."

Mike says Will is probably close to holding the record for the most runs down Wilson Creek in Burke County. "He ran that majestic river hundreds of times," Mike says. "He's a natural on the water."

The summer of 2019 was Will's first as a paddling instructor at Falling Creek and he relished it. "I lead trips to different rivers all across the state," he says. "We have a 15-passenger van and we haul a trailer of boats. It's been great. I love it here."

### **Paying It Forward**

When Will attended TAASC as a boy the cost was \$100 a month [\$145 now] for all those weekly outings. "But we couldn't afford it because my mom was a single parent and right out of college, so Mike put me on scholarship for all those years I was in the program," Will says.

Today, TAASC has expanded to two locations, one in Morganton with about 40 kids and one in Asheville with about 50 kids. Mike says about 50 percent of all the boys and girls are on scholarship.

"Working with youth, seeing their leadership potential being developed in the wilderness and through community service — I'm committed to it," Mike says. "I'm still as excited to start the fall program of TAASC as I was the first day it started in 1996."

Scouting has always played a huge part in Mike's

life. He worked with Outward Bound from 1971-1989 and recently received the Kurt Hahn Award — Outward Bound's highest honor for service and leadership.

In addition to TAASC, Mike runs Beanstalk Builders, which designs and builds zipline parks, climbing walls, and gigantic treehouses — and trains people to run them. He also owns Beanstalk Journeys, a zipline park in Morganton.

### Going Above and Beyond

When Will was 15 years old, he struggled without a father. "It was a difficult time in my life and Mike was a father figure for me," he says.

Mike even stepped in to homeschool Will and several other kids from TAASC. "I learned so much from Mike. I learned how important it is to share what you love. That's what I saw him doing all the time," Will says. "He's not in it for the profit. He just wants to do positive things for other people. So he's really built a community around him."

When Will was trying to figure out what to do after high school, he decided to hike the Appalachian Trail — by himself. He made it all the way from the start of the trail at Amicalola Falls to Grayson Highlands in central Virginia.

"TAASC always taught me it was good to go into the woods to contemplate things," Will says. "I didn't make it all the way, but I spent two months out there and went almost 700 miles by myself, and I learned I wanted to do something more with my life." That's when he enrolled at Warren Wilson College.

Although Will is busy with his studies and helping with the outdoor program at Warren Wilson, he stops by TAASC to help with a Thursday night meeting and an excursion as often as possible. He eventually plans to run his own outdoor company, focusing on making short-term outdoor trips, like climbing and kayaking, accessible to the community.



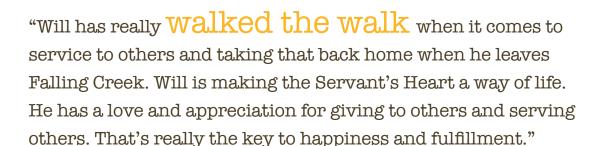
'It Only Takes a Spark' is a grant program that awards Falling Creek staff members who demonstrate a Servant's Heart with the resources and support to positively impact others beyond the summer months.

When Will heard about "It Only Takes a Spark," he immediately thought of the blessing TAASC had been in his life — and he decided he would love to try to help raise funds to support the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. He will also continue to serve as a volunteer TAASC trip leader and mentor.

The "It Only Takes a Spark" selection committee awards funding from \$250 – \$2,500 per project for various work around the world. We are excited to announce the TAASC Scholarship Program will receive support from the foundation, which will be used toward scholarships. Falling Creek alumni, parents, grandparents, staff, and friends can join in making tax-deductible gifts to the grant program. Gifts may be made online (www.fallingcreek.com/about-us/giving) or by mailing a check\* to:

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-Frank Tindall, Associate Director, Falling Creek Camp

Current and former Falling Creek staff members are encouraged to contact camp (frank@fallingcreek.com) to learn more about submitting their own grant proposal.



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## BEHOLD

The question Yates and Marisa are often asked, 'How can I help support camp?' The little-known answer is, 'Give to our scholarship program!' Your tax-deductible gift can lead to a life-changing experience for a boy.









### FALLING CREEK CAMPERSHIP

Falling Creek has established a campership through **The American Camp Association** that is designed to enable boys from across the country to attend Falling Creek who otherwise can't afford it. This fund was established in 2015 and has a low, but growing fund balance of \$26,721. Because it's new, this scholarship needs the attention of generous and consistent donors.

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"After completing my
internship at camp this
summer, I would rank Falling Creek's
management and organization on
par with my experience working at
Chick-Fil-A."

-Caleb McNaughton, Covenant College



"It's a demanding job that requires you to mentor and educate boys in a Godly and **morally uplifting** environment."

-Perry Earle, Clemson

"The most rewarding experience of my life."

-Patrick Ivey, The Citadel

"A place where you are rewarded for having **as much** fun as possible! I would also harp on the community/ wellbeing I have enjoyed at Falling Creek."

-Andy Killebrew, Wake Forest



"An employment opportunity that allows you to not only **Grow as a person**, but develop lifelong communication and leadership skills that will serve you across any future job you peruse."







### morningwatch



By Chaplain Dusty Davis



My kayak paddle sliced through the frothy whitewater... but that was the problem.

I had been teaching the boys all summer how *not* to do this. The proper technique is to lay the paddle blade flat on the river's surface to brace yourself and avoid getting flipped. A quick brace and flexible hips will save you from floating down the river *next* to your boat instead of *in* it!

I don't really know how it happened so fast, but two minutes into our trip to the Ocoee—I went from elation to embarrassment. Gasping for air with my paddle floating away, panic set in swiftly. Bumping down a rocky rapid aptly named "Grumpy's," my demeanor rapidly followed suit.

It was 1982, my first year as a paddling counselor and, to be honest, my hubris and zeal far outweighed my skill and experience. We were in the final week of Main Camp and the boys had moved up through a progression of Western Carolina rivers to earn this trip to the roller coaster waves of the Ocoee.

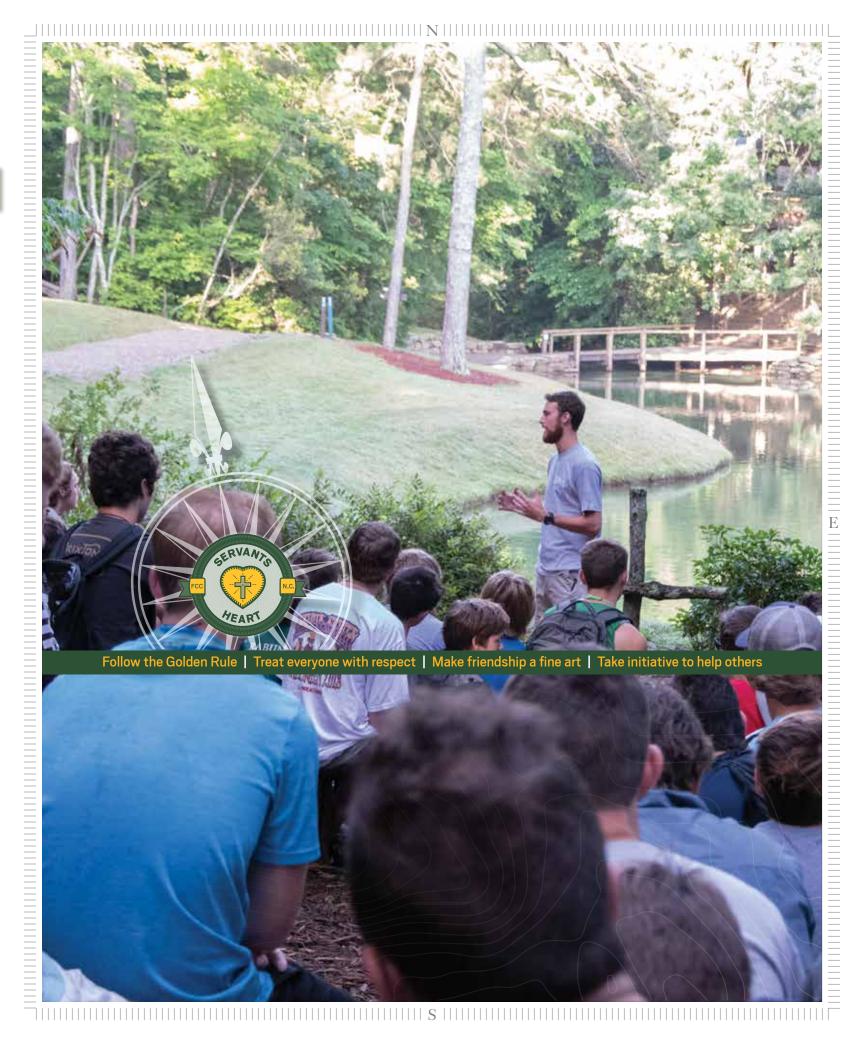
Dam controlled since 1913, with old wooden flumes and a powerhouse at the end, this rockin' river was dubbed the birthplace of freestyle kayaking—and

even hosted the '96 Olympics. So...if you're going to miss your roll and pull out of your kayak—at least do it where Olympians have wet their paddles. Just perhaps those Olympians occasionally did the swim of shame when they were newbies like me.

Taking risks and moving out of my comfort zone usually includes some struggle and failure. "The stressing of the muscle makes it grow," and a million other motivational clichés don our walls and webpages, but there is an undercurrent of truth. Any relationship, business venture, school sport, healthcare challenge, and even my faith in God, all have an element of risk and challenge. To really grow spiritually, I need to launch all-in, not just dip my toe in the water. I have to allow the Lord to take the stern and trust His guidance and navigation while I'm tasked to keep paddling as waves of circumstances sometimes slap me in the face. The secret is to keep smiling and stroking, moving with the Spirit's flow, for the Lord is a trustworthy guide.

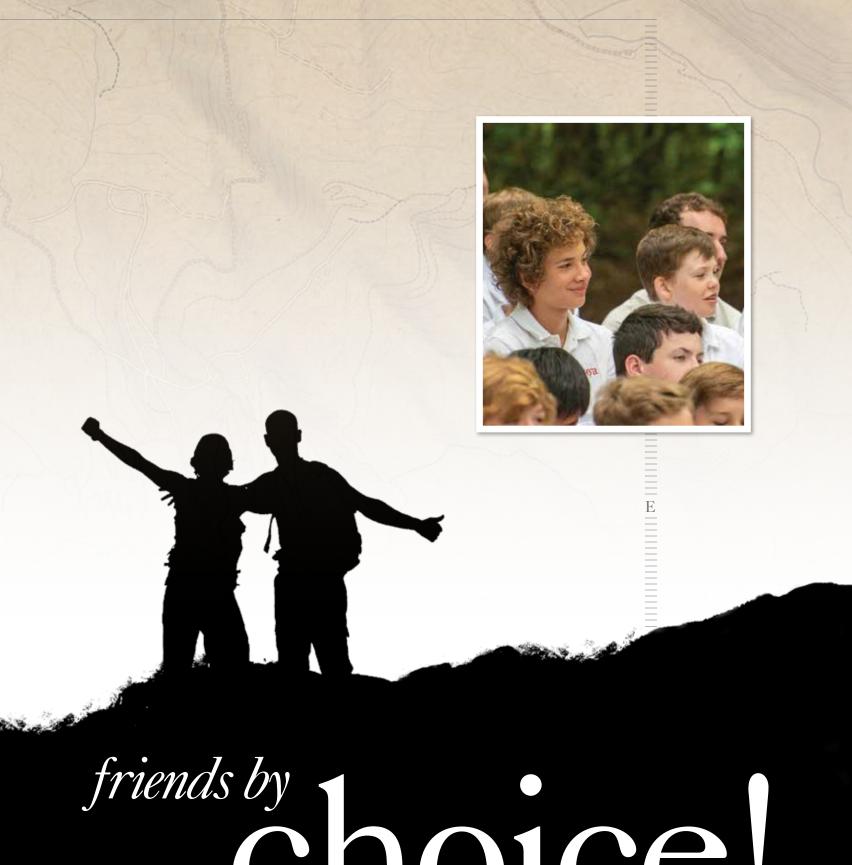
I'm hard pressed to think of anyone in the Bible that didn't encounter hardline struggles and failures or "teachable moments." Like them, my big wave life lessons have come from unexpected flips and upsidedown scenarios. I'm positive that my pride-killing swim through "Grumpy's" produced some campercomforting empathy on future rivers.

I can't even remember how it all shook out that day, if I had to guess, conscientious CIT Yates came to my rescue, while Hutch and the Brown brothers heckled from a nearby eddy. All I know is that, instead of some East Tennessee hospitality, I was served up a big ole slice of un-appetizing humble pie that day. Pie that gave me the calories to paddle on for the next 30 years and be able to share a helping of risk and reward with my Falling Creek family.



# friends by 1 Crook Comp in

It was my second summer going to Falling Creek Camp in Tuxedo, North Carolina. I was excited about camp, because my first year had been a blast. But I was nervous because the best friend I'd made at camp, Jack, would not be attending this year.



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By Quinn Kelliher

### When I first met the kids in my cabin I didn't seem to have much in common with any of them.

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They enjoyed playing a card game called Magic during their free time and I like to be more active. That first night in my bunk after lights out, I was very homesick. I thought that this summer was not going to be what I had looked forward to. I thought maybe I should go home, but knew that was not an option. I wrote to my parents saying camp was starting out tough, but that I was hoping it would get better.

I enjoyed my activities and friends outside the cabin but I was very quiet the first few days in the cabin.

I enjoyed my activities and friends outside the cabin, but I was very quiet the first few days in the cabin. My counselor, Ryan, noticed this and pulled me aside. He told me that Pablo, another boy in my cabin, was athletic like me and that we both played soccer. He also told me this was Pablo's first year at camp and that he was experiencing the same reservations about the other boys in our cabin. I felt bad that I had not talked to Pablo yet. I felt empathy for Pablo. We shared a sense of otherness. He didn't talk very much around the cabin either, but he was also new to camp. I went over and talked to him and found out he was a great soccer player, loved horseback riding, and he was from Ecuador. He convinced me to try horseback riding. I signed-up for it, which was something I had not intended to do.

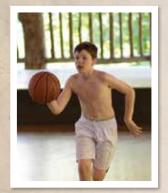
My first day of horseback riding, we groomed and tacked the horses. I remember they assigned me to Joker, an older horse that was supposed to be easy to tack. But it wasn't easy for me my first time, as I picked up his frail, slim leg and tapped and bent his knee,

and scraped the dirt out of his hoof. Joker's hoof was heavy and I had to be careful not to scrape the nerve, called the frog, in the middle of the hoof. I remember I had to reach up high to comb his mane and his silky smooth back. It was difficult at the start and frustrating at times, but I was not going to give up easily. I had to persevere. I did stick with it. It made me feel proud that I had. Tacking and grooming a horse is an important skill to learn and makes you appreciate and enjoy riding a lot more.

Pablo was with me at the horse barn. While we took care of the horses, we talked. This made the time more interesting. He told me about living in Ecuador. I told him about living in Virginia and then living in Texas. I told him about lacrosse, my favorite sport. Lacrosse is a Native American game that is played mostly in the US and Canada, so Pablo didn't know that much about it. At camp we play lacrosse, so I had my stick and we borrowed a stick for Pablo and I taught him basic lacrosse skills. Pablo signed up for lacrosse. He learned to play. Pablo and I would also play lacrosse with our counselor Ryan. Ryan was a good lacrosse player too. We also did push-ups and sit-ups with Ryan so we could get stronger and better at soccer and lacrosse when we returned home after camp.

Now, in my letters home, I was telling everyone about my new friend Pablo and how much fun I was having at camp.

Meeting Pablo, learning about horses from him, and then teaching him to play lacrosse, made my second year at camp unique. Pablo and I were grateful that Ryan had taken the time to encourage us to meet and talk. Ryan's compassion for us at the start of camp gave Pablo and me the chance to make a new friend and have an awesome summer. Pablo and I spent a lot of our free time together. We even played a few games of Magic with our cabinmates and had a good time. We felt otherness, but persevered and gained empathy. We were also helped by Ryan's compassion. Ryan was a good counselor and Pablo a good friend. In my last letter home, I told my parents how much I learned and how much I appreciated their sending me to camp.

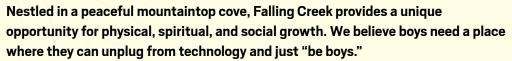


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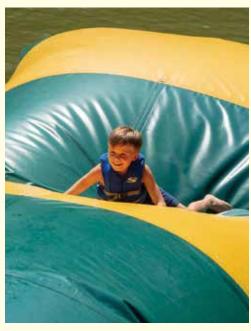
Making Choices - "Falling Creek offers a different kind of education than boys get during the rest of the year. Boys make decisions for themselves, gain self-confidence, learn how to live with a group, and how to see opportunities for growth and seize them."

- Donnie Bain (Former FCC Director)

Making Friendship A Fine Art - A sense of brotherhood and traditional Christian values permeates the Falling Creek community and each of its programs. Our alumni often speak of the special bond they have with their camp friends.







Prepare...



In the air!







Morning Assembly - After a hearty breakfast, get ready for the world famous Morning Assembly where anything can happen — and it usually does. The entire camp community assembles on the front porch of the Dining Hall overlooking the upper lake. Whether it's one of our crazy staff skits or joining in an all-camp singalong, nothing beats this upbeat way to start a great camp day.



Push-Up Porch



Harryo says... "It's Sunny!"

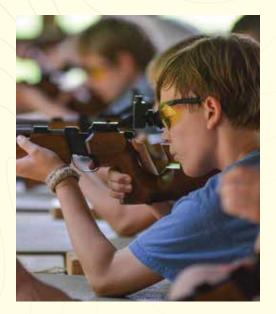




**Top**: Campers Whit Nuckolls and Matthew Leonard offering the "Word of the day." **Bottom**: Grant Pinkston and John Allen giving the "sports report"



Under experienced leadership, campers are able to choose from a variety of out-of-camp adventure trips ranging in skill levels from introductory to advanced, and from one-day trips to five-day trips.







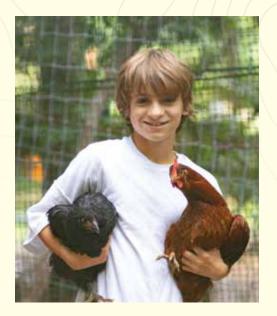




"Camp offers a chance for the boys to grow their self-esteem, independence, leadership skills, peer relationships, sense of adventure, environmental awareness, values, and spirituality."

- Yates Pharr, Director









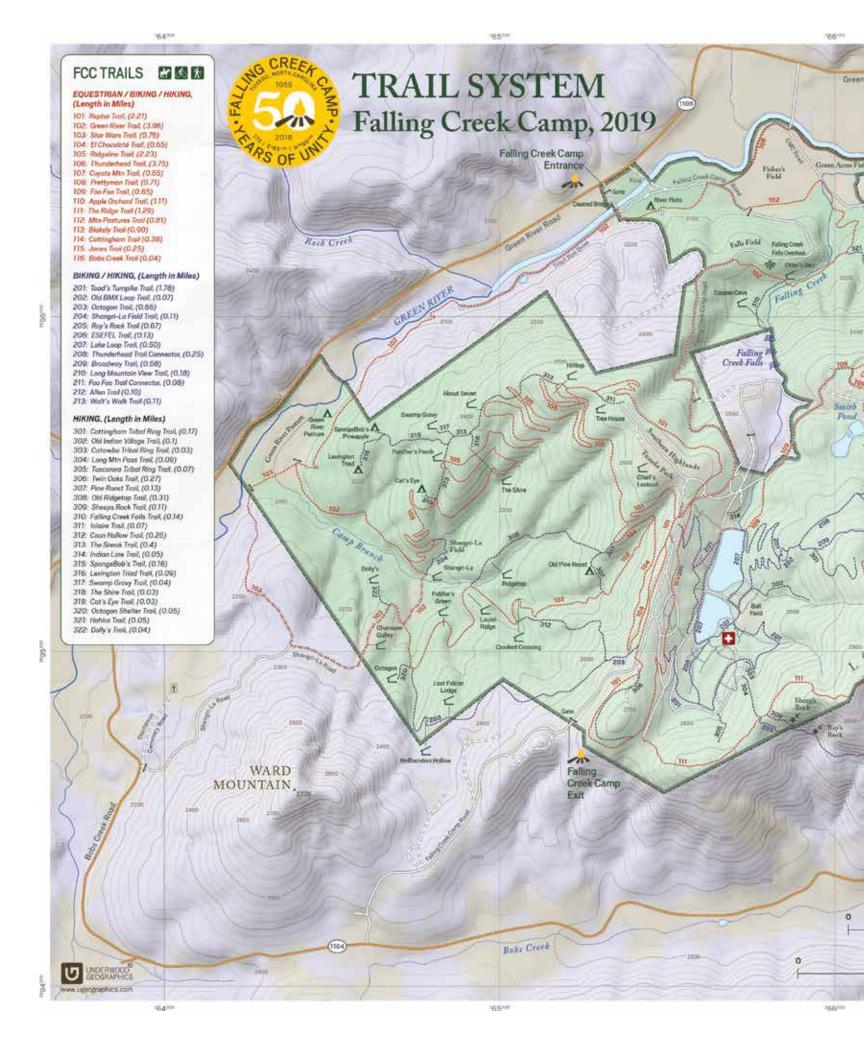
#### **Community with Purpose**

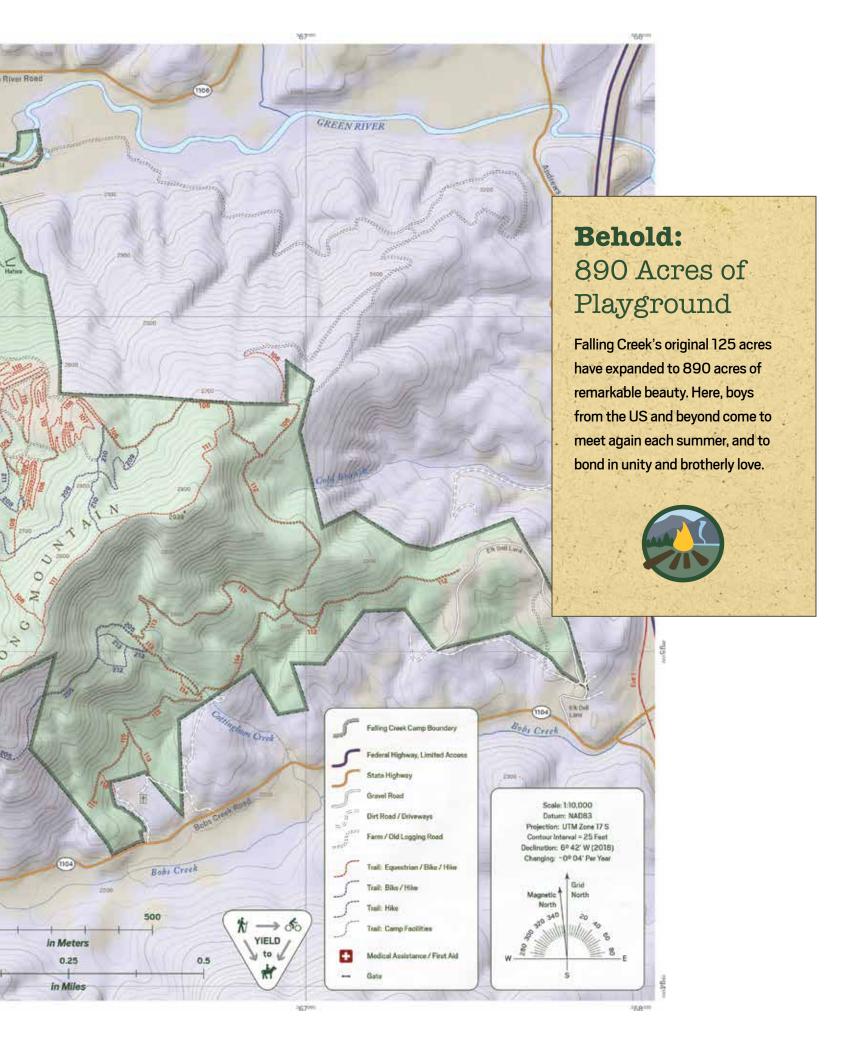
Falling Creek is an experience a boy carries with him for a lifetime. It's an opportunity to make choices, and a chance to make friends. Backpacking trips into the mountains, sleeping under the stars, kayaking on the Green River, sailing, tennis, and basketball; all help build friendships and character that last a lifetime.





A dedicated and enthusiastic staff is the heart of the camp experience.







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# Awards-All Sessions

#### **Archery**

Most Valuable Archer Award: Ryan Fisackerly Most Valuable Archer Award: Thomas Bond Positivity Award: Miles Denison Robin Hood Award: Peter Kissel Toughest Archer Award: Urijah Miller

#### **Arts & Crafts**

Golden Student Award:
Benjamin Finney
Golden Student Award: Graham
Stilwell
Puts the "Art" in "Heart" Award:
Bowen Body
Van Gogh Award: Lawton Jordan

#### **Backpacking**

Big Boots to Fill Award:
Benjamin Podurgiel
Big Boots to Fill Award: Neely Knox
Unquenchable Award:
Palmer McCollum
Wally Wallace Colors of Our Wish
Award: Walker Ritchey
Yama (Spirit of the Mountain)
Award: Beecher Aldredge
Yama (Spirit of the Mountain)
Award: Charlie Woodruff

#### **Basketball**

Catawba Baller of the Year Award:
Miles Fuller
FCC Baller of the Year Award:
Tyler Beam
FCC Baller of the Year Award:
Zach Sunderland
Most Improved Award: Cole Rychak
Sportsmanship Award: George Stowe
Sportsmanship Award:
William Zelnak

#### **Blacksmithing**

Iron Will Award: Lance Weimer Servantsmith Award: Gabe Jones Servantsmith Award: Harrison Wallace Studioussmith Award: William McCollum Sturdysmith Award: David Lilly

#### **Climbing Wall**

Backup Belayer Award:
Sam Frushone
Backup Belayer Award: Zell Godbold
Complete Crusher Award:
Lex McDonald
King Coleslaw Award: Will Cameron
Super Sender Award: Bo Vaughan

#### **Cross Country**

I Just Wanna Run Award:
Patton Jaynes
Most Spirited Award: Hewes Lance
The Iron Shoe Award:
Johnny Russell
The Iron Shoe Award:
Henry McGahey
The Smaller Iron Shoe Award:
Levi McGahey

#### **Disc Golf**

Chain Chaser Award: Jack Rivera
Disc Golf Persistence Award:
Booker Melton
Most Improved Award: Henry Bryan

#### F.A.R.M.

Harvester Award: Ben Farmer
Junior Farmer Award:
Charlie Woodruff
Junior Farmer Award: Cooper Burke
Nancy's Fancy Egg Award:
Bobby Suggs
Sun Stone Award: Isaac Kirby
Sunshine/Positivity Award:
Ryan Murray

#### **Fishing**

Carp Slayer Award: Charlie Reynolds
Determined Fisherman Award:
Tucker Piper
Helping Hand Award:
Blake Rowland
Positive Attitude Award:
Bobby Suggs

#### Flag Football

Dedicated Athlete Award:
Zane Israel
Lionhearted Award: Hyatt Hicks
Lionhearted Award: Philip Cronje
Positivity Award: Taishi Liu
Sportsmanship Award: Hank Young
Sportsmanship Award:
Stevens Moore

#### Fly Fishing

Best Overall Fisherman Award:
Lander Smith
Best Overall Fisherman Award:
Reid Pemberton
Perseverance Award: Camden Nalley
Positive Attitude Award:
Judd Collins

#### **Horseback Riding**

Best Barn Brothers Award:
Owen & Cole Landers
Helpful Horseman Award:
Jonathan Dunham
Most Improved Award: Jake Hunter
Rain or Shine Award:
Thomas Sproull
Razz Award: Charlie Earl
Trailblazer Award: Harrison Finney

#### Lacrosse

Most Improved Award:
Bain Thorstad
Most Improved Award: Pablo Perez
MVP Award: Henry Edelmann
Tightest Dude-Hardest Worker
Award: Buddy Geary

#### **Mountain Biking**

Geared Up Award: Colin Breiter
Geared Up Award: Will Wakefield
Hard Charger Award: George Barret
Hard Charger Award: Walker Mullins
Shredder McGee Award:
Benjamin Kampine
Shredder McGee Award:
Roy Richards



Honor Council: Back: Cole Atherton, Steve McGrady, Matthew Leonard, William Walker, Daniel McCarthy, Zach Jackson, Sam Evins, Edward Grinder, John Bates, Zell Godbold, William Tomlin, Ford Berry, Will Skipper, George Pipes, Tom Yoxsimer, Walter Miller, Whit Nuckolls, Spencer Greeley, Whit Flickinger, Patrick McGrady, Gresh Ganninger, Charlie Pike, Grant Greeley. Front: Julian Dufour, Bruce Lanier, Henry Gatto, Kaito Kanazawa, Taishi Liu, Tal Turner, Bobby Jackson, Alexander Ostrom, John Greeley. Not pictured: Lance Broad, Johnny Russell



Iron Man Competitors: Patton Jaynes, John Robert Wallace, James Lilly, Johnny Russell, Walter Miller, Julian Dufour, George Goins, Harry Spring, Winston Smith, Walker Liggitt, Cameron Sumners, Charlie Guy, Charlie Earl, Lance Broad, Coleson Quesinberry, John Ervin, Mac Riser, Thompson Haddock, James Clay, Sam Tepper, Wade Polk, Jacob Bailey, William Ashcroft, Andy Pleiman, Harrison Fuller, Carleton Riser, Collier Lilly, Luke Sedgwick, JP Hasley, Will Hasley, Henry Donohue, Zach Plyler, William Walker, Patrick Donworth



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#### **Nature**

Albert Einstein Award:
Edwin Salisbury
Albert Einstein Award: Tucker Piper
Brother Nature Award:
Cooper Burke
Brother Nature Award:
James Frushone

#### **Outdoor Skills**

Friend of the Flame Award: Quentin Balestri Mountain Munchkin Award: George Thomas

#### **Paddling**

Christmas Spirit Award:
Cole Atherton
Jamie Paige Memorial Award:
Pete Curtis
Jangle-Osaurus-Rex Award:
James Lilly
Most Improved Boater Award:
Whit Uden
Spirit of the Yak Award: Owen Silver
Upcoming Shredder Award:
Davis Minnehan

#### **Photography**

Most Photogenic Award: Jim Lanier Most Photographed Award: John Harmeling

#### **Pottery**

Centered Award: Edwin Salisbury License to Kiln Award: Clayton Kunz Mad Potter Award: Jorge Cardenas Most Creative Award: Lex McDonald Most Focused Award: Sam Drody Wheely Good Award: Yates Bass



#### Riflery

Most Dedicated Award:
Campbell Spence
Most Improved Shooter Award:
Jack Clinton
Sharpshooter Award:
Nathaniel Rubin

#### **Rock Climbing**

Ryland Marley

Crusher Award (Helped, Smiled, Strong Climber): Jackson Skelly Dude on Rock Award (Stoked): Coley Hucks Rock Jock (All Around Athlete): Will Watson Sender of the Year Award (Most Routes, Helped, Quiet): Jackson Skelly Sherpa Award (Helped, Served): Pope Shuford Solid Anchor Award (Dependable):

#### Sailing

Preece Smith

Most Enthusiastic Award:
Nick Klein
Most Improved Award:
Worth Denison
Poseidon's Chosen One Award:
Thomas Preston
Scott T. Hilderbran Memorial Award
for Positive Attitude:
Rodgers McCullough

Captain of the High Seas Award:

#### Soccer-Indoor

Catalyst Award: Tom Combs
Creative Playmaker Award:
Miguel Penaherrera
Dedicated Player Award:
Anders Hedenborg
Dedicated Player Award: Miller King
Fairplay Award: Connor Zone
Fairplay Award: James Clay

#### Soccer-Outdoor

Best Player Award: Johnny Russell
Best Player Award: Thomas Fanning
Best Youngest Player Award:
Connor Zone
Golden Boy Award:
James Valkenburg
Most Improved Player Award:
Tom Combs

Best Goalkeeper Award: Charlie Guy

#### **Swimming**

Biggest Smile Award:
Benjamin Podurgiel
Biggest Smile Award: Miles Denison
Just Keep Swimming Award:
Liam Kuntz
Submarine Award: Forrest Phipps

#### **Tennis**

Ball Magnet Award: Davis Rives
Most Improved Award: Aiden Moore
Most Improved Award:
Rodgers McCullough
Small But Mighty Award: Tal Turner
The Specialist Award:
Edward Grinder
Young Federer Award: John Georgas

#### The HEAT

Endure and Prevail Award:
Austin Miller
Ironman Award (Excellent Form &
Performance): Miles Denison
Juice Master of Main Camp Award:
John Greeley
Warrior Spirit Award (Athleticism &
Dedication): JJ Hawley

#### **Theater**

Best Writer & Director Award:
Rusty Kelley
Best Storyteller Award:
Lachlan McFarland

#### **Ultimate Frisbee**

Blood, Sweat & Tears Award: Zell Godbold Honorary CIT Award: Yancey Stribling Most Improved Award: Thad Jones MVP Award: Douglas Johnson

#### Woodworking

The Bear Award (Best Carver):
Charlie Hardwick
The Bear Award (Best Carver):
Nolan Caughran
The Carpenter's Cup Award:
Hal Shuford
The Carpenter's Cup Award:
Owen Weber
The Good Oak Award (Helps
Others): Andy Pleiman
The Good Oak Award (Helps
Others): Ouentin Balestri

#### June Camp Cleanest Cabin Awards

CHEROKEE TRIBE

Cabin 8
David Cowan, Ian Parana
Walker Beatty, Tripp Biosca,
Buddy Geary, John Harris,
Ledger Israel, Charles Morris,
Miller Rhine, Braxton Richardson

#### CATAWBA TRIBE

Cabin Gall
Edd Brown, Evans Collier
Brooks Arnold, Wyatt Davis,
Nolte Dukes, Duncan Jones,
Bryan Knox, Henry Knox,
Jack Rivera, Jackson Shealy

#### TUSCARORA TRIBE

Cabin Washakie
Patrick Ivey, Daniel Sinclair
Teddy Duncker, Carter Highsmith,
Thomas Honey, Evan Hunt,
Phillip McClary, Palmer Routh,
Andres Ruiz, Win Ward

#### IROQUOIS TRIBE

Cabin Black Hawk Nathan Boepple, Beau Kebodeaux Watson Adams, Quentin Balestri, Sam Drody, Nick Klein, Ryland Marley, Charlie Reynolds, Pope Shuford, Max Wolfe

#### CREEK TRIBE

Cabin Ocoee Kate Everson, Samantha Hill, Savannah Paterson, Sarah Sharp

#### Main Camp Cleanest Cabin Awards

CHEROKEE TRIBE

Cabin 8

David Cowan, Josh Martin George Blessey, Wallace Blum, Graham Dickerson, Gideon Koehring, Liam Kuntz, Graeme McNeish, Tucker Piper, Omar Schwarten

#### CATAWBA TRIBE

Cabin Ishi
Carson Skidmore
Ford Berry, Patteson Branch,
Henry Chiao, Harrison Finney,
Henry Gatto, Collier Lilly,
Devin Muench, Edison Pellumbi

#### TUSCARORA TRIBE

Cabin Sequoyah Matt Ambrose, Cade Pfeifer Jack Clinton, Turner Ezelle, Grayson Galli, Kaito Kanazawa, Taishi Liu, Austin Miller, Jack Preston, Walker Ritchey

#### IROQUOIS TRIBE

Cabin Black Hawk
Nathan Boepple, Beau Kebodeaux
Pete Curtis, Michael Drendel,
Max Gluck, Miller Kunz,
Reid Pemberton, Robert Sproule,
Sam Tepper, Will Watson

#### CREEK TRIBE

Cabin Ocoee Kate Everson, Samantha Hill, Savannah Paterson, Sarah Sharp

#### 2-Week Camp Cleanest Cabin

Awards
CHEROKEE TRIBE
Cabin 8
David Cowan, Josh Martin
Benjamin Brady, Winn Chamberlain,
Connor Leddy, David Murtagh,
Jameson Saylors, Landon Schaaf,
Oliver Toms, Collier Wright

Cabin 9
Admezzy Phakathi
Mitchell Blanks, Kline Cummings,
Cooper Gooch, Charlie Good,

Warren Hall, William Maloney, Lowden Scarlett, Crawford Screws

#### CATAWBA TRIBE

Cabin Comanche
Nathan Eells, Nic Pulsinelli
James Edge, Henry Hancock,
Connor McElroy, Anders Northup,
Bo O'Connor, Stephen Parrott,
Jackson Weber, Raines Young

#### TUSCARORA TRIBE

Cabin Tsali Ian Parana Nicholas Arado, Rylan Chaput, Caleb Crowder, Hopkins David, Noah Liptak, William Payne, Copeland Stukes, James Thompson

#### **IROQUOIS TRIBE**

Cabin Black Hawk Nathan Boepple, Beau Kebodeaux Alex Diffley, Jack Ferguson Wright Goldsmith, McDonagh Kuntz, Scotty Poole, Hill Porter, Jackson Schmidt

#### **CREEK TRIBE**

Cabin Ocoee Kate Everson, Samantha Hill, Savannah Paterson, Sarah Sharp

#### Junior Camp Cleanest Cabin Awards

CHEROKEE TRIBE

Cabin 8 David Cowan, Josh Martin Barclay Blair, Beckett Blair, Joe Espy, Banks Fochtmann, Will Rechkemmer, Maclean Simmons, Tripp Whatley, Collier Williams

#### CATAWBA TRIBE

Cabin Crazy Horse
Danny Gletner, Matt Thomas
Frank Anderson, James Blair,
Anderson Callaway, Colton Clarke,
Ethan Cole, Aidan Dallas,
Charlie Harmon, Caden Pogue

#### TUSCARORA TRIBE

Cabin Standing Bear
Daniel McCarthy, Sam Sweitzer
Collin Baugh, Graham Conrad,
Jack Conrad, Brady Ellis, Nolan Fore,
Wade Glasgow, Cullen Pratt,
Forrest Walker

#### IROQUOIS TRIBE

Cabin Canoni John Dwiggins, Patrick McGrady Will Bradley, Tiller Chastain, Barrett Hicks, McClain Knight, Jack Lilly, Colin Miller, Reid Miller, Price Roof

#### CREEK TRIBE

Cabin Ocoee Kate Everson, Samantha Hill, Savannah Paterson, Sarah Sharp







# **Progressions- All Sessions**

**Archery Ranger** 

Graham Dickerson
Hill Jenkins
Jack Blanks
Jay Foster
Manu Madrazo-Muller
Manuel Junco Madrazo
Nathaniel Rubin
Quentin Balestri
Quinn Davenport
Thomas Bond
William MacLeod

#### **Archery Warrior**

Hudson Tinch Quentin Balestri William MacLeod

#### **Arts & Crafts Ranger**

Hudson Tinch Lawton Jordan Wesley Forster

#### **Arts & Crafts Warrior**

Hudson Tinch Lawton Jordan Wesley Forster

#### **Basketball Ranger**

Aiken Bond
Booker Melton
Cole Rychak
Edward Holder
Grayson Galli
Jack Rivera
Jake Rhine
JB Clark
JJ Hawley
Max Manna
Miles Fuller
Miller Rhine

Patrick Dunn

Phillip McClary Robert Proutt Taishi Liu Thomas Vickery Tyler Beam Walker Smith Wells White

#### **Basketball Warrior**

Quinn Kelliher Wells White

#### **Blacksmithing Ranger**

Ham Mandell Ian Smith

#### **Blacksmithing Warrior**

George Hughes

#### **Climbing Wall Ranger**

Benjamin Jones Jack Sullivan Will Cameron

#### **Climbing Wall Warrior**

Benjamin Jones Jack Sullivan Will Cameron

#### **Cross Country Ranger**

Patton Jaynes

#### **Disc Golf Ranger**

Billy Piper Booker Melton Charlie Earl Jack Rivera John Ervin Owen Weber Powell Cummings Raines Knight Sam Tepper Walker Liggitt Walter Miller

William Zelnak



#### Disc Golf Warrior

Billy Piper John Ervin Owen Weber Powell Cummings Raines Knight Sam Frushone Sam Tepper Walker Liggitt Walter Miller William Zelnak Zell Godbold

#### **Fishing Ranger**

Charlie Reynolds Jack West

### Fishing Warrior

Charlie Reynolds

#### Flag Football Ranger

Aiken Bond Heath Seawright Jack Sullivan John Harris Raines Knight

### Flag Football Warrior

Heath Seawright Jack Sullivan Raines Knight

#### Horseback Riding Ranger

Harrison Finney Jacob Bailey Jonathan Dunham Ryder Bond Walker Liggitt

#### **Horseback Riding Warrior**

Charlie Earl Ford Berry Jonathan Dunham

#### Lacrosse Ranger

Booker Melton
Daniel Fanning
Harrison Fuller
Henry Edelmann
MacLean Delehanty
Pablo Perez
Thompson Haddock
Tyler Beam

#### **Lacrosse Warrior**

Henry Edelmann Quinn Kelliher

#### **Mountain Biking Ranger**

Benjamin Kampine Collier Lilly David Jones

#### **Mountain Biking Warrior**

Benjamin Kampine

#### **Music Ranger**

John Stanfill

#### **Nature Ranger**

James Frushone John Stanfill

#### **Nature Warrior**

Charlie Earl John Stanfill Julian Dufour Major Phillips William Ashcroft

#### **Paddling Ranger**

Cannon Ridinger Charlie Gatto Charlie Hurst Gavin Banks Henry Smith James Lilly Joseph Jardina Sam Hurst

#### **Paddling Warrior**

Lance Broad

#### **Pottery Ranger**

Bruce Lanier
Durham Blair
Edwin Salisbury
Henry Neff
Hudson Tinch
Hudson Young
Jack Stivers
Jim Lanier
Lawton Jordan
Miles Stilwell
Sam Drody



Walker Liggitt Will Arendall Will Haller William Harrison Yates Bass

#### **Pottery Warrior**

Sam Drody

#### Riflery Ranger

Nathaniel Rubin

#### **Rock Climbing Ranger**

Carson Streacker Coley Hucks Hartt Daniel Spencer Ritchie Zell Goldbold

#### **Rock Climbing Warrior**

Jack Stivers Jackson Skelly Rodrigo Esteve

### Sailing Warrior

Preece Smith

#### Soccer Ranger

James Clay James Valkenburg Jose Pallares Miguel Penaherrera Pablo Perez Tom Combs

#### Soccer Warrior

James Clay
James Valkenburg
Jose Pallares
Miguel Penaherrera
Pablo Perez
Thomas Fanning
Will Bennett

### Swimming Ranger

Benjamin Podurgiel

#### **Tennis Ranger**

Burke Cameron John Georgas

#### **Tennis Warrior**

Baker Dill John Georgas

#### The HEAT Ranger

John Ervin John Greeley John Stanfill Nicholas Arado William Zelnak

#### The HEAT Warrior

John Ervin William Zelnak

#### **Ultimate Ranger**

Whitman Flickinger Yancey Stribling

#### **Woodworking Ranger**

Andy Pleiman Blake Rowland Coleson Quesinberry Will Cameron William Ashcroft

#### Journeymen

Campers who achieved a Warrior rank in 3 different activities.

#### Pete Curtis

Mentor: Sam Clayton

Julian Dufour Mentor: Patrick McGrady

#### John Ervin

Mentor: Scotty Nease

#### Rodrigo Esteve

Mentor: James McGregor

#### Sam Frushone

Mentor: Gresh Ganninger

#### Raines Knight

Mentor: Yates Pharr

#### Walter Miller

Mentor: Matthew Kornegay

### Heath Seawright

Mentor: Josh Cooey

#### Will Skipper

Mentor: James McGregor

#### John Stanfill

Mentor: Scuba Keiser



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## Staff Honors Green & Gold Award

Matthew Kornegay

White Tiger Award

Admezzy Phakathi Carson Skidmore Chris Ocana David Cowan Harrison "Harryo" Orr James Chadwick John Czabala JP Van Buren

#### 5th Year

JP Van Buren Tom Adrian

#### 10th Year

Charlie Pike Danny Gletner Gresh Ganninger Hill Nixon Mike Nuckles Steve Feingold Tristan Hall

#### 15th Year

Marisa Pharr

#### **Activity Leaders**

ARCHERY: Matthew "Smat" Sutton, Scotty Nease, Alex Tuttle ARTS & CRAFTS: LiLi Stapel BACKPACKING:

Matthew Kornegay
BASKETBALL: Ray Whitesides
BLACKSMITHING: Nathan Eells

CLIMBING WALL:
Croft Hamilton, Steven
"Scuba" Keiser
CROSS COUNTRY:
Harrison "Harryo" Orr
DISC GOLF: Scotty Nease,
Ian Parana, Benjamin Arnold
F.A.R.M.: Zeb Ramsbotham

FISHING: Ben Clement FLAG FOOTBALL: Tré Dozier FLY FISHING: Parker Moon HORSEBACK RIDING: Timber Rabb, Sarah Doss, Baylee Burdick IT: Kevin "Sketch" Turner LACROSSE: Marshall McDill MOUNTAIN BIKING: Jake Lambrecht MUSIC: Daniel Poole NATURE: KC Collins OUTDOOR SKILLS (OSC): Carson Skidmore PADDLING: Jez, Tyler Cockrell PHOTOGRAPHY: Nick Valego POTTERY: Keira Ochab, Ashley Lieb

RIFLERY: James Chadwick, Benjamin Arnold ROCK CLIMBING: Dusty Davis, Nathan "Stick" Stichter SAILING: Gresh Ganninger, Sam Limby SCRIBE: Annie Pharr SOCCER-INDOOR: Alek Burleson SOCCER-OUTDOOR: Admezzy Phakathi SWIMMING: Savannah Paterson TENNIS: Will Weaver, Nick Valego THE HEAT: John Dwiggins THEATER: Admezzy Phakathi **ULTIMATE FRISBEE:** Tom Yoxsimer

W.E.M.A.: Sam Clayton WOODWORKING: Mo Alkoubai, Scott McDougall

#### **Adventure Trip Leaders**

BACKPACKING: Andrew Krusen,
Matt Ambrose,
Matthew Kornegay
MOUNTAIN BIKING:
Jake Lambrecht
PADDLING: Chris Yenney, Jez,
Stephen McGrady, Trent Jones,
Tyler Cockrell, Will Clements,
Zac Buys
ROCK CLIMBING: Dusty Davis,
Nathan "Stick" Sticthter



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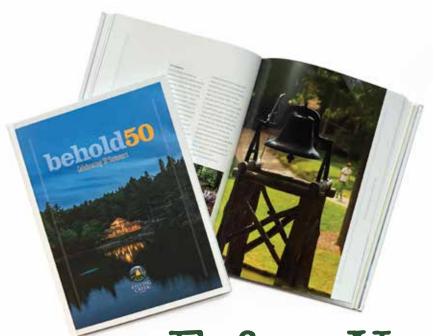
### Father/Son Weekend staff

Those who did not serve on traditional summer staff during the 2019 summer

Alex Nunner Ally Hibbitts Andrew Josupait Austin Birch Bailey Mills Brian Dugan Brooks Mischel Chuck Niemeyer Colin Bryan Crocker Barker Denzell Garrett Dougie Burns **Duncan Iones** Eric Osterhus Gabby Williams Harry Titus Henry Chandler Ioe Walters Joey Brown John Niemeyer Kat Izard Logan Garrison Lucy Pharr Madi Carter Maggie Hilderbran MarvGrace Larsen Matt Zahm Matty McHugh Mike Nuckles Mitch Budihas Natasha Johnson Oz Miller Ryan Stanitski Sam Walters

Scott Hilderbran Tania Battista Thomas Williams Tom Feingold Will Prince William Boor





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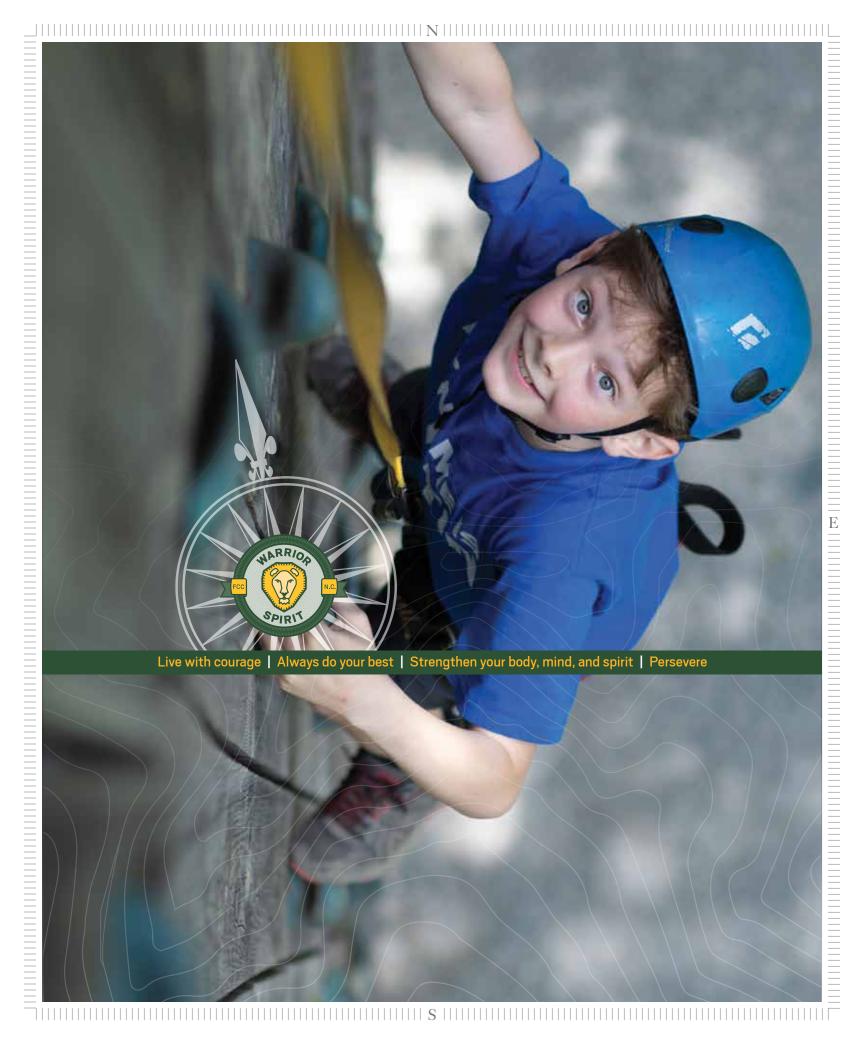
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May 15 – May 17, 2020 May 22 – May 24, 2020 Aug. 21 – Aug 23, 2020





### cabintime

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**Cabin 1:** Back: Alex Tuttle, Simon Hunt, James Worthen, Locky Robinson. Front: Liam Naylor, Cian Green, Miles Denison, Matthew Sproull, Carter Bryson



Cabin 2: Back: Chris Ocana, Thomas Blount, JD Prahler, West Nalley, Jake Mory. Front: James Trainer, Brooks Castellaw, George Barret, Nolan Caughran, Levi McGahey



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Cabin 3: Back: Alex Troha, Yates Harris, Erskine Bowles, Benjamin Arnold. Front: Jack Bond, Langdon Dyksterhouse, Leuven Foutch, Mack Eubanks, Beckett Spears



**Cabin 4:** Back: Hans Brunner, Johnny Corn, Teddy Batten, Hamilton Norman, Marshall McDill. Front: James Albright, John Harmeling, Rand Jones, Reid Davis, Gibbes Montgomery



Cabin 5: Back: Perry Earle, Rory Green, Richard Magruder, Jack Trbovich, Daniel Poole. Front: Rhys Kreitler, Jackson Guthrie, Graham Stilwell, Connor Zone, William Rives



Cabin 6: Back: Will Weaver, John Cannon Wessel, Thomas Barret, Rich Hickson, Tré Dozier. Front: Baker Smith, Davis Rives, Neely Knox, Austin Davis, Jimmy Hunt



Cabin 7: Back: Johnny Rugnao, Bain Thorstad, Davis Minnehan, GuyTate, Gabe Headley. Front: Beckett Beatty, Jack Smith, Ben Bronzert, Garland Lynn, Thomas Sproull



**Cabin 8:** Back: lan Parana, Miller Rhine, Ledger Israel, Charles Morris, David Cowan. Front: John Harris, Buddy Geary, Braxton Richardson, Tripp Biosca, Walker Beatty

Cabin 9: Back: CJ Sumner, Bo Vaughan, Herndon Hinson, West Miller, Josh Martin. Front: Jack Schafer, Levi Roberson, Bobby Briggs, Henry Neff, Wyatt Kaylor



Henry Wallace, Harrison Orr. Front: Beckham Prahler, Gavin Rychak, Beckham Botic, Mason Porter, William Rachels



Blackfoot: Back: Mark Zavertnik. Mason Hunt. William Swann. Connor Brown, Taj Majors, Carson Skidmore. Front: Hunter Davis, Christian Kahlert, George Smith, Foster Fogelman, Patrick Combs



Crazy Horse: Back: Admezzy Phakathi, Tate Barganier, Noah Orme, Cooper Davis, Danny Gletner. Front: Tripp Schoellkopf, Bennett Surface, Jack Rollins, Coleman Highsmith, Parker Bowers



Geronimo: Back: Sketch Turner, Miles Stilwell, Easton Selbee, Philip Coleman, Doug Rojas. Front: Cole Venters, Coley Hucks, Nicholas Robinson, Browning Trainer, Aiden Moore



Satank: Back: Matt Thomas, Drew Bennett, Jack Nelson, Woodson Dunavant, Nic Pulsinelli. Front: Edwin Wallis, Thomas Fanning, Tiger Barker, Ellis Norwood, Blaize Schumacher



Ishi: Back: Alek Burleson, Colin Caughran, Hunt Houseman, Holland Dennington, Bralynn Jasper-Felder. Front: Hudson Pratt, Hudson Temple, Nick Andreoletti, Grayton Kennington



Keokuk: Back: Aaron Perry, Aiken Bond, Bowen Body, Jake Hunter, Andy Killebrew. Front: Will Haller, Ben Ardoin, Mason Dyer, Rusty Kelley, Lachlan McFarland



Honeymoon: Back: Thomas Battle, Tommy Sutherland, David Dabney, Max Albright, Zac Buys. Front: Kale Oertling, Henry McGahey, Chase Christopher, Hudson Young, Jack Drulard



Gall: Back: Edd Brown, Nolte Dukes, Bryan Knox, Brooks Arnold, Jack Rivera, Evans Collier. Front: Henry Knox, Jackson Shealy, Wyatt Davis, Duncan Jones



Sequoyah: Back: Tom Yoxsimer, Palmer McCollum, William McCollum, Robert Proutt, Matt Ambrose. Front: George Stowe, Edward Stinehour, Sellers Lynn, Jack Gansman, Jack Adams



Little Raven: Back: John Czabala, Thad Jones, Jake Rhine, Rob Kay, Marcel Agbegne. Front: Mac Mandell, Hal Shuford, Dan Batten, Woods Gamble, Beecher Aldredge

Sitting Bull: Back: Drew Cottrill, Liam Gillespie, Bernardo Amare, Jim Reynolds Morrison, Mo Alkoubai. Front: Martin Zachry, Tom Combs, Edward Holder, Simon Ikenberg, Matthew Spears



Watauga: Back: Gabe Collins, Edward Stivers, Mac Copenhaver, Hewes Lance, Phillip Barker. Front: Jack Blanks, Sam Wyland, Liam Green, John Georgas, Phillip McElhaney



**Junaluska:** Back: Will Jackson, Burke Moorman, Jack McCoy, Hudson Copenhaver, Charlie Pike. Front: Will Arendall, Lucas Parker, Jim Rubin, Burnam DuBose, Patrick Dunn



**Tsali:** Back: Jim Williams, Slater Nalley, Lander Smith, Freddy Somers, Sam Sweitzer. Front: Logan Hope, Jacob Kaylor, Garrett Long, Cohen Taulbee, Oliver Losinski



Standing Bear: Back: Clarke Clarke, JB Clark, Josh Wright, Julian Balestri, JP Van Buren. Front: Sam Thompson, Charles Hickok, Sawyer Kribbs, Yancey Stribling, William Harrison



Black Elk: Back: Croft Hamilton, Banks Eaves, Cooper Burke, Ollie Reynolds, Marshall Smith, Caleb McNaughton. Front: Jman Watson, Wyatt Pearce, Jack West, Camden Nalley, Jackson Naylor



Washakie: Back: Daniel Sinclair, Palmer Routh, Carter Highsmith, Thomas Haney, Patrick Ivey. Front: Andres Ruiz, Teddy Duncker, Phillip McClary, Evan Hunt, Win Ward



**Rising Warrior:** Back: Coleman Hamrick, JJ Hawley, Johnny Chamoun, Frank Reese, Jack Long. Front: Riley Sampson, Will Wakefield, Bobby Suggs, Durham Blair, William Polk



**Canoni** Back: John Dwiggins, Patrick Minnehan, Mac Holley, Graham Webb, Omar Vallejo. Front: Daniel Kauffman, Stewart Favero, Hudson Tinch, Collins Lee, Edwin Salisbury



**Tecumseh:** Back: James Chadwick, Daniel Fanning, Thompson White, Colin Moffett, Daniel McCarthy. Front: Isaac Kirby, Forrest Phipps, Carson Streacker, Hartt Daniel, Wiley Kessler



**Deganawidah:** Back: Sam Limby, Jack Norman, Cole Rychak, Lukey Sutherland, Zach Hamrick. Front: Worth Denison, Jamie Maloy, Kevin Bronzert, Burke Cameron, Jonah Disch



**Red Cloud:** Back: Tristan Hall, Harper Reed, Owen Gibson, Owen Silver, Scuba Keiser. Front: Landon Lashley, Mac Spear, Jack Valentino, Gabe Cullens, Major Phillips

Osceola: Back: Cade Pfeifer, Jonathan Dunham, William MacLeod, Hill Greenlee, Andrew Smith. Front: Jack Wyland, Nathaniel Rubin, Henry Bryan, Will Gaffey, Miller King



**Mohawk:** Back: Will Avent, Stevens Moore, Jack Stivers, William Green, Danny Hazard. Front: Garrett Spears, Whit Uden, Hayden Breal, Thomas Lawn, Freddy Klein



Anasazi: Back: Brian Everette, Sam Neff, Preece Smith, Max Zachry, Scotty Nease. Front: Beau Brown, Stephen Fox, Lex McDonald, Michael McCarthy, Russell Wyatt



**Black Hawk:** Back: Nathan Boepple, Ryland Marley, Quentin Balestri, Watson Adams, Beau Kebodeaux. Front: Nick Klein, Max Wolfe, Charlie Reynolds, Sam Drody, Pope Shuford



Hiawatha: Back: Pat Silcox, Tyler Beam, Roy Richards, Mason Stanley, Will DeLoach, Ben Clement. Front: Davis Brown, Gus Faris, Spicer Edmonds, Charlie Briggs, Ham Mandell



**Abiding Rock:** Back: Ray Whitesides, Wesley Forster, Spencer Ritchie, Zane Israel, Thomas Bond, Patrick McGrady. Front: Philip Cronje, Harrison Wallace, Rodrigo Amare, Leighton Hewitt, Jim Kay



Rolling Thunder: Back: Will Wilson, Jay Foster, Parker McCollum, Michael Mullen, Sam Culp, Will Boys, Scott McDougall. Front: Maddox Israel, Wells White, Avery Kessler, Griffin Eubanks, Will Riggs

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**Cabin 1:** Back: Alex Tuttle, Gage Weber, Hank Young, Robert May, Locky Robinson. Front: Clark Edelmann, George Thomas, CR Donohue, Alexander Ostrom, Liam Keys



**Cabin 2:** Back: Jake Mory, Wells Dixon, Walt Palmer, Urijah Miller, Drew Cottrill. Front: Ridgeway Britt, Benjamin Podurgiel, Pach Esteve, James Axon, Stephens Rabb



Cabin 3: Back: Benjamin Arnold, Santi Junco Madrazo, Quinn Davenport, Gates Dixon, Alex Troha. Front: Nicholas Ostrom, Marshall Liggitt, Miles Stengle, Bear Flack, Tradd Fain



Cabin 4: Back: Marshall McDill, Kai Burge, Manu Madrazo Muller, Bagley Sgro, Hans Brunner. Front: Benjamin Finney, Quinn Burge, Nicholas Ashcroft, Jack Lawton, Wade Monroe

Cabin 5: Back: Perry Earle, Carson Pleiman, Paul McSwain, Patrick Donworth, Daniel Poole. Front: Peter Kissel, Stratton Werner, Patton Vargas, Cole Landers, Julian McCoy



Cabin 6: Back: Will Weaver, Miles Fuller, Sam McKay, Arjun Kothari, Tré Dozier. Front: Jim Lanier, William Jones, Ved Daga, Gabriel Ruffer, Fenley Flack



Cabin 7: Back: Gabe Headley, Sam Dewey, Lance Weimer, Wood Watson, Mark Zavertnik. Front: Beau Hurst, Carleton Riser, William Miller, Duncan Wallace, Henry Edelmann



Cabin 8: Back: David Cowan, Graham Dickerson, Omar Schwarten, Gideon Koehring, Josh Martin. Front: George Blessey, Liam Kuntz, Graeme McNeish, Tucker Piper, Wallace Blum



**Cabin 9:** Back: Admezzy Phakathi, Anders Hedenborg, Sam Evans, Huck Trottmann, CJ Sumner. Front: Mason Matthews, Roman Wazni, Wil Davis, Jake Deter, Wade Polk



**Comanche:** Back: Nathan Eells, Manuel Junco Madrazo, Tyler Leidy, Heuer Erdle, Nic Pulsinelli. Front: Wills Ackermann, Zach Plyler, Van Turmer, Walker Moore, Tal Turner



**Blackfoot:** Back: JP Van Buren, Ransom Albertson, Coleson Quesinberry, Charlie Woodruff, Jim Williams. Front: Bowman Yanicelli, Gavin Weintritt, Jacob Bailey, Judd Collins, Ben Brittian



Crazy Horse: Back: Ben Clements, Locke Schoettelkotte, Nolan Bishop, Boone Phelps, Danny Gletner: Front: Bryce Ward, Grayson Andrews, Henry Jones, Cale Chimera, Warner Shaper



Geronimo: Back: Sketch Turner, Soham Bafana, Tristan Von Uklanski, Bellamy Falatko, Jackson Sweat. Front: Owen Landers, Samay Bafana, Teddy Chong, Luke Sedgwick, Thompson Haddock



**Satank:** Back: Charlie Hurst, Harrison Fuller, Harrison Orr, Christopher Hovet, Henry Donohue. Front: Will Hasley, Will Bennett, Hudson Thomas, Harrison Keys



**Ishi:** Back: Harrison Finney, Henry Gatto, Carson Skidmore, Patteson Branch, Edison Pellumbi. Front: Collier Lilly, Devin Muench, Henry Chiao, Ford Berry



**Keokuk:** Back: Aaron Perry, John H McCoy, Ocean Gorecki, Charlie Guy, Alek Burleson. Front: Chris Watters, Booker Melton, James Clay, Nathan Cabral, Noah Wazni



**Honeymoon:** Back: Patrick Ivey, Daviss Coble, Dylan Ashrafi, Gray Hendricks, Bralynn Jasper-Felder. Front: Mac Riser, Bobby Jackson, George Pipes, Luke Baugher, Charlie Hardwick



**Gall:** Back: Evans Collier, Campbell Spence, Charlie McKay, Beauford Mathews, Edd Brown. Front: Connor Evans, Leo Drendel, Graham Spears, Ryan Murray, Lee Adamson



Sitting Bull: Back: Charlie Pike, Andy Pleiman, Blake Rowland, London Moshiri, Mo Alkoubai. Front: Jake Keller, Javi Lopez, Tipton Connelly, Henry O'Hagan, Xander Beamon



**Watauga:** Back: Benjamin Jones, Aiden O'Neil, Ray Whitesides, Gray Hackney. Front: Walker Mullins, JP Hasley, Jake Good, Connor Pollak, Mason Harrell



Little Raven: Back: John Czabala, Jorge Cardenas, lan Smith, Lukas Marmorek, Phillip Barker. Front: Yates Bass, John Cain, Steele Darnall, Ryder Bond, Douglas Johnson



Junaluska: Back: Will Jackson, Benjamin Kampine, Rhett Printy, Jose Pallares, Zac Buys. Front: Walker Liggitt, Park Steinhour, Walker Lauth, Wyatt Sandberg, Will Young



**Tsali:** Back: Tom Yoxsimer, Colin Breiter, Hyatt Hicks, Thomas Earl, Ian Parana. Front: Jack Anders, Ryan McNamara, Quinn Kelliher, William Zelnak, Pablo Perez



**Standing Bear:** Back: Sam Sweitzer, Zell Godbold, Henry Ervin, Carter Leidy, Daniel McCarthy. Front: Eshaan Kothari, Campbell Miller, Sam Hurst, Joseph Jardina, Charlie Friedrich



**Black Elk:** Back: Thomas Battle, Harry Spring, Billy Piper, Tucker Winham, Caleb McNaughton. Front: Will Brittian, Reece Weber, Hampton Templeton, Gray Smith, Walker Smith



**Washakie:** Back: Daniel Sinclair, James Frushone, Kenton Gupton, Richard Nichols, Doug Rojas. Front: Owen Weber, Laith Weimer, Roscoe Heuer, Esteban Rosales, Darby McMillan



Rising Warrior: Back: Tristan Hall, James Lilly, George Hughes, Rodgers McCullough, Jack Long. Front: Henry Evans, Clayton Kunz, Jackson Skelly, Raines Knight, Powell Cummings



Canoni: Back: Patrick McGrady, Jack Stamoulis, Spencer Segura, Felipe Arteta, John Dwiggins. Front: Erik Soelberg, George Goins, Matias de Cardenas, Max Manna, Miller Vargas



**Tecumseh:** Back: James Chadwick, Frank Reuther, James Valkenburg, Mac Barnette, Zach Hamrick. Front: Cannon Ridinger, Dasher Evans, David Conkle, Rhodes Feild, Rodrigo Esteve



**Deganawidah:** Back: Pat Silcox, Berkley Woodard, William Tomlin, Hideki Liu, Sam Limby. Front: Lawton Jordan, MacLean Delehanty, Henry Smith, Thomas Preston, Conor Clinton



**Red Cloud:** Back: Ben Farmer, Evan Wray, Scuba Keiser, Heath Seawright, Will Cameron. Front: Zach Sunderland, Luke Dodson, Thomas Anders, Edwin Ossont



**Osceola:** Back: Coleman Hamrick, Will Skipper, Ryan Fisackerly, Gavin Banks, Croft Hamilton. Front: Grant Greeley, David Jones, Miguel Penaherrera, Khush Bafna, Charlie Gatto



**Mohawk:** Back: Jack Hiller, Will Woodruff, Danny Hazard, Cameron Degen, Sam Frushone. Front: John Greeley, Connor Robertson, Jack Sullivan, Charlie Earl



**Anasazi:** Back: Sam Stevens, Hill Jenkins, Scotty Nease, Cameron Sumners, Winston Smith. Front: Spencer Greeley, G Simmons, Lance Broad, William Walker



**Black Hawk:** Back: Nathan Boepple, Sam Tepper, Max Gluck, Robert Sproule, Beau Kebodeaux. Front: Miller Kunz, Pete Curtis, Michael Drendel, Will Watson, Reid Pemberton



Abiding Rock: Back: Harper Kissell, John Ervin, Chris Ocana, John Stanfill, Bruce Lanier. Front: Brooks Croone, William Ashcroft, Johnny Russell, Zach Jackson



Rolling Thunder: Back: Will Wilson, Edward Grinder, Sam Evins, Walter Miller, Scott McDougall. Front: Coop Cowden, Julian Dufour, Kenny Moffet, Patton Jaynes, Finn Blum



Hiawatha: Back: Brian Everette, Tommy Murray, Charlie Dalton, Matthew Leonard, Whitman Flickinger, Whit Nuckolls, Abbott Wright, John Robert Wallace, Alex Paris. Front: Miguel Esteve, Gabe Jones, Cole Atherton, Jon Coleman, Sam Coleman



Cabin 1: Back: Locky Robinson, Ryder Lazzara, Miles Valentino, James Bennett, Alex Tuttle. Front: Wright Borden, Max Collie, Max Robichaux, James Rini, Hammond Cummings



Cabin 2: Back: Jake Mory, Wayne Wilson, Charlie Flouhouse, Duncan Mulloy, Omar Vallejo. Front: Gray Wheeler, Gabriel McKinney, Jack Prince, JoJo Hancock, Jack Phillips



Cabin 3: Back: Alex Troha, Everett Jones, James Harris, Hal Sharp, Benjamin Arnold. Front: Winn Smith, Jack Cardinale, Whitt Goldsmith, Pryor Roberts, Jack Klitsch



Cabin 4: Back: Hans Brunner, George Bridger, Ryan Lee, Andrew Anderson, Marshall McDill. Front: Jack Roberts, Jack Robison, Maxwell Brown, Philip Hess, Thomas Lawrence



Cabin 5: Back: Daniel Poole, Yorke Beaver, Fisher Leffel. Gray Peden, Perry Earle. Front: Charles Jackson, Hudson Cooper, William Gerth, Tab Cannon, Harrison Lane



Cabin 6: Back: Will Weaver, William Bradley, Jude Moore, Locke Boor, Tré Dozier. Front: Gardner Kelly, JJ Nastopoulos, Hamilton Applegate, Julien Parker, Graham Welden



Cabin 7: Back: Mark Zavertnik, William Nikodem, Charlie Klein, Sawyer Wood, Gabe Headley. Front: Jack Hall, Henry Daniel, Griffin Hooper, Henry Hickey, Banks Johnston



Cabin 8: Back: Josh Martin, Winn Chamberlain, Benjamin Brady, Landon Schaaf, David Cowan. Front: David Murtagh, Jameson Saylors, Connor Leddy, Collier Wright, Oliver Toms



Cabin 9: Back: Crawford Screws, Lowden Scarlett, William Maloney, Cooper Gooch. Front: Warren Hall, Kline Cummings, Admezzy Phakathi, Charlie Good, Mitchell Blanks



Comanche: Back: Nic Pulsinelli, James Edge, Anders Northup, Connor McElroy, Nathan Eells. Front: Stephen Parrott, Bo O'Connor, Raines Young, Jackson Weber, Henry Hancock



Blackfoot: Back: Jim Williams, Owen Burke, Tanner Vaughey, Smith Ragsdale, JP Van Buren. Front: Mercer Amling, Trey Davis, Davis Perry, Gus Fochtmann, Riggs Savage



Crazy Horse: Back: Benjamin Neff, Patrick Dugan, Danny Gletner, Quinn Wooster, Will Morrell. Front: Joe Kennett, Cameron Morrison, MacEwen Morrison, Baker Humphrey

**Geronimo:** Back: Sketch Turner, Houston Hewett, Smith Heilman, Phillip Savage, Jackson Sweat. Front: Evan Robichaux, Henry Emel, Owsley Holland, Neil Remmert, Cole Pritchett



**Satank:** Back: Bennett Borders, Jack Peak, Harrison Orr, Lee Wetzler, Wip Mulloy. Front: Charlie Tabb, Parker Moss, Mason Lazzara, Jack Sweeney



**Ishi:** Back: Robert Gilmer, Dixon Barre, Carson Skidmore, Bryce Walger, Whaley Nichols. Front: Emmet Liipfert, Oliver Humprey-Lambeth, Holden Kleinhelter, Ford Dixon



**Keokuk:** Back: Aaron Perry, Tate Parrish, Jack Pittman, Hutch Ritchie, Alek Burleson. Front: Cameron Noah, Benton Alexander, Ike Thomason, Will Sanderson, Wills Yelverton



**Honeymoon:** Back: Patrick Ivey, Alonso de Idiaquez, William Jones, Elliott Thompson, Bralynn Jasper-Felder. Front: Walt Faires, Max Marsiglia, Pepper Bright, Reid Owen, Taylor Glidewell



**Gall:** Back: Evans Collier, Coleman Todd, Charlie Daniel, Lucas Thomason, Edd Brown. Front: Carter Cox, Wills Goldner, Jude Spisso, Luke Savoie, Xander MacPhail



Sequoyah: Back: Matt Ambrose, Robert Comly, Teddy Vlak, Tommy McLeod, Cade Pfeifer. Front: Will Versaggi, Parker Spence, James Langdon, Palmer Proctor, Richard Brekka



**Little Raven:** Back: Wyatt Eby, Baylis Wang, John Czabala, Harris Hatcher, Benton Dowhower. Front: Thomas Simmons, Lewie Harris, Bowman Ritchey, McLean Robinson



Sitting Bull: Back: Charlie Pike, Weston Cejudo, Andy Butler, Declan Pollak, Mo Alkoubai. Front: Lincoln Davis, Jamie Nikodem, Drew Wetenhall, Thomas Fuller, Coleman Hooper



**Watauga:** Back: Jake Lambrecht, Broughton Weekes, Harrison Phillips, Patrick Funderburk, Ray Whitesides. Front: Ford Pruellage, Jud Masters, Boyd Farrell, Teagan O'Leary, Will Hardart



**Junaluska:** Back: Zac Buys, Ward Welden, Jack Thomas, Wham Walker, Will Jackson. Front: Evan Powderly, Will Morgan, Charlie Graff, David Lawton Barnes, Henderson Rentz



**Tsali:** Back: William Payne, Nicholas Arado, Ian Parana, James Thompson, Hopkins David. Front: Noah Liptak, Caleb Crowder, Rylan Chaput, Copeland Stukes

Standing Bear: Back: Daniel McCarthy, Blue Vertin, Walton Plaster, Davis Eliasek, Sam Sweitzer. Front: Mac Dyer, Nalan Murthy, Hale Borden, Sam Yun, Adrien Domart



Black Elk: Back: Caleb McNaughton, William Lancaster. Kimble Pender, Oliver Clary, Thomas Battle. Front: Colter Hackney, Charlie Rini, Gregory Hefner, James Brown, Jack Buchanan



Washakie: Back: Doug Rojas, William Weidner, Robert Smith, Phillips Blair, Daniel Sinclair. Front: Ben Morrow, Mac Lasiter, Cortland French, Rhett Whitworth, William Martin



Rising Warrior: Back: Jack Long, Chapman Hughes, Parker Tumelty, Thompson Murray, Ben Clement. Front: Merritt Wrighton, Harry Mitchell, Judson Collie, Edward Scurry, Logan Leddy



Canoni: Back: John Dwiggins, Ford Daniels, Spencer South, Oliver Auvray, Patrick McGrady. Front: Hamilton Waters, Grant Loeffler, George Clements, Peyton Bush, Ned Warren



Tecumseh: Back: James Chadwick, Watkins McCullough, Telfair Parker, Matthew Wier, Zach Hamrick. Front: Morgan Olivier, Jude Remmert, Ryan Von Wyl, Cameron Schurter, Will Marsiglia



Deganawidah: Back: Sam Limby, Win Lucas, Gordon Sarratt, Jack Anderton, Pat Silcox. Front: Julian Pollard, Andrew Stroud, Zack Muench, Colin Morrell, Charlie Georgerian



Red Cloud: Back: Danny Hazard, Beau Beam, Henry Whited, Spence Perry, Scuba Keiser. Front: Thomas Cauthen, TJ Afonso, Dougie Hughes, Michael Rohm, Bennett Ward



Osceola: Back: Croft Hamilton, Henry Jackson, Watts Humphrey, Banks Cutter, Coleman Hamrick. Front: Ford Diffley, Thomas Hunter, Kearney Sword, Liam Wood, Jackson Fitzpatrick



Mohawk: Back: Albert Monk, William Tabb, Tom Yoxsimer, Jack Lambertson, Corbett Parrino. Front: Sawyer Barnette, Andrew Weber, Logan Bickley, Lawton Broughman



Anasazi: Back: Alex Faires, Carter Savage, Scotty Nease, Mac Burch, Stockton Leffel. Front: Aidan Honeycutt, Tripp Winton, Finn Graber, John Henry Mims



Black Hawk: Back: Nathan Boepple, John Houston Gettys, Jackson Schmidt, Hill Porter, Beau Kebodeaux. Front: Wright Goldsmith, Scotty Poole, McDonagh Kuntz, Jack Ferguson, Alex Diffley

Hiawatha: Back: Grey Chamberlain, Zach Bostock, Brian Everette, Gunner Jones, Hosford Roberts. Front: James Murray, Braxton Hines, Trip Nellen, Will Henry



**Abiding Rock:** Back: CJ Sumner, Oliver Gooch, Charlie Edgeworth, Hunter Sabo. Front: Everett Hair, Thomas Vickery, Fin Brackett, Jack Jagger, Cabell Townsend



Rolling Thunder: Back: Will Wilson, Wyatt Harmer, Charles Emel, John Hardesty, Scott McDougall. Front: Lake Slacum, Bennett Grau, Henry Gardner, Wesley Hair, Anc Clarkson

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**Cabin 1:** Back: Locky Robinson, Lawton Hooper, Hayes Goggin, Knox O'Connor, Matthew Kornegay. Front: Will Mitchener, Lucas Olechowski, Henry Meadows, Elias Galvan, Andrew Rembert



Cabin 2: Back: Jake Mory, Wallace Young, William Hansen, Wood Maguire, Omar Vallejo. Front: Pierce Maher, Evan Petrey, Garrett Murchison, Jackson Green, William Mazzuco



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Cabin 3: Back: Benjamin Arnold, Everett Kerr, Graham Bowers, William Crawford, Alex Troha. Front: Colin Costello, Liam O'Brien, Cliff Walker, Hudson Heine, Andy Zimmerman



**Cabin 4:** Back: Hans Brunner, Pierce Chandler, Lee Hochner, Edward Edgeworth, Marshall McDill. Front: Dillon Fay, Hawkins Atchison, B Jones, Cole Swyka, Henry Fischer



**Cabin 5:** Back: Daniel Poole, Luke Hawkins, Henry Hande, Kieran Ingley, Perry Earle. Front: David Sartorio, Graydon Gibadlo, Adam Pollard, Speight Wiley, Edward Rawl



Cabin 6: Back: Will Weaver, Grey Cushnie, Fritz Keber, Grant Stursberg, Tré Dozier. Front: William Rueger, Kellar Harper, Christian Hage, Brandon Voss, Charlie Wukasch



Cabin 7: Back: Gabe Headley, Miles Dean, Harrison Carr, Davis Culp, Mark Zavertnik. Front: Cameron Cho, JW Godwin, Grant Plexico, Louis Smith, Jack Schwartz



**Cabin 8:** Back: David Cowan, Maclean Simmons, Barclay Blair, Beckett Blair, Josh Martin. Front: Banks Fochtmann, Collier Williams, Tripp Whatley, Will Rechkemmer, Joe Espy

**Cochise:** Back: Daniel Sinclair, Merrill McCloud, Holman Boehme, Lowe Miller, Admezzy Phakathi. Front: Finn Carlson, Taylor Stukes, Roman Young, George Yelverton, Benny Maynard



**Comanche:** Back: Charlie Pike, Hayes Amick, Palmer Spry, Bowen Knight, Nic Pulsinelli. Front: Davidson Jackson, Drake Gambill, Holt Wade, Granger Albergotti, Henry Spizer



**Blackfoot:** Back: JP Van Buren, Gus Burroughs, Harrison Deupree, Walker Henry, Jim Williams. Front: Toddy McElhone, Harry Manno, Bash Graves, Roger Edwards, George Stewart



Crazy Horse: Back: Matt Thomas, Frank Anderson, Anderson Callaway, Charlie Harmon, Danny Gletner. Front: James Blair, Colton Clarke, Aidan Dallas, Ethan Cole, Caden Poque



**Geronimo:** Back: Jackson Sweat, Will Chandler, Spencer Blackwood, Avi Downey, Sketch Turner. Front: Ford Fuchs, Parker Eaves, Alex Looney, Charlie Hill, Holden Baird



Satank: Back: Mo Alkoubai, Jack Maguire, Robert Peace, Allan Flynn, Harrison Orr. Front: Hank Meier, Sam Deterding, Val Marcoux, Graham Mitchell, Thompson Goodrum

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Ishi: Back: Carson Skidmore, Brayden Royal, Nathan Levinson, Campbell Lee, Doug Rojas. Front: Grayson Hicks, Jack Merrell, Liam Mumford, Henry Lilly, Hugh Hudson



**Keokuk:** Back: Alek Burleson, Ty Young, Cross Burt, MJ Broxterman, Aaron Perry. Front: Danner Walker, Miller Ford, Gray Mitcho, Knox Quigley, Heyward Jennings



**Honeymoon:** Back: Patrick Ivey, Sam Thomas, Russell Carpenter, William Lotakis, Bralynn Jasper-Felder. Front: George Hammock, Jack Fairey, Frazier Woods, Patrick Cutler, Wyatt Queen



**Gall:** Back: Edd Brown, Max Ishee, Will Carter, William Whitty, Evans Collier. Front: Ren Clark, Will Lambertson, Whit Shealy, Braeden Dooley, Grant Brasington



**Sequoyah:** Back: Matt Ambrose, George Edwards, Robbie Lancaster, Charles Morris, Cade Pfeifer. Front: Luke Malhotra, Bruce Biggs, Chase Boswell, Jackson Williams, Owen West



Little Raven: Back: Beau Kebodeaux, Bowers Cantwell, Evan Brennan, Alex Tonning, John Czabala. Front: Jack Wheeler, Matthew Jancik, Will Martin, William Kneisel, Townes Bunner

Watauga: Back: Jake Lambrecht, Sanders Mitchener, Asher Lewis, John Gregory, Ray Whitesides. Front: Cillian Crews, Lawton Hull, Clay Petrey, Quincy Wood, Griffin Hull



**Junaluska:** Back: Will Jackson, Ridge Henningsen, Jack Winter, Jack Belko, Zac Buys. Front: Teddy Peterson, Walker Yow, Hudson Doyle, Jack Eubanks, Sam Wagner



**Tsali:** Back: Thomas Battle, Ryan Griggs, David Musselman, Thomas Andrews, Caleb McNaughton. Front: Briley Beck, Cullen Gullott, Clark Pollard, Henry Adams, Taylor Wendell



**Standing Bear:** Back: Sam Sweitzer, Cullen Pratt, Brady Ellis, Wade Glasgow, Daniel McCarthy. Front: Collin Baugh, Graham Conrad, Forrest Walker, Jack Conrad, Nolan Fore



Rising Warrior: Back: Ben Clement, Michael Ferro, Trav Apple, Peter Mullen, Jack Long. Front: Colin Farnsworth, Noah Sawyers, Keller Pittinos, Merrit Mathesius, Charlie Fischer



Canoni: Back: John Dwiggins, Colin Miller, McClain Knight, Price Roof, Patrick McGrady. Front: Tiller Chastain, Will Bradley, Reid Miller, Barrett Hicks, Jack Lilly



**Tecumseh:** Back: James Chadwick, Brady Schroeder, Jasper Barry, Joe Johnson, Zach Hamrick. Front: Connor Kugajevsky, Brenn Peeples, Dak Weeks, Grant Kumar, Council Burroughs



**Deganawidah:** Back: Pat Silcox, Bo Howell, Hunt Snyder, Grant Quiles, Sam Limby. Front: James Wilson, Gavin Nichols, Mills McGrail, Wes Andrews, Ford Apple



**Red Cloud:** Back: Danny Hazard, Liles Knight, Allen Maynard, Elvis Ollinger, Scuba Keiser. Front: Dawson Jordan, Jackson Kerr, Seamus Costello, Wright Ghegan, Lennon Roland



Osceola: Back: Croft Hamilton, Anderson King, Thomas Rueger, Jack Barzizza, Coleman Hamrick. Front: Whalen Goggin, Jack Tracey, Cooper Fay, Benjamin Molloy, Lazer Itzler



**Mohawk:** Back: Tom Yoxsimer, Patrick Doyle, Braden Miller, Nathan Boepple. Front: Keating Hoffman, Conard Hull, Wade Odom, Brandon Doerrier, Carter Farnsworth



**Anasazi:** Back: Brian Everette, Mac Headley, Chapman Doar, Joseph Busby, Scotty Nease. Front: Walker Peters, Graham Leslie, Carson Nicholas, Gus Manha, Sean Doyle



**Abiding Rock:** Back: CJ Sumner, Henry Manno, Wells Headley, Hunter Lotakis, Chris Ocana. Front: William Davis, Sebastian Reis, William Ramirez, Marshall Ebel, Will Soja



Rolling Thunder: Back: Will Wilson, Cannon Schmitt, Jase Howell Thomas Hansen, Scott McDougall. Front: Berkley Willis, Jackson Masters, Britton Lewis, Charlie Goggin, Bennett Cooper



**Tribal Leaders:** Back: Samantha Hill, Gresh Ganninger, Parker Moon, Savannah Paterson. Front: Josh Cooey, Smat Sutton, William Walters



Assistant Tribal Leaders: Back: Carson Skidmore, John Czabala. Front: James Chadwick, KC Collins, David Cowan. Not pictured Tom Yoxsimer, Marshall McDill

## Tribal Leaders: All Sessions

Cherokee – Smat Sutton
Catawba – Parker Moon
Tuscarora – Josh Cooey
Iroquois – Gresh Ganninger
Creek – Savannah Paterson and
Samantha Hill
Senior Tribal Leader – William Walters

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## Assistant Tribal Leaders All Sessions

Catawba – Carson Skidmore Iroquois – James Chadwick Creek – KC Collins

#### June

Cherokee – Marshall McDill Tuscarora – Tom Yoxsimer

#### Main, 2-Week, and Junior

Cherokee – David Cowan Tuscarora – John Czabala

## directorsandstaff



Bird, Snake, WEMA & "Lumps" Guy: Steve "SFL" Longenecker.



Full Time Facility Managers: Joe Clayton, Drew Boggan, Simon Wilson, Jerry Metcalf



**Food & Beverage Associates:** Jennie Huffman, David Huffman, Kailyn Baker, Amanda Silveyra Not Shown: Darion Goudy, Sheena Looney, Juan Martinez, Carmine Pagano, Steve Regina, Takesha Williams



**D.A.S.H.** (Dining And Services Homies): Back: Esteban Samaoyoa, Harrison Little, James McGregor, Brad Fay. Front: Jack Citalan, John Allen, Grant Pinkston, Craig Buffkin. Not Shown: Noah Garman



D.A.S.H.: Jack Conklin, Thomas Hudson, Hill Nixon



Directors: Back: Nathan Newquist, John Bates, Sam Clayton, Kyle Jeffries. Middle: Dusty Davis, Ben Williams, Marisa Pharr, Yates Pharr. Front: Paige Hafner, Frank Tindall, Shelley Groh.

#### **Pro Paddle Instructors**



Steve McGrady – June, Main, & 2-Week Camps



 $\mbox{Jez} - \mbox{June \& Main Camps}$ 



Chris Yenney - June Camp



Will Clements - June Camp



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Trent Jones - Main Camp



**Creek Tribe:** Back Row: Jake Lambrecht, Keira Ochab, Wally Wallace. Front Row: Sarah Sharp, Annie Pharr, Zeb Ramsbotham. Not Shown: Will Avent, Baylee Burdick, Sarah Doss, Natasha Johnson, Ashley Lieb, Mike Nuckles, Sam Pham, Zach Rivera, Eric Smith



**Creek Tribe:** Back Row: Andrew Krusen, Nick Valego, Stick Stichter, Matthew Kornegay, Jez Jezz, Tyler Cockrell. Middle Row: Jojo Notarius, Lauren Croll, Mary Pharr, KC Collins, Kimry Cannon, CiCi Schmidt, Matt Ambrose. Middle Row: Chloe Skeese, LiLi Stapel, Kerry Allan, Kate Everson, Timber Rabb, Meghan Cleary, Jordan Matthis. Front Row: Samantha Hill, Jules Jeffries, Savannah Paterson

#### **Doctors 2019:**

Rob Neff, June Camp – Week 1
Ron Shealy, June Camp – Week 2
Matt Wakefield, June Camp – Week 3
Steve Feingold, Main Camp – Week 1
Mark Earl, Main Camp – Week 2
Tom Adrian, Main Camp – Week 3
Paul Nowicki, Main Camp – Week 4
Brooks Hooper, 2-Week Camp – Week 1
Hunter Louis, 2-Week Camp – Week 2
Preston Wendell, Junior Camp

# medicalstaff doctors



Rob Neff



Ron Shealy



Matt Wakefield



Steven Feingold and family during his 10th Summer serving as a camp doctor



Mark Earl



Tom Adrian



Paul Nowicki



Brooks Hooper



Hunter Louis



Preston Wendell





Margaret Anderson



Susan Bowers



Heather Campbell





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### **Camp Leadership in Action**























### **Traditional Sessions**

| SESSION     | GRADES | DATES                                       |  |
|-------------|--------|---|--|
| June Camp   | 1-9    | Sun, Jun 7 to Fri, Jun 26, 2020 (20 Days)   |  |
| Main Camp   | 2-10   | Sun, Jun 28 to Fri, July 24, 2020 (27 Days) |  |
| STEEL (CIT) | 11     | Sun, Jun 28 to Fri, July 24, 2020 (27 Days) |  |
| 2-Week Camp | 1-5    | Sun, July 26 to Fri, Aug 7, 2020 (13 Days)  |  |
| Junior Camp | 1-4    | Sun, Aug 9 to Fri, Aug 14, 2020 (6 Days)    |  |

## **Father/Son Weekends**

| SESSION                   | GRADES | DATES                            |
|---------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|
| May Father/Son Weekend 1  | K+     | Fri, May 15 – Sun, May 17, 2020  |
| May Father/Son Weekend 2  | K+     | Fri, May 22 – Sun, May 24, 2020  |
| August Father/Son Weekend | K+     | Fri, Aug. 21 – Sun, Aug 23, 2020 |

## 2019 Fall Camp Movies and Reunion Tour

Calling all new and returning Falling Creek families, campers, counselors, and alumni in your area — it's time to come together!

Join Falling Creek Camp Director Yates Pharr for our annual Falling Creek Reunion and Movie Tour — and invite your interested friends.

Yates will share the updated camp movie, and each boy will receive a 2020 limited-edition trunk sticker.

Come see old friends, meet new ones, and learn why we believe Falling Creek is such an amazing place for boys.



Don't live close to one of these Camp Movie/Reunion events?
Tune in to the Asheville show or watch the recording on your own time.
"Like" the event and receive an exclusive trunk sticker.

| DATE                  | LOCATION       | TIME   | HOST FAMILY           |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------|-----------------------|
|                       |                |        |                       |
| Tuesday, October 15   | Charlotte, NC  | 6:30pm | Ridinger Family       |
| Wednesday, October 16 | Charleston, SC | 6:30pm | Louis/Molten Families |
| Monday, October 21    | Raleigh, NC    | 6:30pm | Funderburk Family     |
| Tuesday, October 22   | Richmond, VA   | 6:30pm | Melton Family         |
| Wednesday, October 23 | Alexandria, VA | 6:30pm | Woodruff Family       |
| Thursday, October 24  | Greenville, SC | 6:30pm | Weekes Family         |
| Monday, October 28    | Birmingham, AL | 6:30pm | Welden Family         |
| Tuesday, October 29   | Nashville, TN  | 6:30pm | Uden/Savoie Families  |
| Wednesday, October 30 | Atlanta, GA    | 6:30pm | Daniel Family         |
| Monday, November 4    | Houston, TX    | 6:30pm | Riser Family          |
| Wednesday, November 6 | Asheville, NC  | 6:30pm | West Family     LIVE  |



# a call toquarters

# Building a Legacy

By David S. Anderson PhD.
Professor Emeritus of Education and Human Development
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
FCC founding counselor 1969-1971

David teaching map & compass in the founding summer, 1969.



#### **TAPS**

Day is done, gone the sun, From the lake, from the hills, from the sky; All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

All FCC Campfire programs end with the community standing and singing the first verse of Taps together.

A half-century ago, in June 1969, I arrived at a brand new and not quite finished gem of a camp, nestled in the hills of Western North Carolina. I was halfway through my college career, and the suggestion of a college friend to be a camp counselor sounded like a perfect fit. Little did I know how important and influential my time at Falling Creek Camp would be for me and for those with whom I would interact, for decades to come. My three years as a counselor helped shape me as a person, influenced my professional research and writing, and served as a foundation for my emphasis on helping individuals and organizations create and build positive legacies.

Camp founder Jim Miller stressed high ideals, quality services, and a positive outlook. He emphasized cooperation, teamwork, and leadership—and he continuously highlighted the word "unselfishness." During those initial days and weeks, Jim and the camp leadership created traditions such as the Green and Gold teams, music after meals, and programs and skills that have become staples today. Paul Neal initiated Morning Watch, and my dear friend Bob Johns started the Counselor in Training (CIT) program (now, Men of STEEL).

I helped build the flagpole and orchestrated

construction of a lookout tower atop a nearby mountain, with handsaws, drills, and lots of sweat. I also co-led our first overnight hike to Mitchell Falls, where we followed a stream (not a trail) from the top of Mount Mitchell. The counselors proposed a "lair" as a place to relax and refresh; from that room we watched live the first landing of a human on the moon.

The legacy of Falling Creek Camp is, I believe, exactly what Jim and his co-directors envisioned: a positive, safe, healthy, and enriching experience for campers and all who work there. Its strong, rich, and quality foundations were essential for the camp's early years, and now it's enjoyed a half-century of refinement and maturity. Founding campers and staff understood learning and growth could be shaped and achieved. We learned how to communicate and negotiate, to cooperate and lead, to support and nurture, and to reflect and become enriched.

For anyone who's experienced Falling Creek, let us ask ourselves how can the camp be helpful for us as we strive to create our own legacy? Webster defines legacy as, "Something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past." Clearly, Jim Miller and other founding leaders, staff, and early campers built Falling Creek to impact future generations. For each of us now the key question is, "What legacy do we hope to leave?" I believe it's vital to ask this question, as we are more likely to achieve our desired legacy when we are clear, intentional, focused, deliberate—and when we set priorities for today and tomorrow.

First, consider what your legacy should look like and include, from both broad and specific perspectives.

Second, be flexible and willing to refine your legacy, broaden it, narrow it, and modify it over time. Third, think about what you can draw from the camp experience to help you move closer to your own legacy, such as skills, attitudes, challenges, relationships, and reflections of life. Where you see gaps or opportunities, address them by drawing upon your camp experience. Fourth, use camp experiences—such as Morning Watch, dialog with others, journal writings, mentorship, intentionality, being observant and reflective—to create your legacy.

For myself, I continuously reflect upon my experiences at Falling Creek Camp—the setting, the people, the challenges, and the inspiration. My three years there solidified a "can do" spirit, prepared me to dig deep with reflection and planning, demonstrated the importance of service, and promoted an abounding love for nature, community, and the human spirit.

I know creating and building a legacy is a lifelong challenge. As each of us looks ahead, we can view engagement with Falling Creek as an investment in the future. We can draw upon our camp experiences to help make our world a better place. And what a legacy that is—for all of us.

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