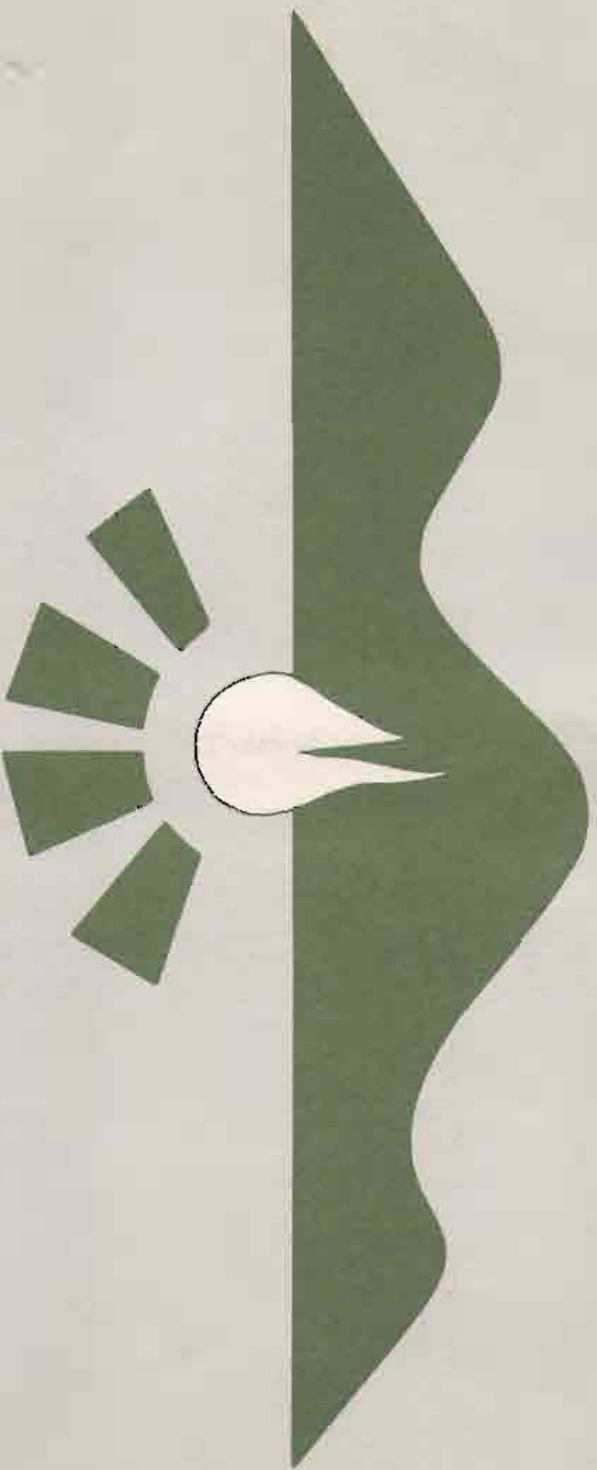
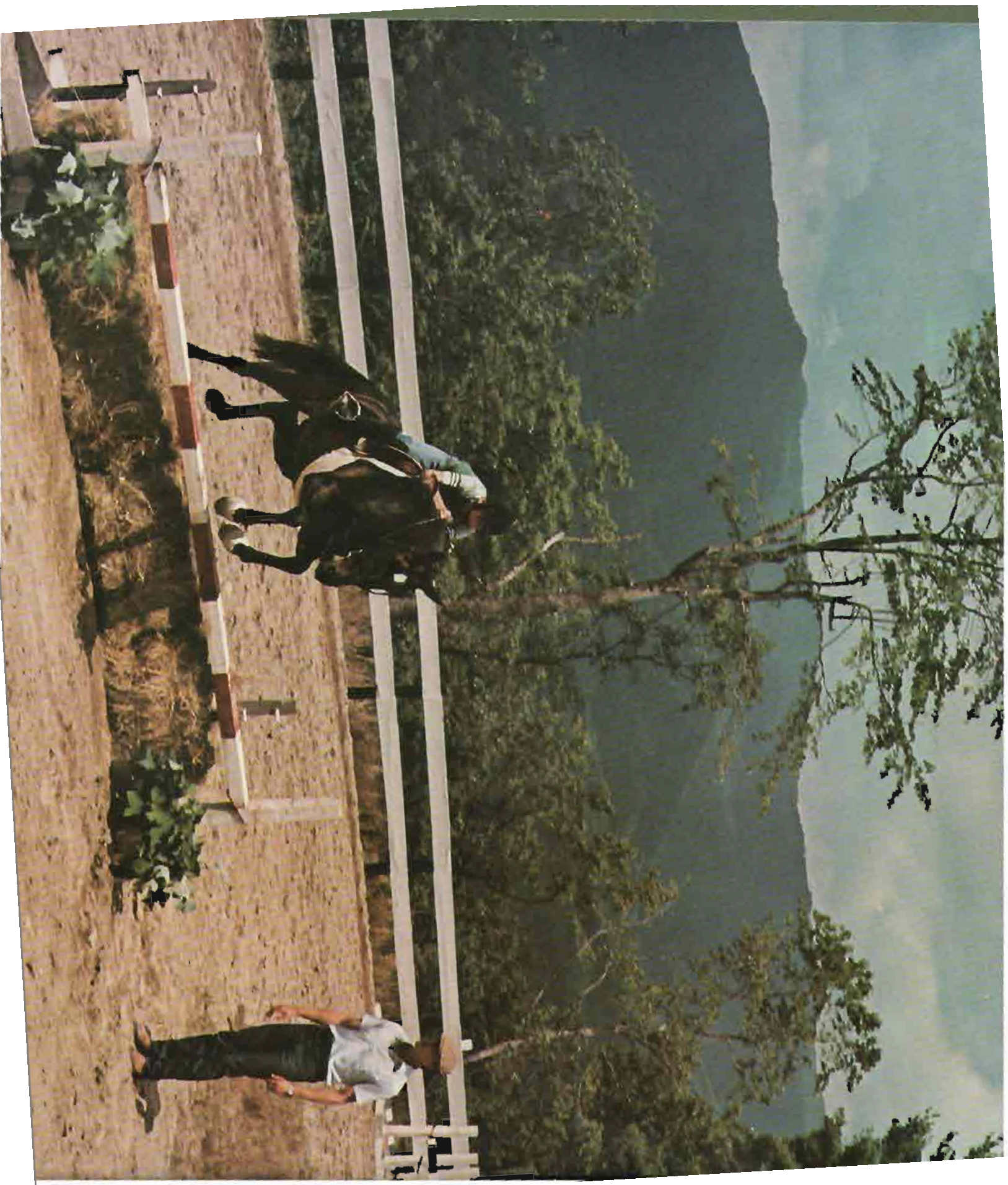


Falling Creek Camp



For Boys



Falling Creek Camp



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

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

Capacity: 215 Boys
Founded in 1969

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

WELCOME TO FALLING CREEK CAMP —A WORD

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

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

Nestled in a secluded mountaintop cove in North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains, Falling Creek is ideally located for a summer of fun and adventure. The camp's proximity to Asheville, N.C., and Greenville, S.C., makes it readily accessible by both car and plane. Yet the last five miles down Bob's Creek Road can make you realize just how far apart from "civilization" Falling Creek really is!

We feel that the cabin group is one of the most important elements of a successful camp experience. The cabin counselor's enthusiasm and his interest in each individual boy contribute greatly to the success of a child's summer. Thus, it is with great care and prayer that we select our staff each spring.



TO PARENTS

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

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

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

Worke and Barbara Pharr



FALLING CREEK STAFF

A dedicated enthusiastic staff is the heart of any camping program. At Falling Creek we seek counselors whose lives reflect the love of Christ and who share in our excitement for working with children. All counselors have completed at least one year of college. The average age is 24 years old.

The friendships formed between counselors and campers are very special at Falling Creek. Each summer we see a 60 - 70% return of staff members from former years. These are the men and women who are able not only to teach skills, but can also give confidence to a youngster away from home and draw him into the fun and adventure of a summer camp.





COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING

Falling Creek offers a Counselor-in-Training program for former campers, 16 years or older, who have not yet completed their first year of college. As a "C.I.T.," a boy has the opportunity to experience all the fun of camp, as well as some of the leadership responsibilities of a counselor.

Every C.I.T. lives in a cabin with younger campers and a veteran counselor, selected for his leadership qualities. During the day, a C.I.T. helps in one or two activities which he selects at the beginning of the summer.

Throughout the main session, directors and C.I.T.'s meet together to discuss personal goals and progress.





DAILY PROGRAM

Falling Creek's program centers around six activity periods each day, during which a variety of water, wilderness and in-camp activities are offered.

The first full morning of each new session, boys accompany their counselors around the camp to learn where activities are located. At this time, the Department Heads give a brief presentation of what a boy might expect to learn and accomplish in each activity.

After this initial exposure to all the opportunities available, a boy will select his own schedule of six activities — three in the morning and three in the afternoon — which may be modified periodically. Several activities, such as tennis, swimming, riding and canoeing designate classes for "beginner", "intermediate" or "advanced" skill levels.

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

Most boys take advantage of the many different trips offered throughout the summer. For those who develop the requisite skills, long trail rides and riding overnights, white water canoeing and lake trips, three to six day back-packing and extended rock climbing adventures often prove to be the highlight of the summer. During our Main Session, a visitor might find as many as one hundred boys away from camp on different trips and outings.

Evening Program

The Camp is divided into three age group divisions — Juniors, Middlers, Seniors — with about ten cabins in each division. About half of our evening programs are planned for these special age groups. The remainder, which include variety shows, square dances, movies and campfires are planned for the entire camp.

ARCHERY— RIFLERY

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

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

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

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

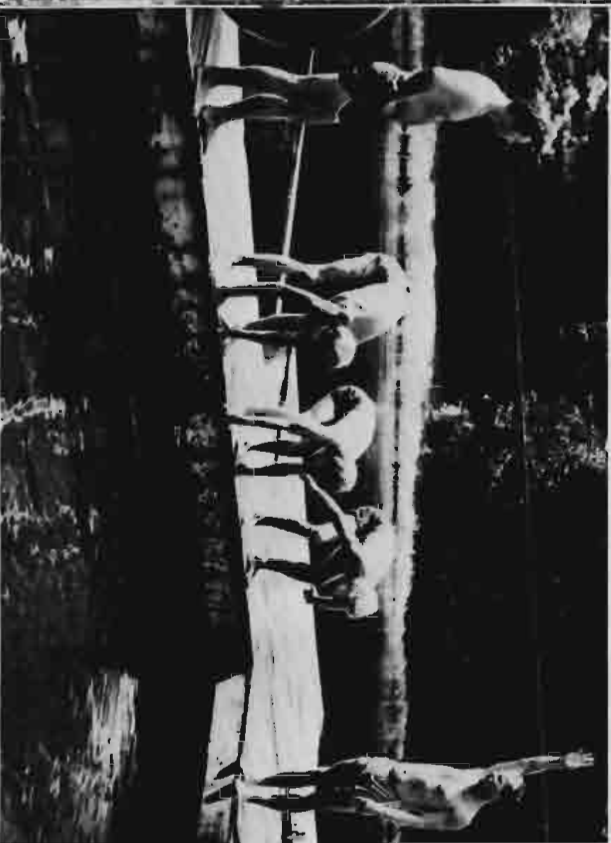


SWIMMING

Falling Creek's waterfront is located in the center of camp on our private lake which is fed by numerous mountain streams. Over 100 feet of dock space, diving platforms and high and low boards provide excellent teaching facilities for beginner and advanced swimmers. The Swimming program is directed and supervised by certified American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors.

All campers sign up for swimming lessons until they complete the requirements for Falling Creek's "Mini-Crick" swim test. This test is the equivalent of the American Red Cross Intermediate level. Boys wishing to develop further swimming skills may continue to take courses in Junior and Senior Livesaving, Diving, Distance Swimming and Competitive Swimming.

Other in-camp waterfront activities include swim games, watermelon scrambles, water polo and swim meets with neighboring camps. Special innertube trips down the Green and Davidson Rivers and excursions to Sliding Rock and Rock Creek Falls are planned to refresh and reward some of the more adventuresome swimmers.



HIGH WIRE, ROLLER COASTER, BLOB

Falling Creek offers its very own air-filled water creature, "The Blob," to any qualified swimmer who seeks the "bounce of a lifetime!" Boys challenge each other to Blob Contests to see who can remain atop the longest and become "King of the Blob."

The Roller Coaster and High Wire are also located at the waterfront and are open during "free swims" for a cool refreshing ride and splash before lunch or supper.



SAILING

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

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

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

The 18 boat fleet includes Skylarks and Sailfish, Blue Jays, Hobie Cats, a Jet 14 and four Y-Flyers.



SKIING

Falling Creek owns two ski boats to provide many hours of skiing on Lake Summit.

Any boy who has passed his "mini-crick" swim test is eligible to take a break from his regularly scheduled activities and spend a morning or afternoon learning to ski.

Beginners are taught basic skiing techniques while the more advanced boys learn to slalom and ski on trick skis. The hydro-slide is just for fun!



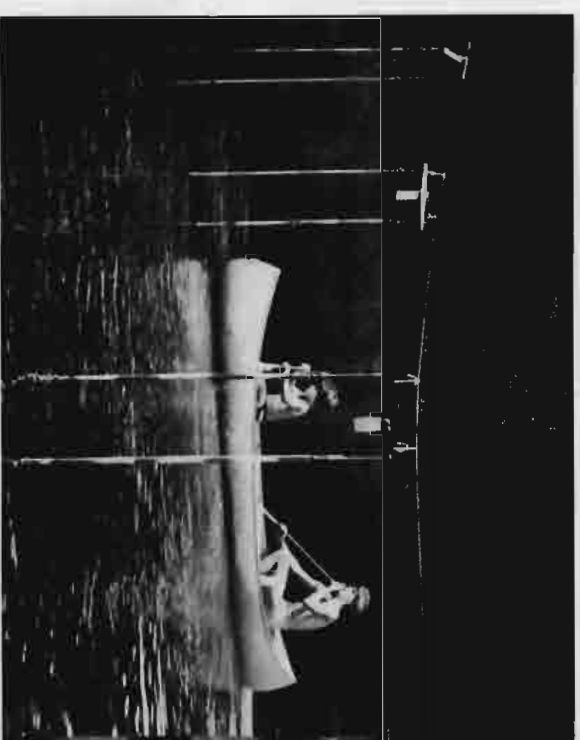
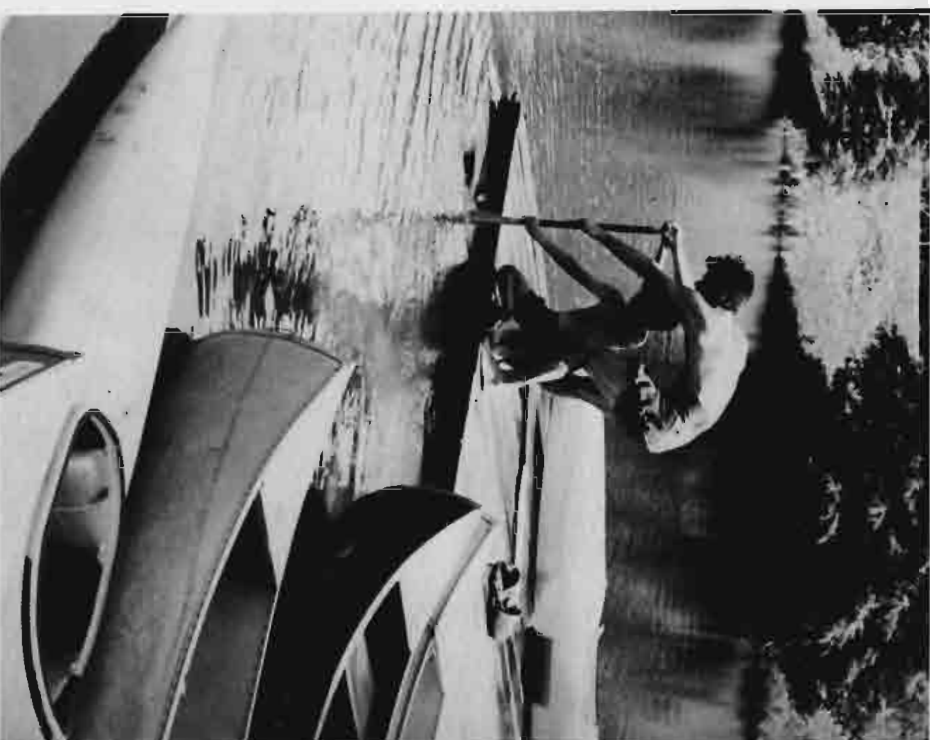
CANOEING

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

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

A boy will begin canoeing in camp on the lower lake. It is here he learns the correct form of ten strokes which enable him to paddle his boat in a straight line and turn it in any direction on command. Paddling through the gate course teaches boys to work with their partners and prepares them for their first river trip.

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



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

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



RIDING

Riding is taught by counselors ranging from dedicated amateurs to professional competition instructors. Boys start out in the ring learning basic horsemanship skills.

When a boy demonstrates he can control his mount without abuse, he is eligible for trail rides and may take advantage of numerous outings offered by the Riding department.

Opportunities vary from small picnic rides for the young and inexperienced to overnight trips and two day trail rides for the more advanced. Special clinics and practical lessons in Stable Management are offered throughout the summer. Emphasis is placed on the safety of the rider as well as the well-being of the horse.

Our facilities include two barns, two riding rings, a small cross country course, three pastures and miles of beautiful mountain trails.

Boys who demonstrate enthusiasm are invited to participate in the June Camp Gymkhana and the Main Camp Horseshow. Our most outstanding riders look forward to an exciting "Scurry" against riders from Greystone and the opportunity to compete at nearby schooling shows in Tryon, NC.





TENNIS

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

Fun and constructive games are used to develop young players' skills. A tennis ladder, camper-counselor tournaments and competition with other camps challenge the more advanced players. During the Main Session, many of Falling Creek's experienced players participate in nearby United States Tennis Association sanctioned tournaments.

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



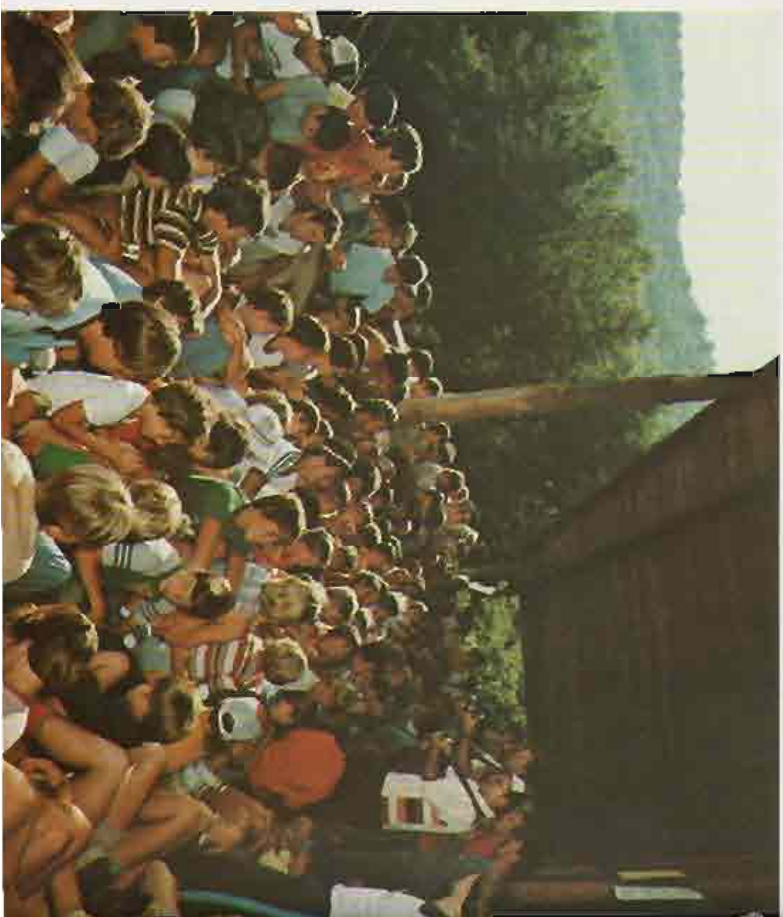
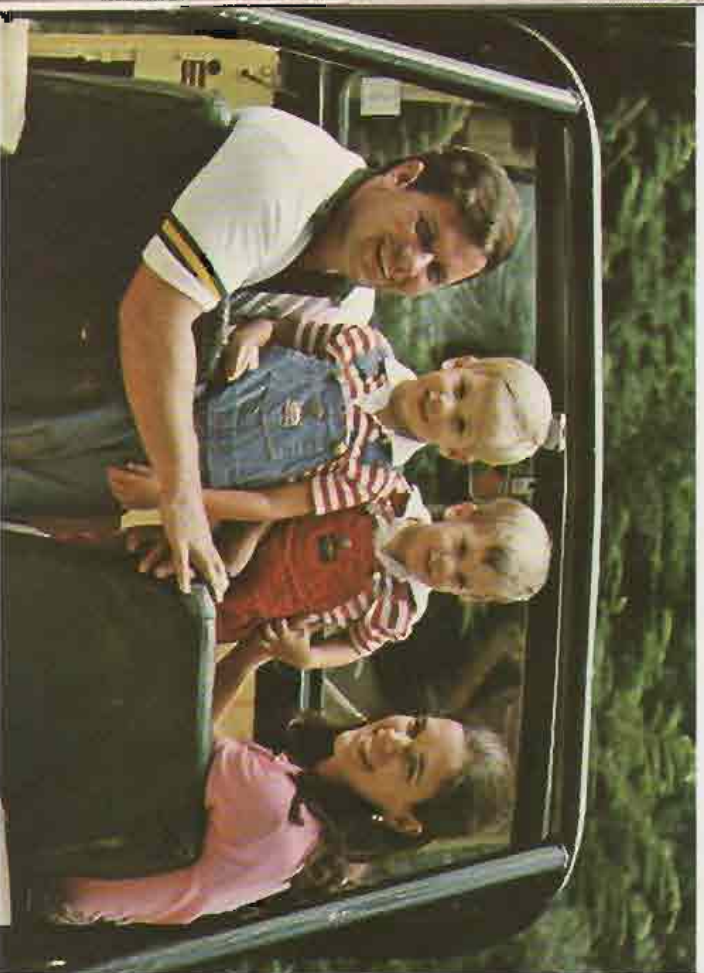


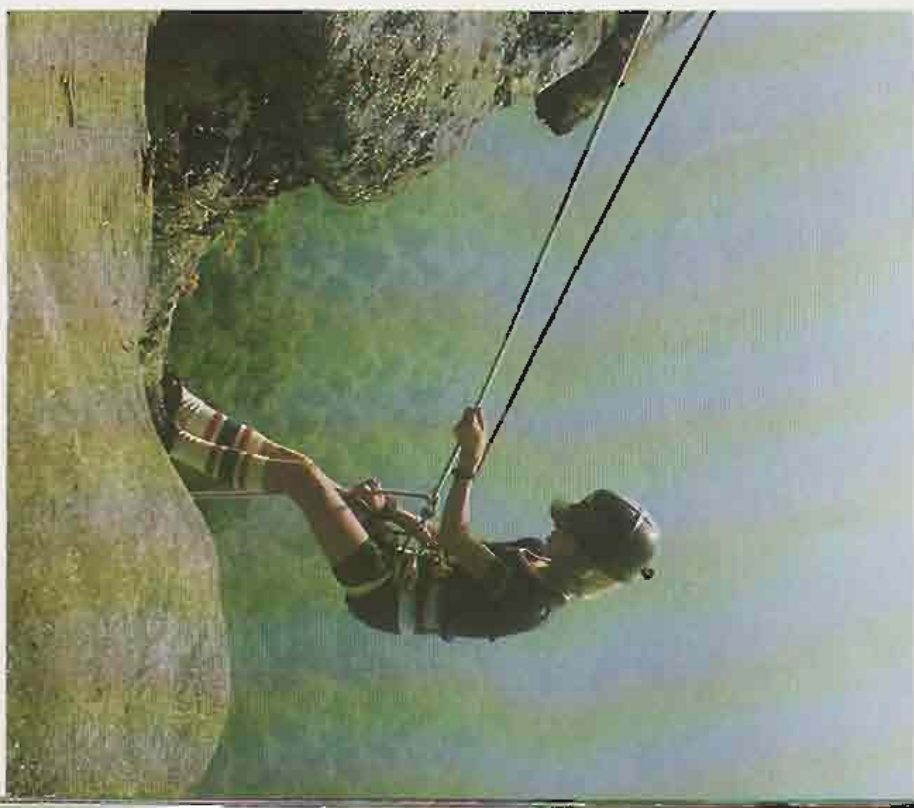
DIRECTORS

Yorke and Barbara Pharr, the owners and directors of Falling Creek, live year round on the top of the Falling Creek mountain with their sons, J.Y. and Jamie.

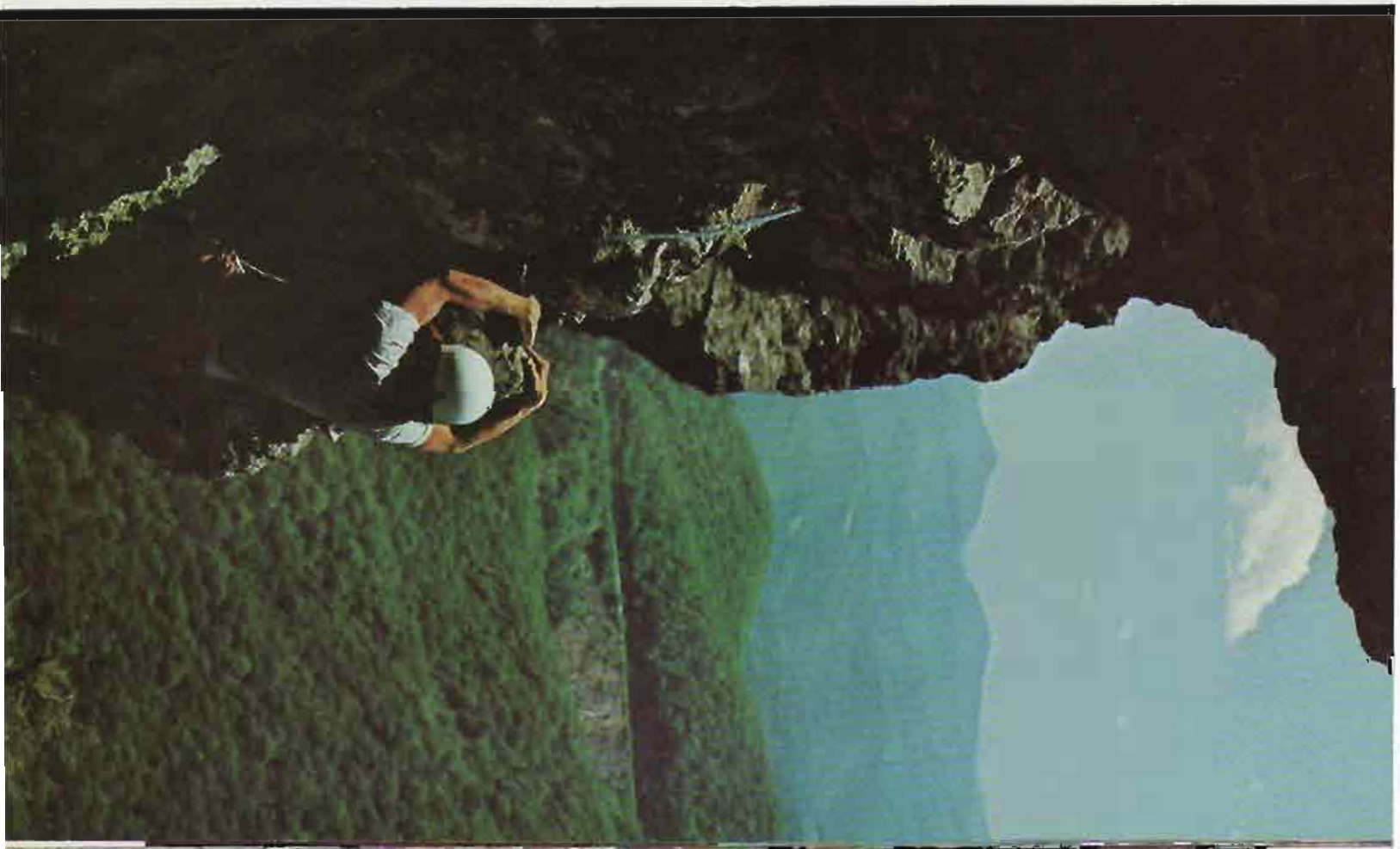
Yorke is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has been a director of Falling Creek since 1971. He has a wealth of experience in private camping in the mountains of Western North Carolina as a camper, counselor and director.

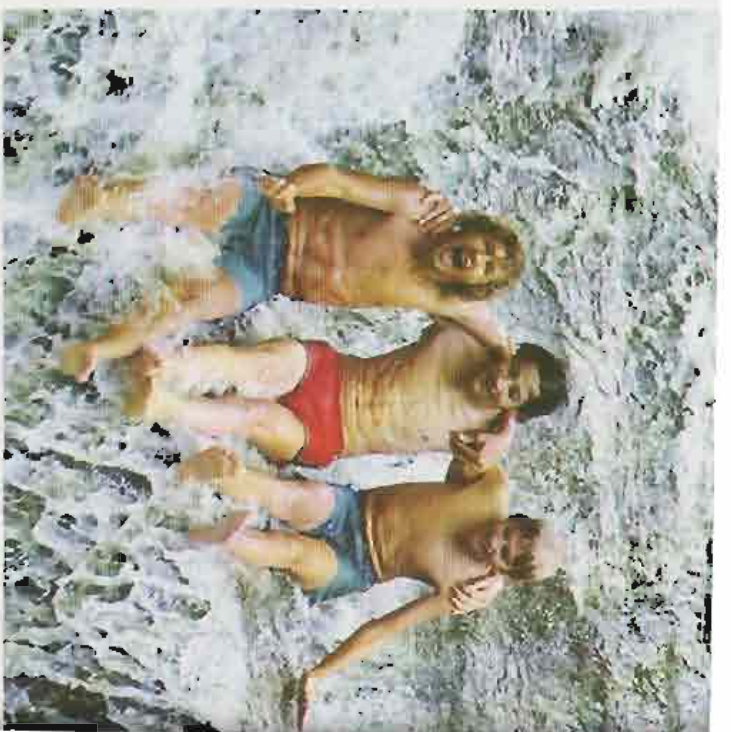
J.Y. and Jamie keep Barbara very busy, but she still helps out with camp from her home office at "Pharr Corner." Barbara spent nine summers at Greystone as a camper and counselor before coming to Falling Creek. She is a graduate of Hollins College and holds a Master's degree in Recreation Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

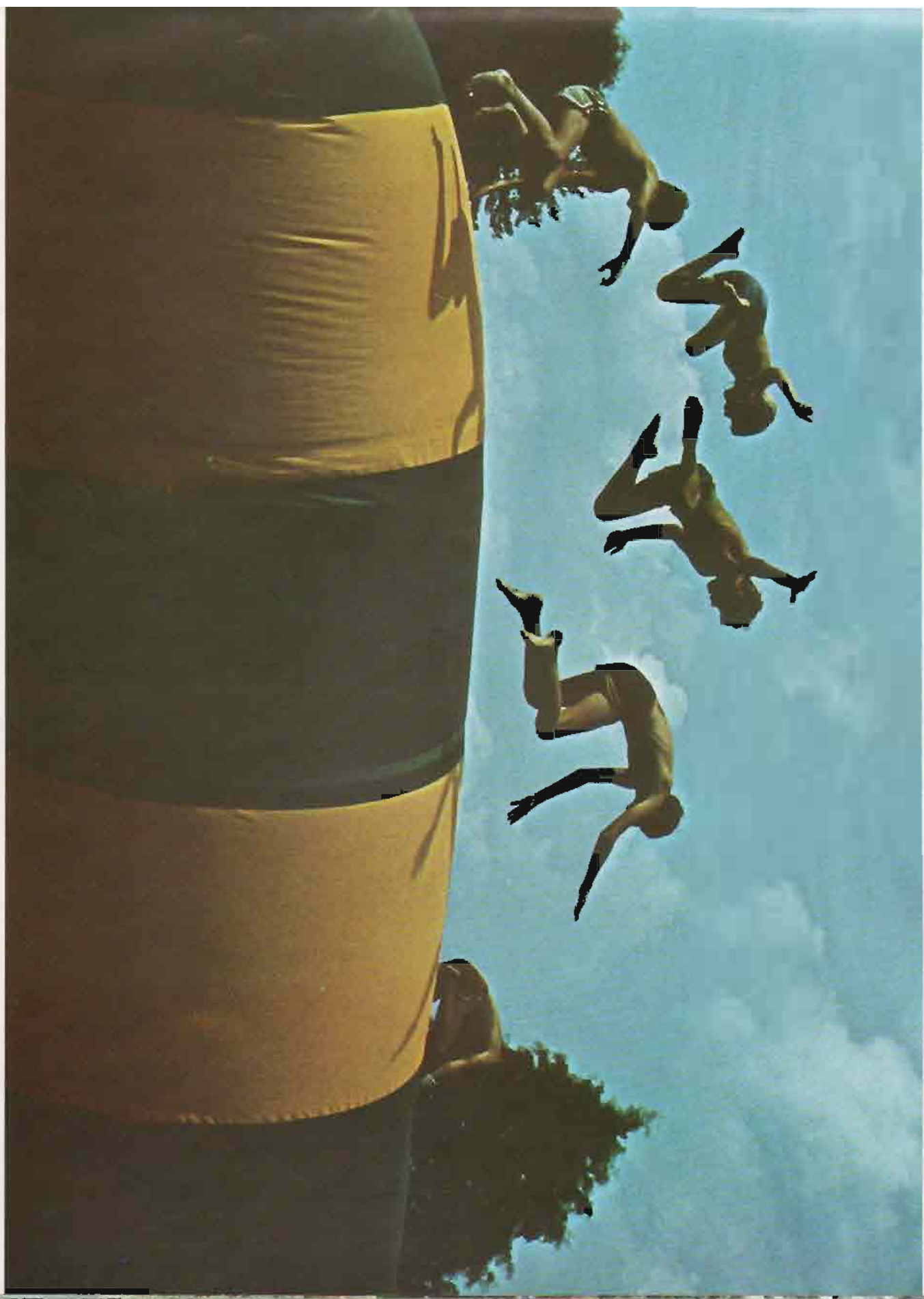












NATURE

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

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

Many boys particularly enjoy returning to camp with animals such as turtles, salamanders and snakes, in order to observe their habits and life-cycles for a short period of time before releasing them.

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



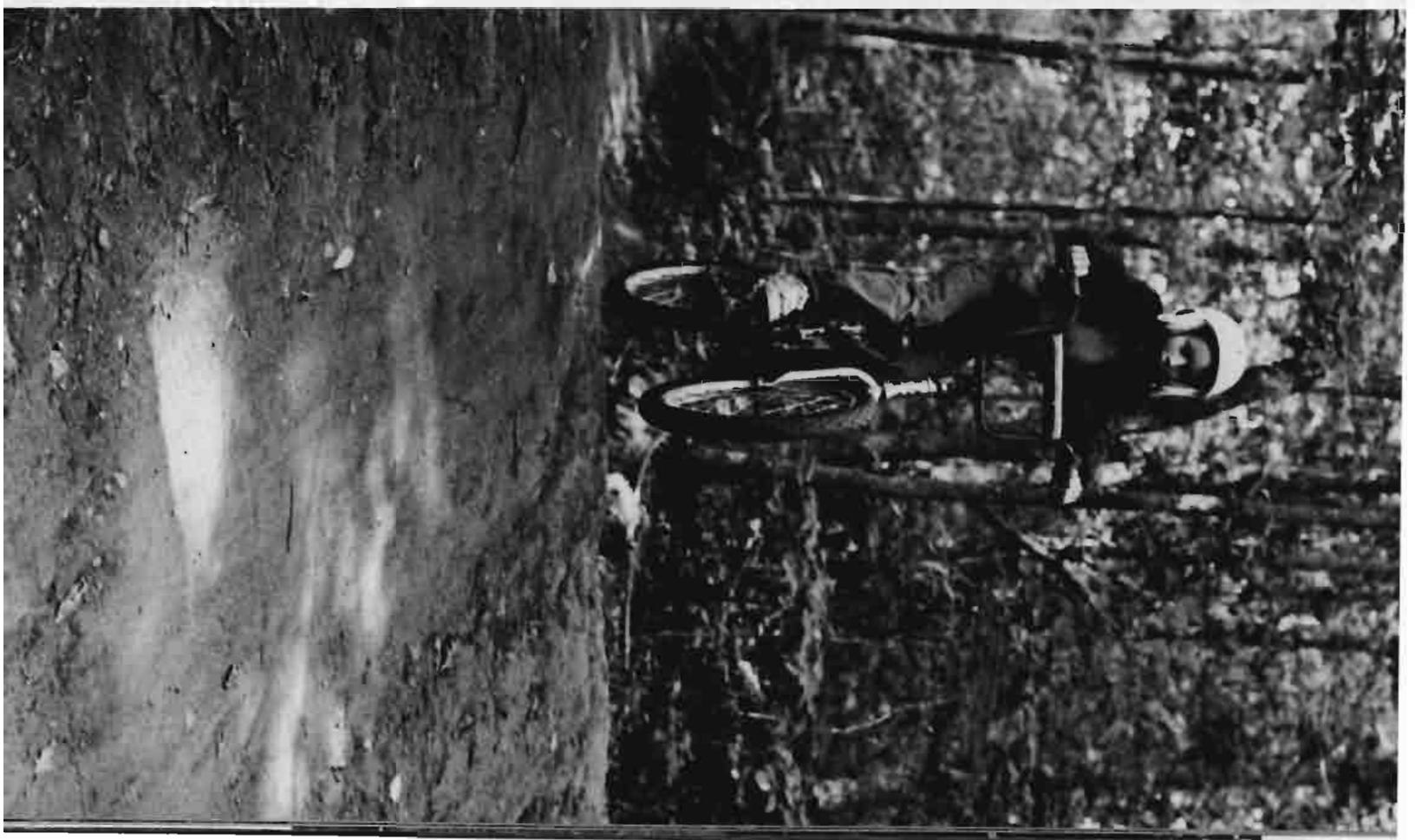


BMX

The new BMX (Bicycle Motor Cross) Program at Falling Creek has met with overwhelming success. Campers who wish to participate in the program begin with a thorough safety orientation. This is followed by a "riding test" on our BMX track so that boys may be placed in a riding group according to their individual abilities.

While boys who are interested in BMX Competition spend time sharpening their skills on the dirt track, the majority of boys elect to ride in our trail program. Trail riding includes a progression of rides that start with short rides around camp, leading up to more adventurous rides through mountainous terrain.

Qualified instructors teach boys to make basic safety checks on every ride. Future bike mechanics learn how to completely disassemble a bike and then reassemble it, ready for another trip down the mountain.



MOUNTAINEERING— HIKING

The Mountaineering Program at Falling Creek is comprised of four basic parts: Backpacking, Hiking, Rock Climbing, and Emergency Medicine. Boys who participate in any of these activities learn quickly the importance of group cooperation and working together in a wilderness setting. Boys also learn to respect the woods and to climb or hike without disturbing the natural environment.

Mountaineering Counselors are experienced outdoorsmen, free from cabin responsibilities, who devote their full time to planning, packing and leading trips. Our expeditions range from half-day hikes around camp and sleepouts on the ball field to six day hikes in the Smokies.



Some hikes are designed to meet special interests such as a "snake hike," "first-aid hike," or "running hike." In the course of a typical week, three or four trips might leave camp, each designed to meet the needs of different ages and skill levels.

Falling Creek hikers enjoy the trails and terrain in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Nantahala National Forest, Pisgah National Forest, Saluda Mountains and the two designated wilderness areas in North Carolina: Shining Rock and Linville Gorge.

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



WEMA Wilderness Emergency Medical Aid

The "WEMA" course is open to any boy wishing to learn how to deal with certain medical emergencies which might arise in a wilderness setting. Campers are taught first aid measures to treat bleeding, bruises, burns, bites and broken bones. Instruction in artificial respiration is also given as campers learn how to revive Falling Creek's dummy "Resuci-Andy."

ROCK CLIMBING

The most important feature of the Falling Creek Rock Climbing Program is the emphasis on safety.

Boys begin in "ground school" learning basic terminology and rope handling techniques. Only after mastering these skills on the ground will they be allowed to start climbing.

The first climb is to Capps' Rock, a 70 foot out-cropping of rock located 15 minutes from camp. From Capps' Rock boys progress to a full day trip at Gilbert's Rock where the climb is longer and more difficult.

Once a boy proves he understands the fundamentals of climbing and group cooperation, he is invited to continue with more difficult party climbs. Falling Creek utilizes some of the best climbing areas in North Carolina including Devil's Courthouse, Looking Glass Rock, Linville Gorge, and Stone Mountain. Falling Creek Campers are proud to have achieved the "First Ascent" by any camp group on several very difficult climbs in these areas.





CRAFTS

Falling Creek has a well-equipped craft shop located under the dining hall, where boys learn to express their individual tastes and talents. A wide variety of projects are available to each camper, including ceramics, sand candles, batik-work, silkscreening, weaving, macrame, woodworking and string art.



WOODCRAFTS

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

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





PHOTOGRAPHY

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

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

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



Most of the photographs in this book were taken by counselor, Flynn Paylor. We would like to recognize his enthusiasm, cooperation and talents in helping to make this catalog possible.



LANDSPORTS

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

Soccer is one of the fastest growing sports at Falling Creek. Counselors teach boys ball-control skills and help boys develop more proficiency at shooting and passing. International campers and counselors always shed a new light on the game for our American soccer players!

For those interested in more competition, Falling Creek hosts "The Tuxedo Olympics," as well as several field days with boys from neighboring camps.





TRACK AND FIELD

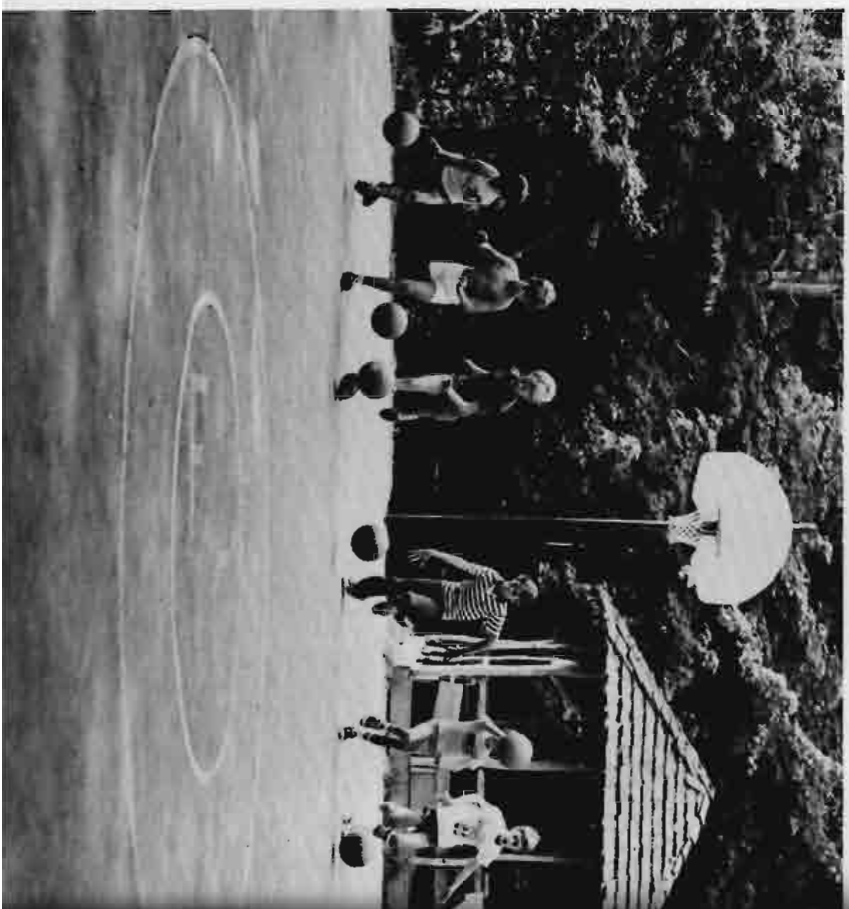
A 220 yard oval track encircles the landsports field. Boys receive instruction in all aspects of running as well as the shot put, discus throw, long jump and high jump. Cross Country participants utilize the many beautiful mountain trails surrounding Falling Creek.

Boys who desire more competition are invited to participate each week in the Greenville Track Club's All-Corners Track Meet, held at Furman University.



BASKETBALL

Boys of all ages enjoy playing basketball on an outdoor all-weather court, located near the entrance of camp. Emphasis is placed on ball handling and other fundamentals to help improve individual skills. Scrimmages allow boys to learn to work together and improve their teamwork. Teams of different ages are organized throughout the summer to compete against other area camps.





SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Special programming contributes to the fun of the summer. Through visits to places of interest such as Carl Sandburg's home and the Asheville Craftsman's Fair, we attempt to introduce boys who camp with us to the cultural life and folkways of Western North Carolina.

Square dances with neighboring girls' camps are always popular as are excursions to Looking Glass Falls, Sliding Rock and Cove Creek. Every Saturday night, campers enjoy a feature length movie on the tennis courts.

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





FACILITIES

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

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

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

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



FOOD AND HEALTH

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

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



CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

We are strongly committed to the goal of building a Christian Community at Falling Creek. Through strong Christian leadership, we are able to give meaning to many basic Christian Truths away from a formal church setting.

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

We begin each campfire with the first verse of Psalm 133:
"BEHOLD, HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS WHEN BROTHERS DWELL IN UNITY."

We speak of love . . . responsibility . . . freedom . . . courage and brotherhood when we come together as a group. Individually, in our day to day interactions with others, we discover that courage is not only to be found climbing rocks or on the athletic field.

Courage is also believing that one of the greatest adventures in life lies in serving others. For in the service of others, Christianity takes root and the life of the believer takes on meaning, filled with joy and purpose.

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



Camp Greystone for girls

Camp Greystone, Falling Creek's sister camp, celebrated its 62nd Anniversary in 1981. One of the pioneer camps for girls in the South, it was organized by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Sevier and is today one of America's leading Christ-centered camps. Mrs. Virginia Sevier Hanna, daughter of the founders, and Jim and Libby Hanna Miller are the directors.



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

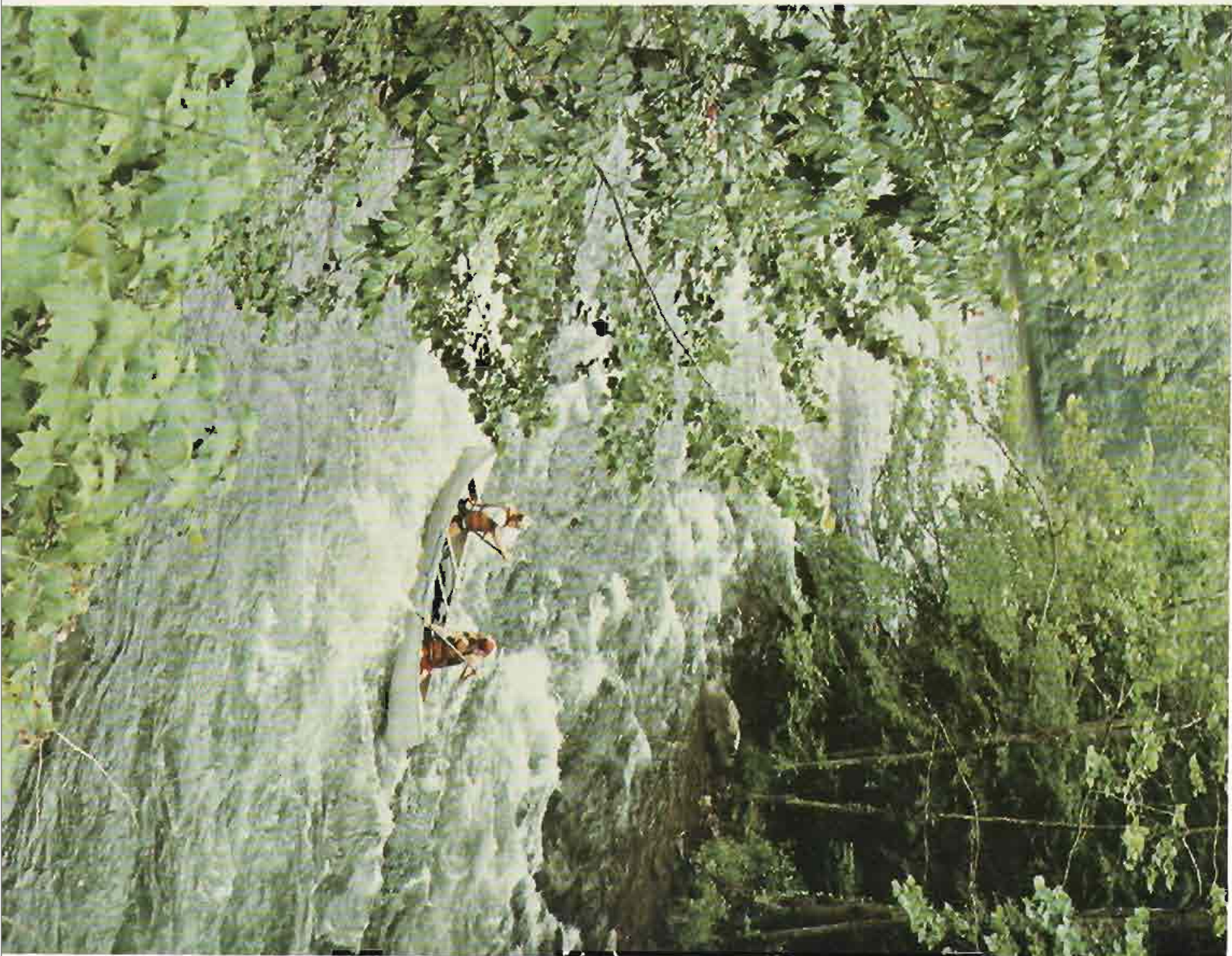


Prospective campers and their parents are encouraged to visit Falling Creek to examine the facilities first hand and obtain more information on matters of particular interest.

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

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