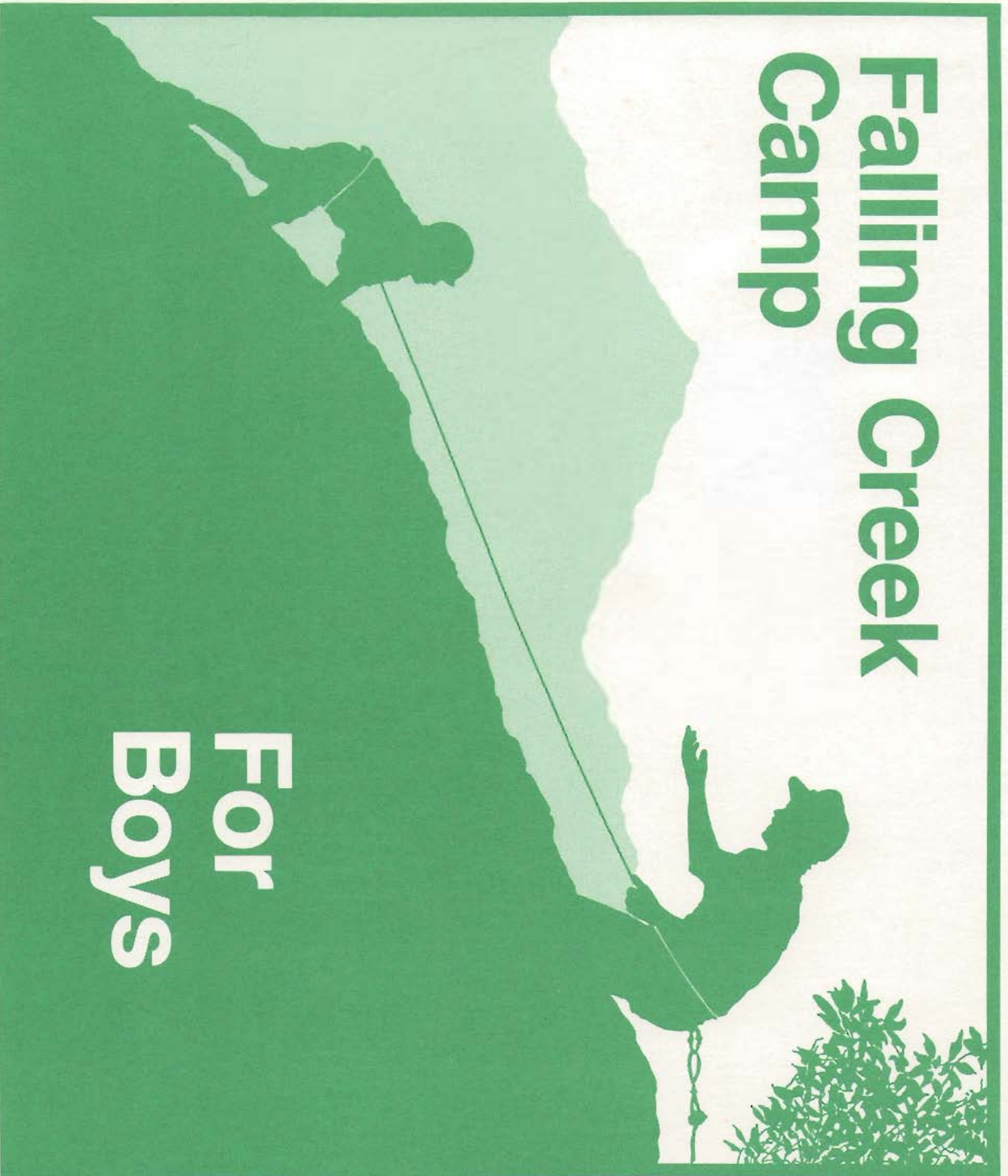


Falling Creek Camp

For
Boys



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Owned and Directed by
Donnie and Kim Bain
Chuck and Jean McGrady

Tuxedo, NC 28784

Ages 6 - 17

3 Week June Session
Mid-Summer Main Session
2 Week August Session

Capacity: 220 Boys

Founded in 1969

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

WELCOME TO FALLING CREEK CAMP — A WORD TO PARENTS

Summer camp offers a unique opportunity for physical, spiritual and social growth. We seek to encourage development in these areas by providing sound leadership and a variety of enriching experiences.

Nested 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, NC and Greenville, SC makes it readily accessible by car and plane. Yet the last five miles down Bob's Creek Road can make you realize just how far apart from civilization Falling Creek really is.

A stimulating in-camp program and numerous wilderness opportunities are designed to awaken in each boy a sense of wonder and appreciation for the world of nature. We encourage each boy to grow in his activities and interpersonal relationships. We strive to strengthen this relationship through the example and personal lives of our counselors and staff.

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 with we select our staff.



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. 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.

*Danile & Kim Bain,
Chuck & Jean McGrady*



STAFF

A dedicated, enthusiastic staff is the heart of any camping program. At Falling Creek, we seek counselors who support our Christian ministry and share our excitement for working with children.

Counselors come from all over the United States. In recent years, we have added an outstanding international contingent. All counselors have completed one year of college, or are at least 19 years old. The average age of the counselor staff is normally 24 years old.



PROGRAM

At Falling Creek, a boy will select six different activities in which to participate on a daily basis. A variety of water, wilderness and in-camp activities are offered.

Soon after new campers arrive, we begin a thorough orientation in which cabin groups are guided throughout camp to learn where each activity is located. Activity Heads give a brief presentation of what a boy might expect to learn and accomplish in each session.

After this introduction to all the opportunities available, a boy will make up 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.

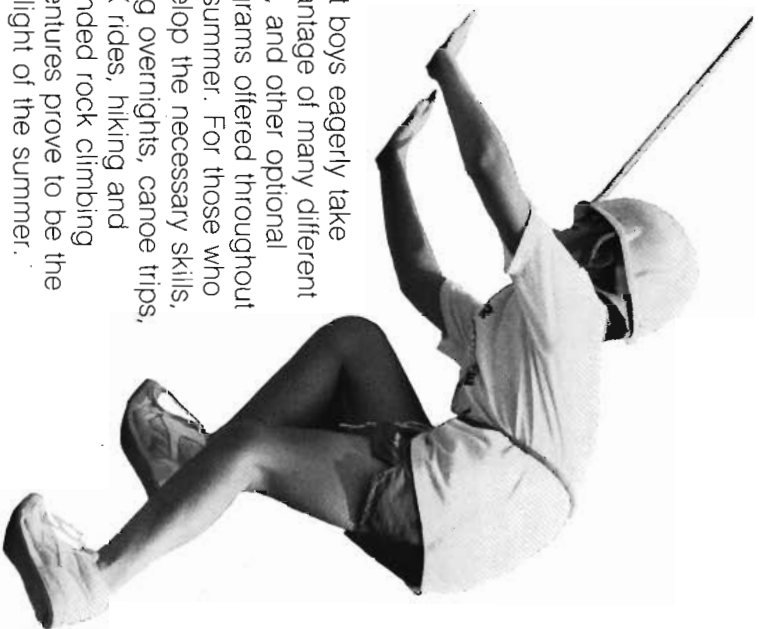
There is free time each day, before lunch and before supper, when a boy may participate in non-instructional but supervised activities such as free swim, canoeing, tennis or fishing.

Most boys eagerly take advantage of many different trips, and other optional programs offered throughout the summer. For those who develop the necessary skills, riding overnights, canoe trips, BMX rides, hiking and extended rock climbing adventures 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 groups - Juniors, Middlers and Seniors - with about 12 cabins in each division. About half of the evening programs are planned for these special age groups. Programs for the entire camp include square dances, movies, campfires, and visiting entertainers.



ARCHERY- RIFLERY

Riflery and Archery are taught with a strong emphasis on safety. 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.

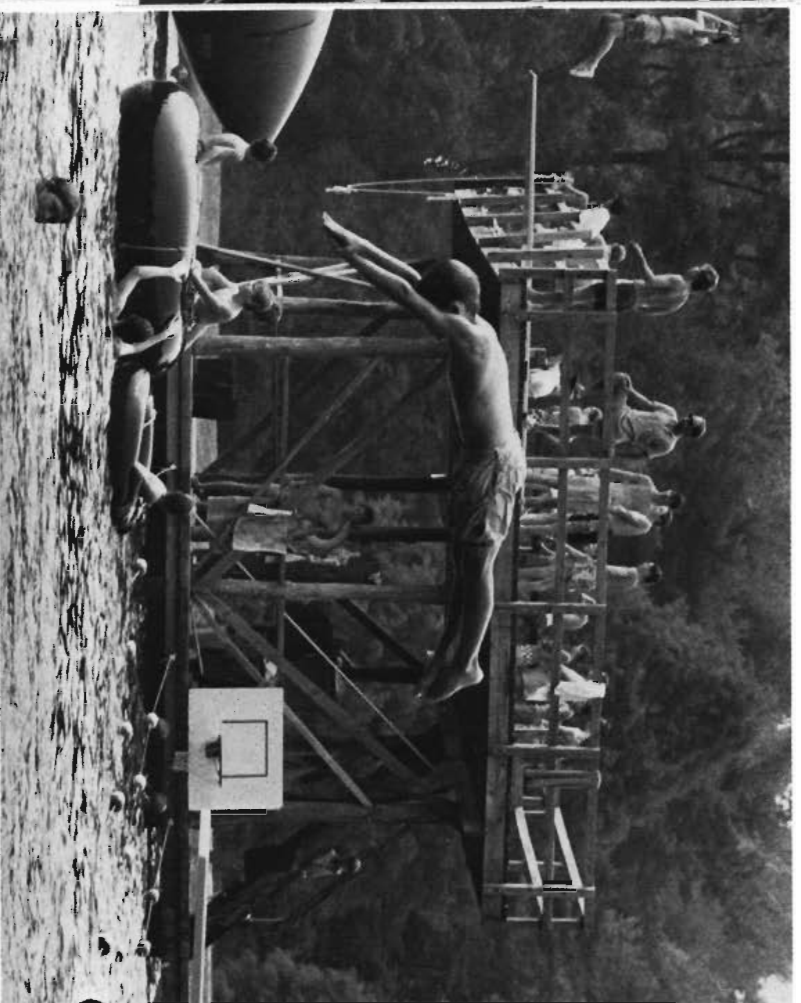
The covered riflery range at the end of the ball field allows boys to shoot in any type of weather. Each boy is allowed to shoot six days a week at a 50 foot range, and receives instruction in the four NRA positions: prone, kneeling, sitting, and standing.

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

The Falling Creek waterfront is located in the center of camp on a private lake fed by mountain streams. Over 100 ft. of dock space, diving platforms and high and low boards provide excellent instructional 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 Swimmer level. Boys wishing to develop further swimming skills may continue to take courses in Basic Rescue, Advanced Lifesaving, Diving, and Competitive Swimming. They may also wish to work for Falling Creek's highest swimming honor, the "Mega-Crick."

Other in-camp waterfront activities include swim games, water polo and swim meets with neighboring camps. Special innertube trips down neighboring rivers and the electrifying "Power House Run" are planned to 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 wants to be bounced into outer space. 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 open during "free swims" for a fast ride before lunch or supper.



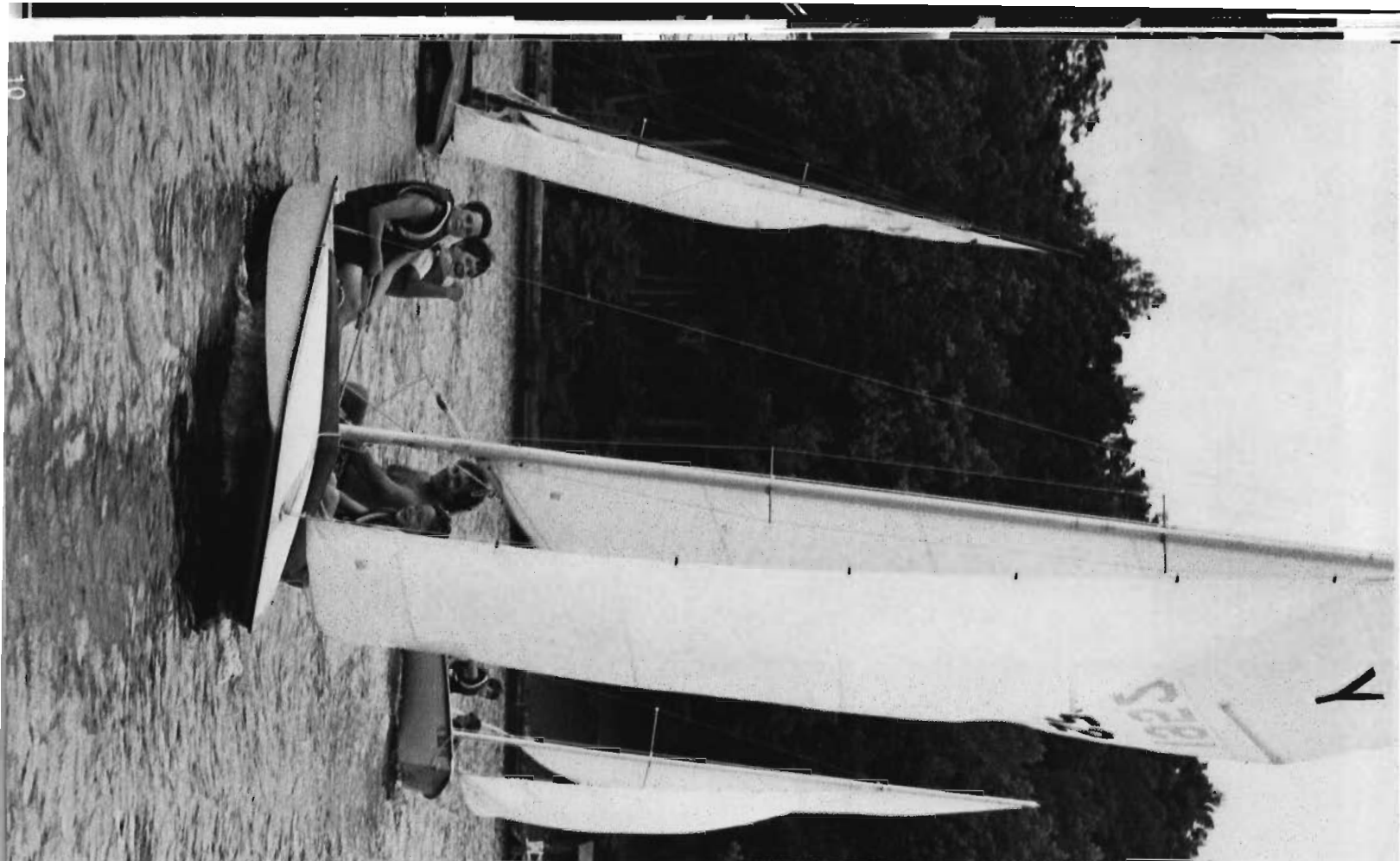
SAILING

The Falling Creek 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 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 this, he may work his way up to the most sophisticated boats in the fleet.

The 15 boat fleet includes a Hobie Cat, a Jet 14, four Y-Flyers, two FJ's, a Newport Surprise, Zuma, Force 5, and several Sunfish.



SKIING

Falling Creek operates two ski boats on Lake Summit, NC, and a third ski boat on Lake Jocassee, SC.

Any boy who has completed 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 while more advanced boys learn to slalom and ski on trick skis.

The hydro-slides and ski biscuits are just for fun.

More accomplished skiers look forward to a full day trip to Lake Jocassee, SC.



CANOEING

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

On the lower lake in camp, a boy will learn the correct form of ten strokes. It is here that he learns to work with a partner and accurately paddle through buoys and a ten gate slalom course.



Introductory whitewater trips on the Upper Green River and Section 4 of the French Broad River involve more work than excitement. There is current on the river, but not very fast. Water is shallow and rocks are everywhere.

Intermediate rivers such as the Lower Green, Section 6 of the French Broad and the Tuckaseegee have more water, faster currents and many obstacles. At this level, a boy learns to apply more advanced techniques such as "eddy turns" and "ferrying."

Whitewater training continues until campers are safely paddling difficult rivers such as the Nantahala, Section 3 of the Chattooga or Section 9 of the French Broad. 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 to navigate the same and more difficult waters in a kayak or C1.



RIDING

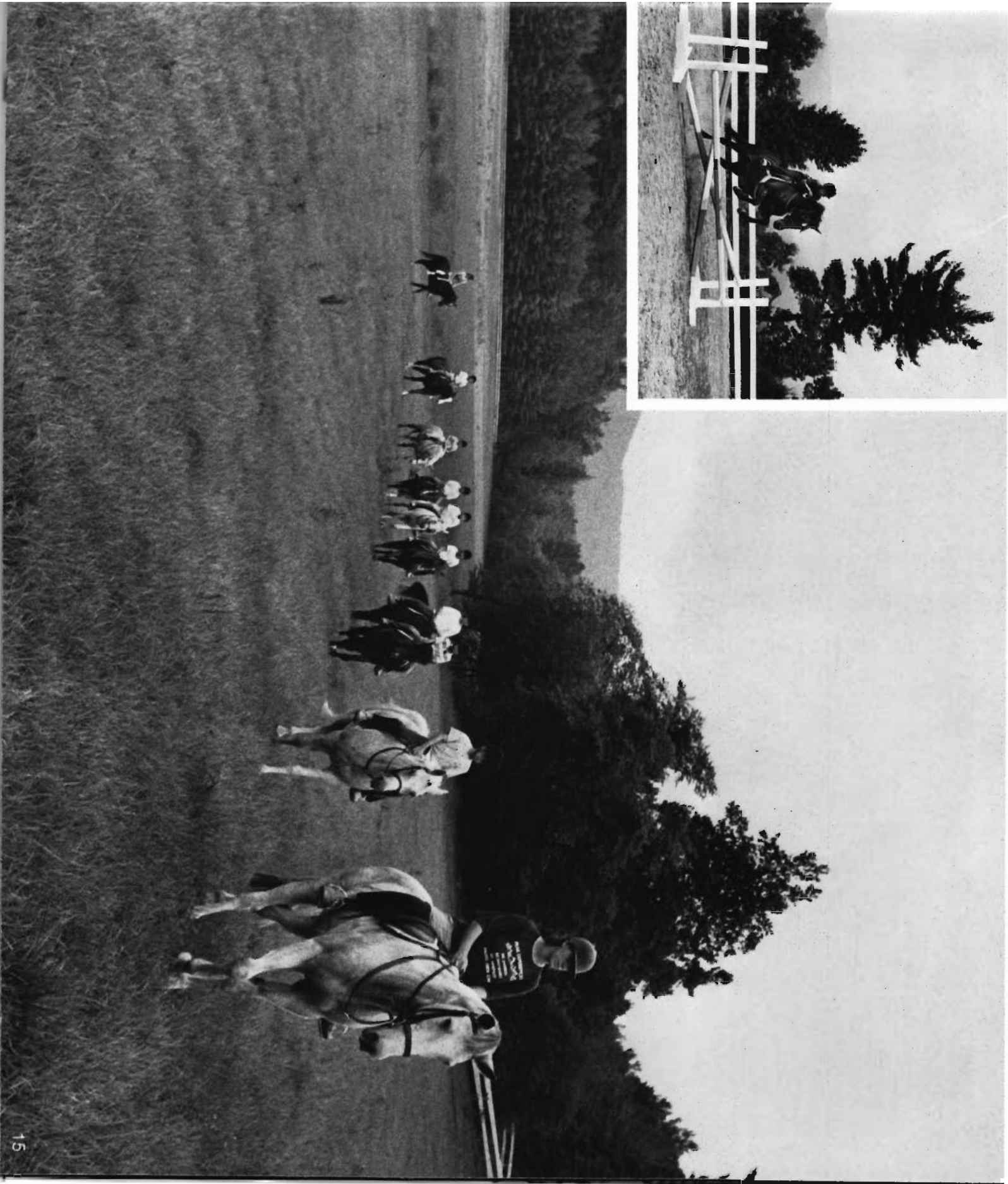
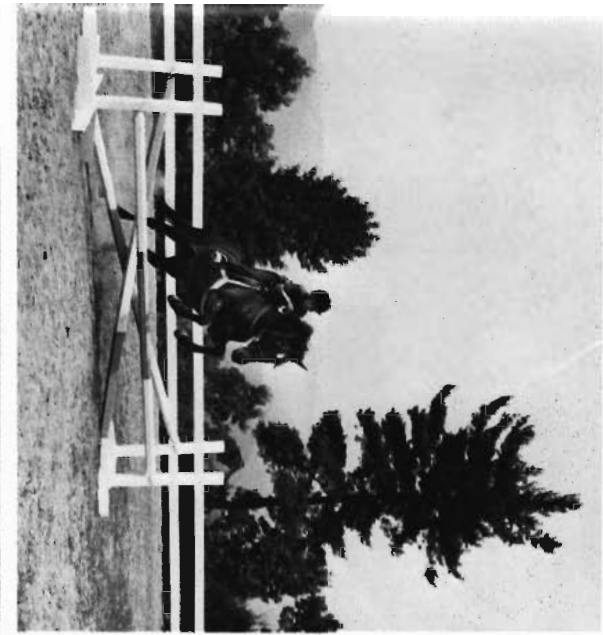
Horseback riding is taught by counselors ranging from dedicated amateurs to professional competition instructors. Boys start out in the ring learning basic horsemanship skills. When a boy demonstrates he can control his horse without abuse, he may begin trail riding and take advantage of the numerous outings and overnights planned by the Riding Department.

Facilities include two barns, two riding rings, five pastures and miles of beautiful mountain trails.

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 popular vaulting lessons are offered throughout the summer. Emphasis is placed on the safety of the rider, as well as the well-being of the horse.

Boys who demonstrate interest and enthusiasm are invited to participate in the June Camp Gymkhana and the Main Camp Horseshow.

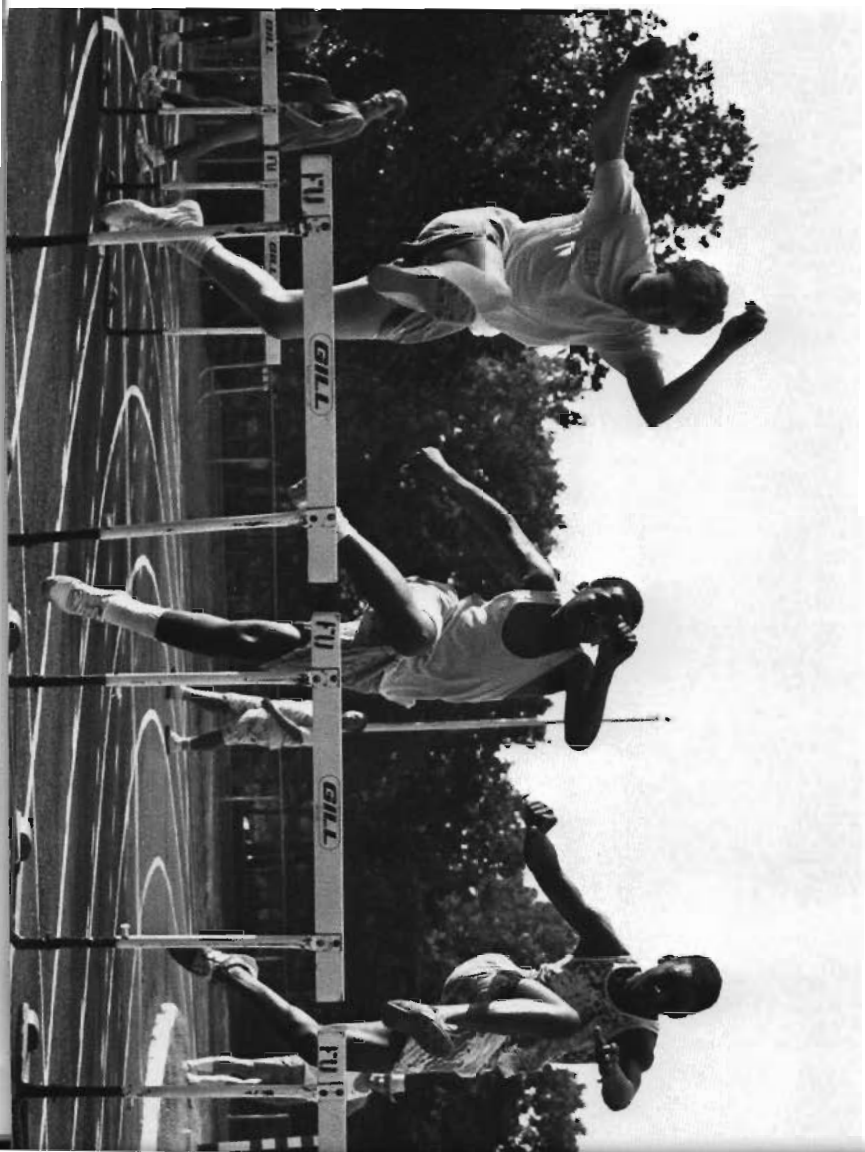




TRACK AND FIELD

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.



BMX - MOUNTAIN BIKING

BMX - The BMX Program is one of the most popular at Falling Creek. Campers begin with a thorough safety orientation, followed by a riding test on the BMX track. At this time, boys are placed in a riding group according to their individual abilities.

Boys interested in BMX competition spend time sharpening their skills on the dirt track. Most boys elect to ride in our trail program. Trail riding begins with short rides around camp, leading up to more adventurous rides through mountainous terrain.

MOUNTAIN BIKES - Boys also have the opportunity to ride 15 speed Mountain Bikes. Mountain Bike trips are longer and more challenging, with many of our older riders working towards extended overnight trips in Pisgah National Forest. The variation in mountain terrain affords many opportunities for teaching boys which gears to use in different situations.

Qualified instructors help boys make basic safety checks on every ride.



HIKING

The Mountaineering Staff specializes in leading Backpacking and Rockclimbing trips through many of the most beautiful mountain ranges in the Southeast. Boys who participate in these activities learn the importance of group cooperation in a wilderness setting.

Mountaineering counselors are experienced outdoorsmen, free from cabin responsibilities, who devote their full time to planning, packing and leading trips. Our trips range from small overnights on camp property to five day trips through the Smokies.

"Preps" are held before each trip in order to plan and organize menus, routes, supplies and emergency first aid.

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, five or six trips might leave camp, each designed to meet the needs of different ages and skill levels.

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



ROCK CLIMBING

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

Boys begin by 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 fifteen 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 Table Rock.

Falling Creek campers are proud to have achieved the "First Ascent" by any camp group on several very difficult climbs in these areas.



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 walks through the woods and along lakes and streams, boys are able to see, hear, smell, taste and feel the out-of-doors.

Many boys enjoy observing and handling animals not commonly found in a typical American household. Mice, rabbits, turtles, salamanders, frogs and snakes are especially popular. Nature counselors feed and care for a variety of animals each summer so boys can observe their habits and life-cycles.

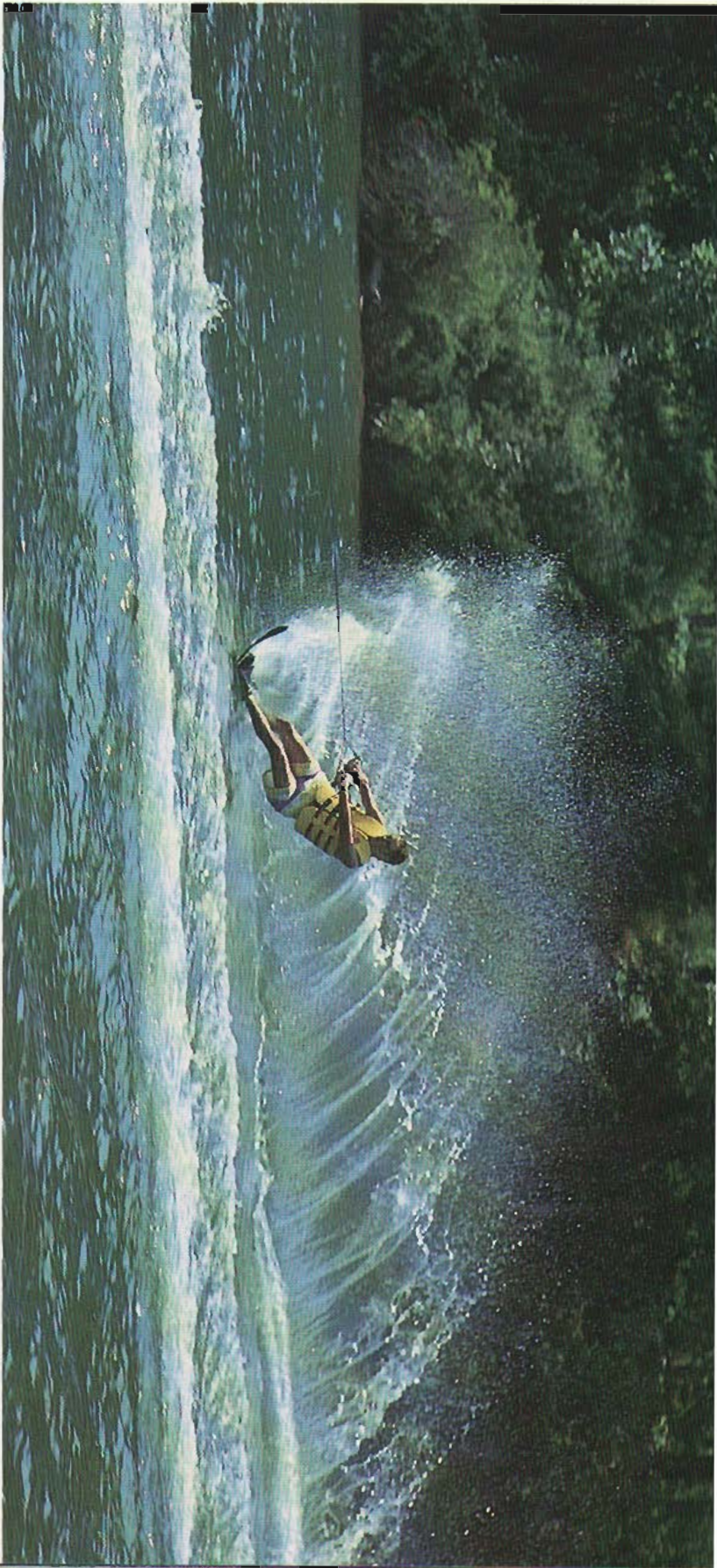
Through active participation in the world of nature, we hope that boys will leave Falling Creek with a greater appreciation for our natural environment.

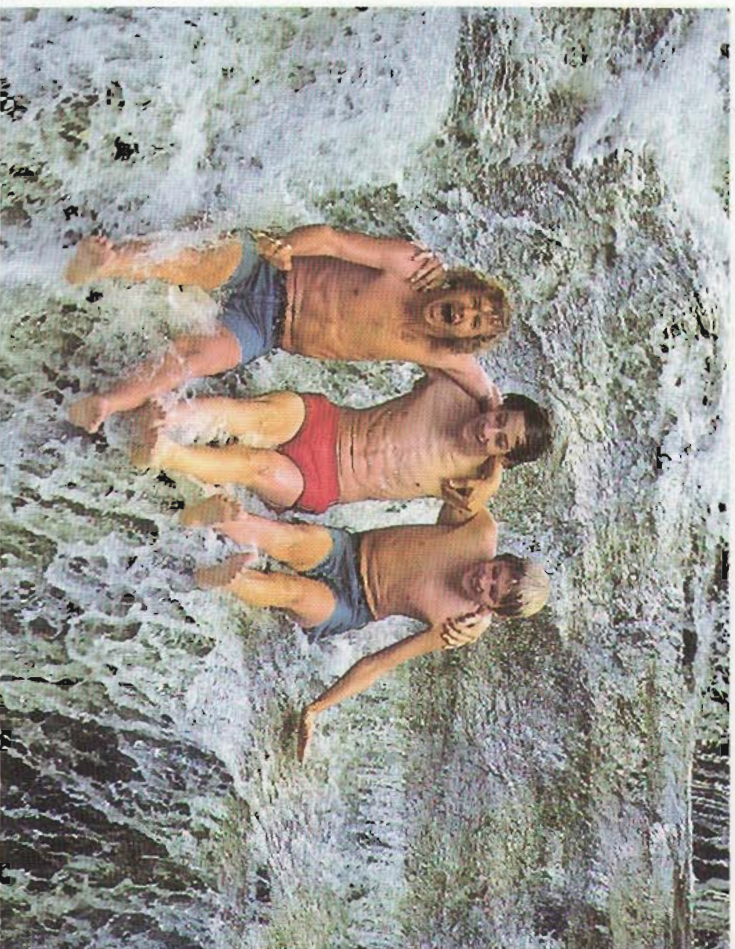
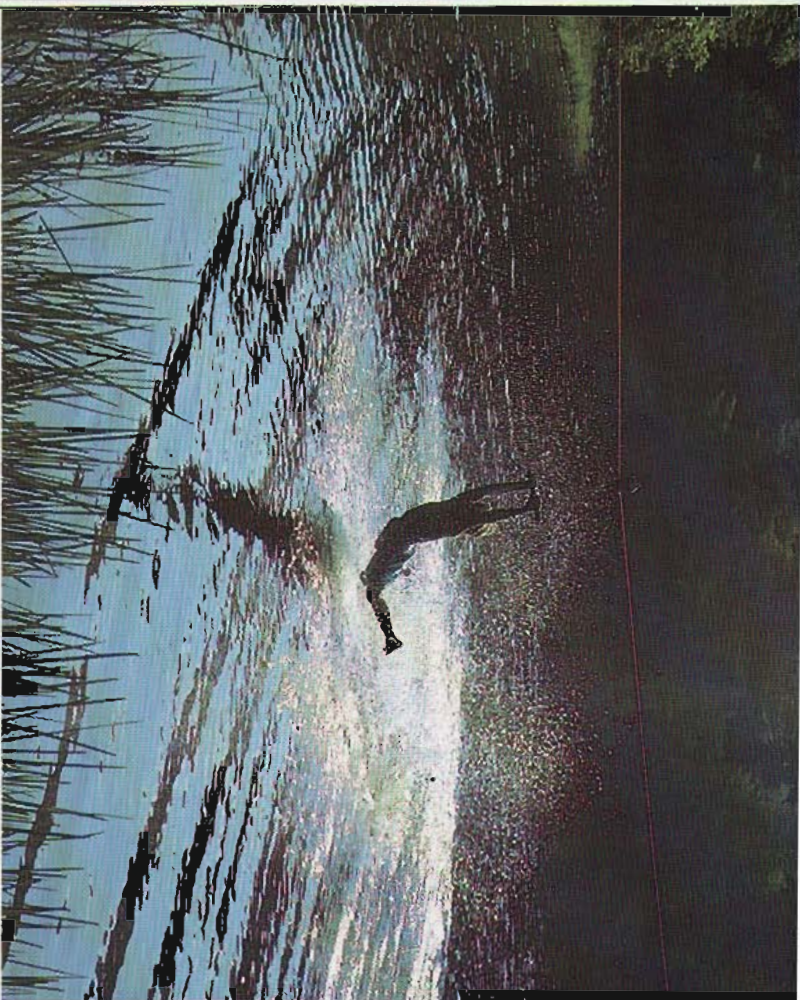


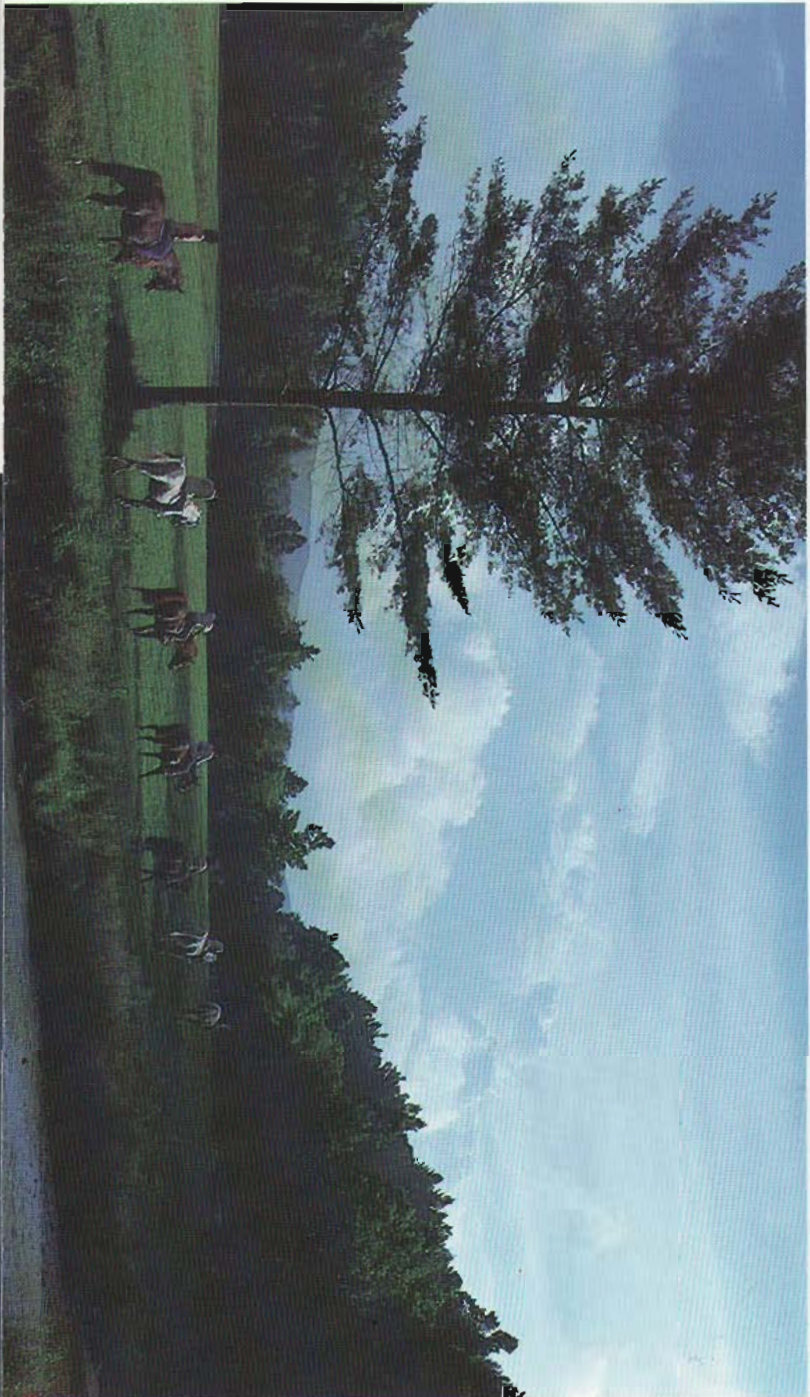
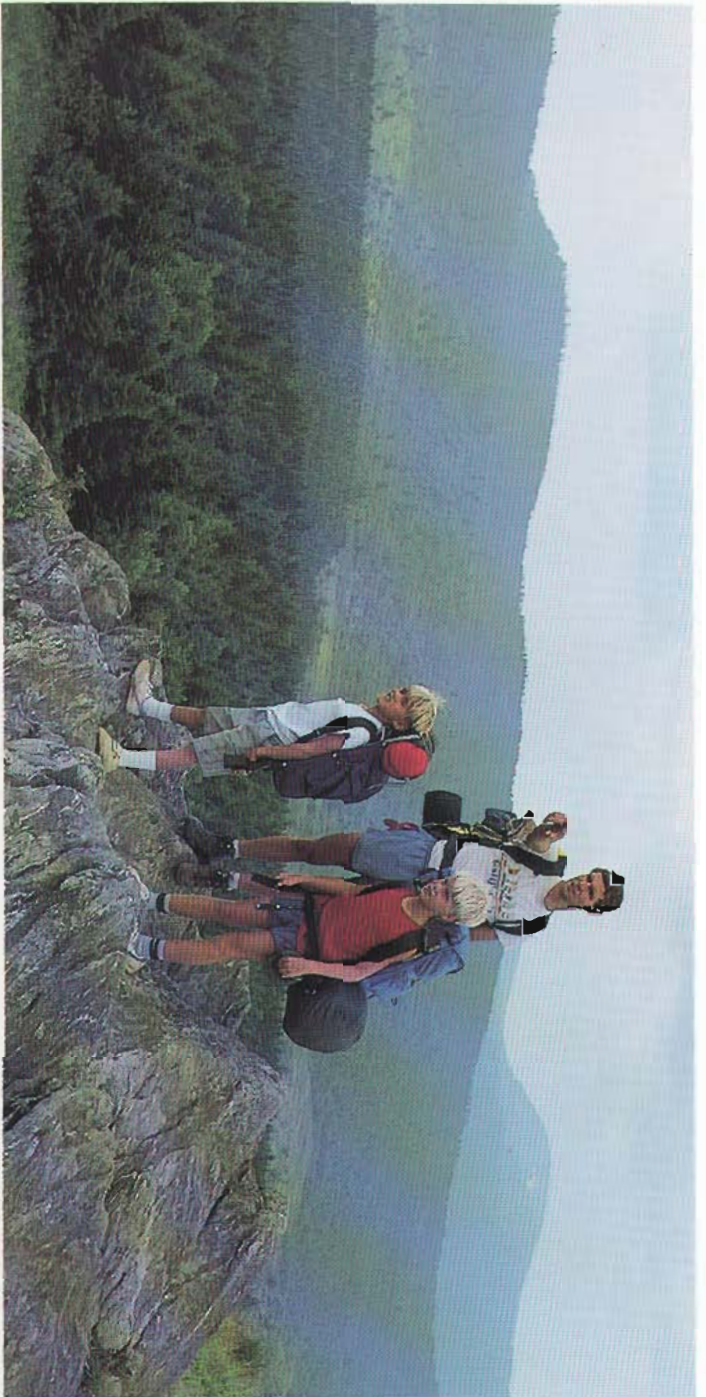


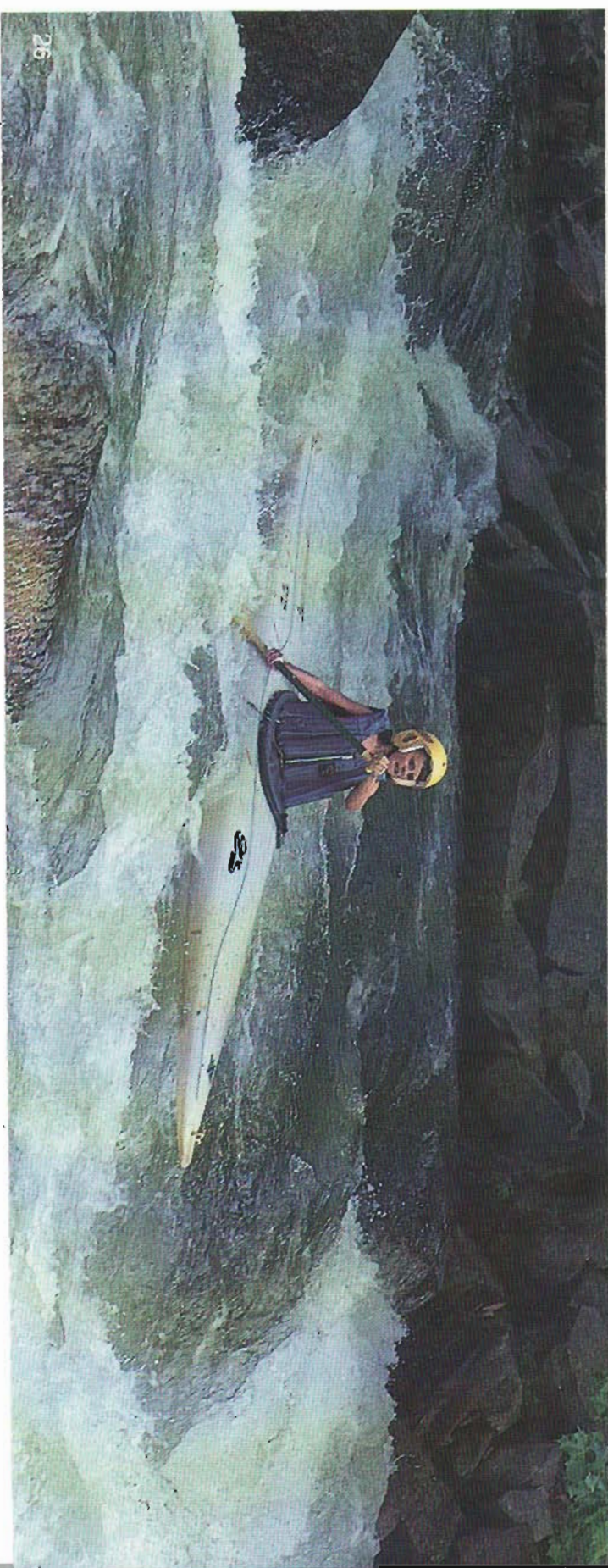
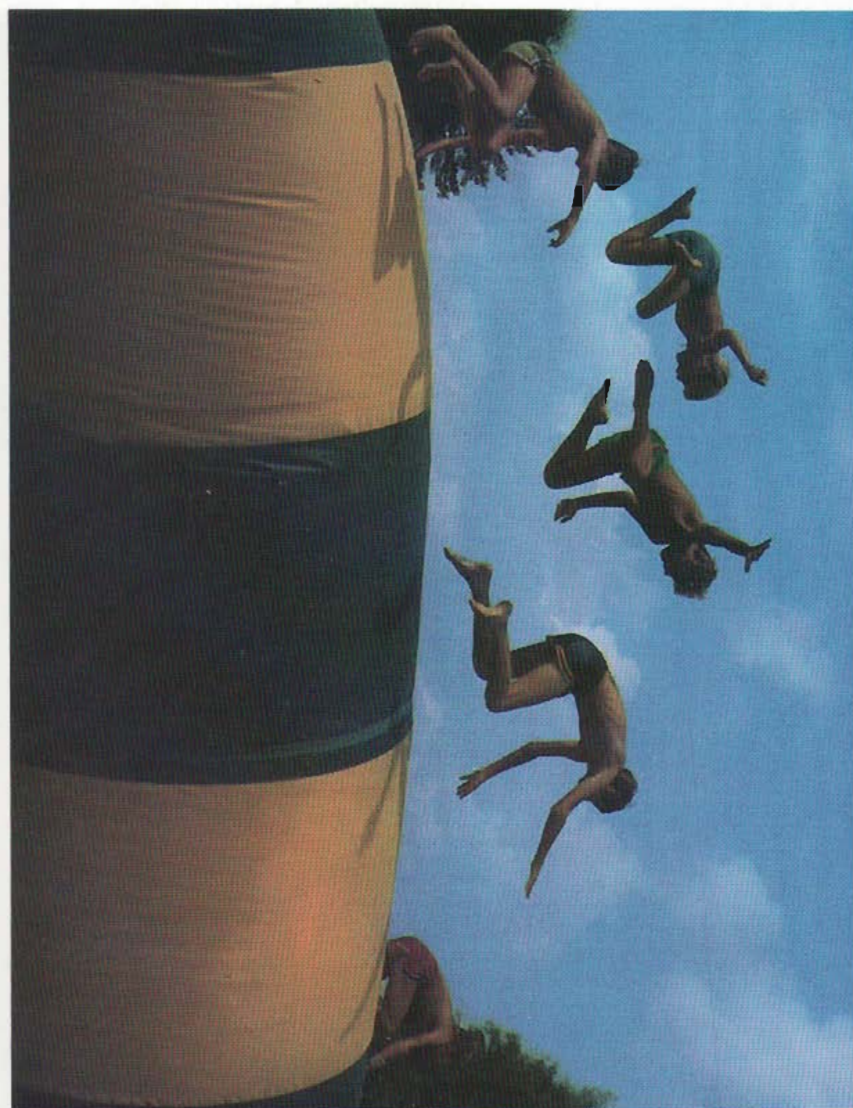
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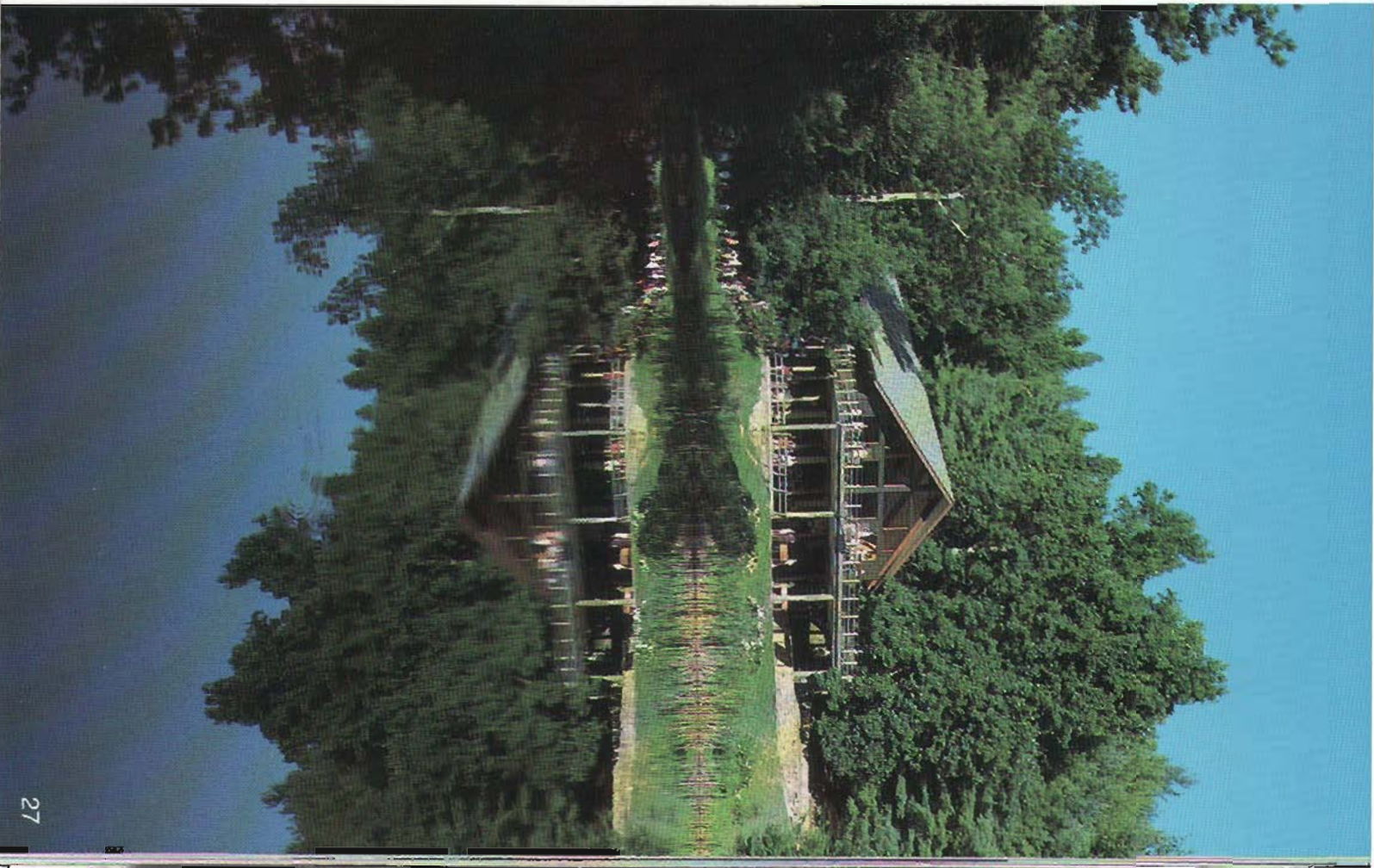
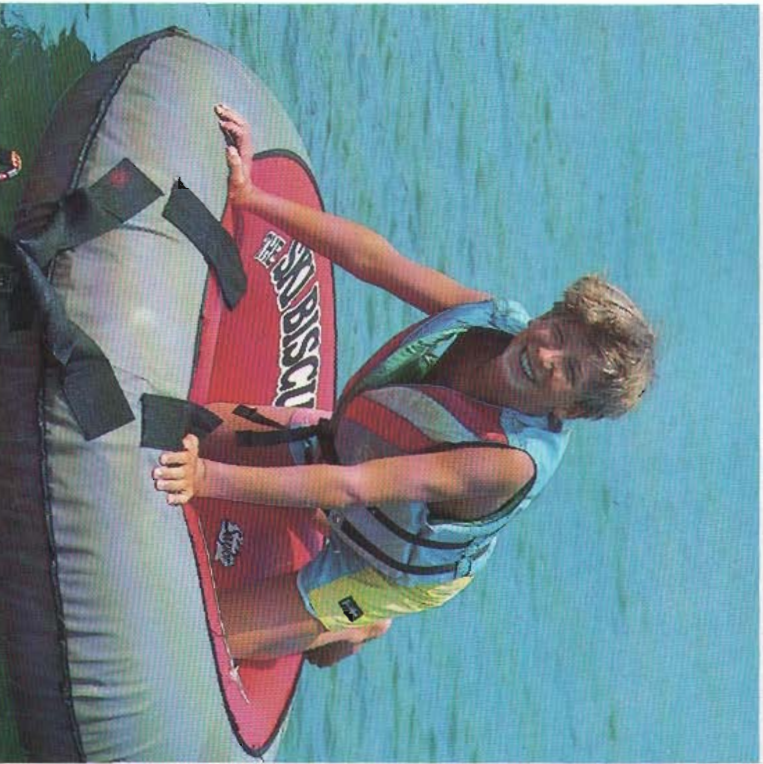
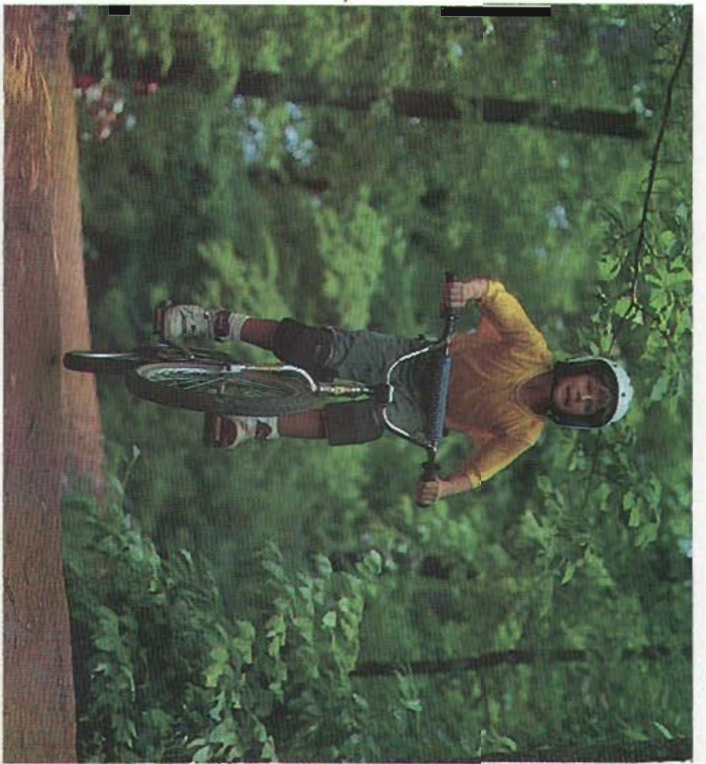
The Falling Creek campus spreads over 800 acres with elevations up to 3,000 ft. The main campus surrounds the two lakes with many miles of trails and outpost cabins between our mountain top and river pastures in the Green River Valley. Camp is mid-way between Asheville, NC and Greenville, SC.













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 always popular at Falling Creek. Counselors teach ball-control skills and help boys develop proficiency at shooting and passing. International campers and counselors always shed a new light on the game for our American soccer players!



CRAFTS

Falling Creek has a well-equipped craft shop where boys learn to express their individual tastes and talents. A wide variety of projects are available to each camper including ceramics, tie dye, string art, leather work, painting, drawing and macrame.



PHOTOGRAPHY

Boys interested in photography learn to distinguish a "snap shot" from a picture achieved as a result of thought, skill and patience.

In the darkroom, campers work with two enlargers, developing trays and developing tanks. Time is devoted to basic enlarging and developing skills needed to control black and white film.



WOODCRAFTS

The Woodcraft Shop is one of the busiest and noisiest places at camp. Campers learn basic woodworking skills under close staff supervision and work on a variety of practical crafts and novelty items. Completed projects go home with each proud woodcrafter, to adorn a room or share as a gift for friends and family.

The Falling Creek campus is dotted with structures that campers and staff have built cooperatively in recent years. Campers who work on such projects gain self confidence and basic carpentry skills, leaving behind a legacy of landmarks to be enjoyed by campers for decades to come.



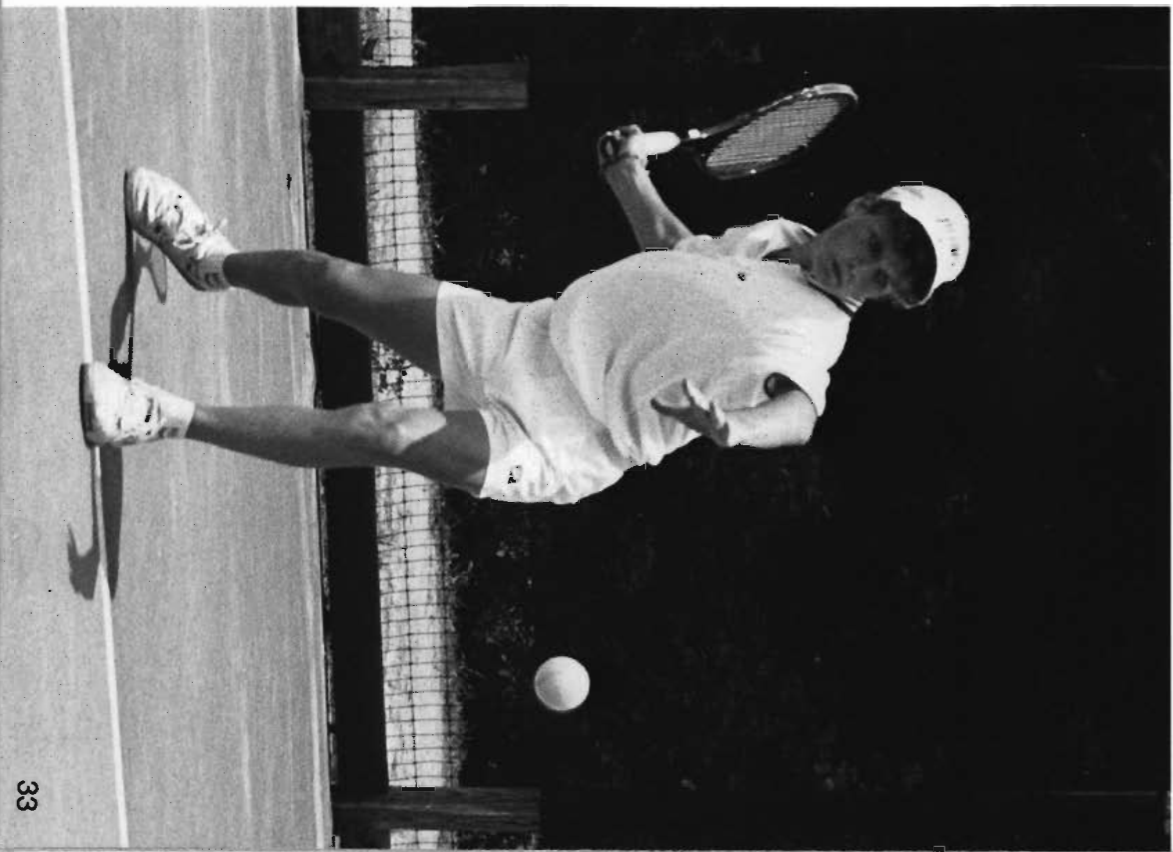
TENNIS

Tennis has consistently been one of Falling Creek's outstanding instructional activities. Qualified staff members offer daily instruction on five 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.





INDIAN LORE

The Indian Lore program seeks to give campers an appreciation for the crafts and culture of the American Indian. Boys learn to make Indian crafts from natural materials and create their own costumes

and weapons for a special Indian Campfire presented at the end of our Main Session. Indian teas, dinners and overnights are held at the authentic bark house and teepee in the Indian Village.



BASKETBALL

Boys of all ages enjoy playing basketball on two outdoor all-weather courts. Emphasis is placed on ball handling and other fundamentals to help improve individual skills. Scrimmages help boys learn to work together and improve their teamwork. Teams of more experienced players are organized to compete against other area camps.



WEIGHTLIFTING

The weightlifting program is designed to help older boys develop strength, flexibility and endurance. Emphasis is placed on proper warmup, stretching, and technique. A new weightlifting pavilion has caused a surge of popularity in this activity.



RADIO

Falling Creek is proud to announce its very own radio station WFCC - 640 AM on your dial. Boys and counselors share in the programming, broadcasts, and live interviews - a great opportunity for aspiring disc-jockeys.

WFCC
640 AM



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Special programming contributes to the fun and spontaneity of each summer. Square dances with neighboring girls' camps are always popular, as are excursions to Sliding Rock and Cove Creek Campground. Every Saturday night, campers and counselors enjoy a feature length movie on the tennis courts.

There are certain times during each session when regular activities cease and all boys participate in camp-wide programs. Green and Gold Field Days, Track Meets, and The Falling Creek Olympics are held on certain Saturday afternoons. Other events such as the Ironman Triathlon, The Falling Creek Horseshow, Backwards Day, California Day, Brother-Sister Day and competition with other camps keep spirits high.



Iron Man

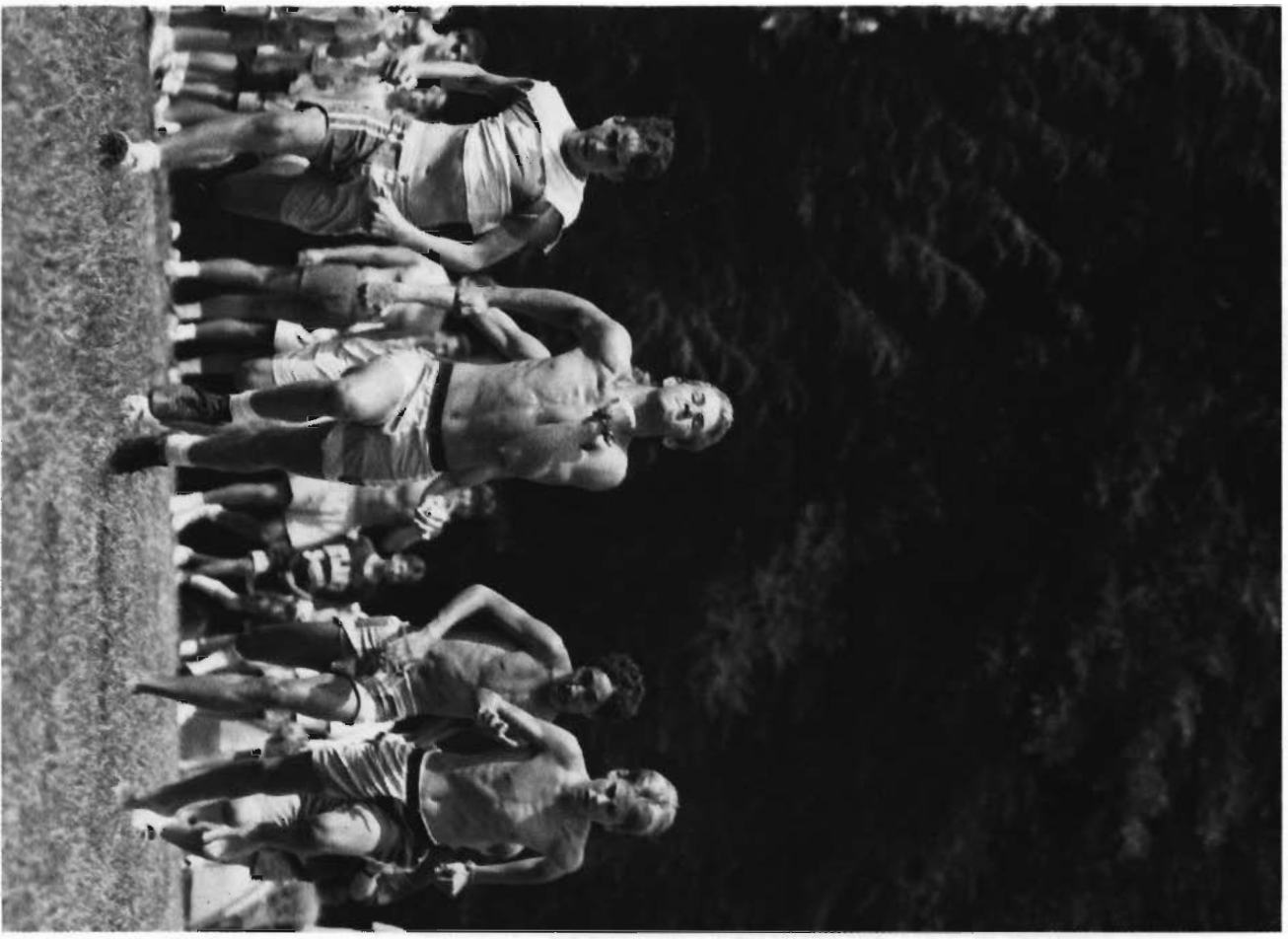


California Day
Judges

Square Dance



Track Meet



Main Camp Horseshow



FACILITIES

Each boy lives in a cabin with five or six cabinmates and one or two counselors. Cabin units take frequent hikes and overnights. There are thirty four cabins for campers at Falling Creek.

The Junior and Middler cabins are located on the side of the hill overlooking the swim lake. A central bathroom with sanitary flush toilets, lavatories and showers serves some of these cabins. Newer cabins have their own bathroom facilities.

Seniors live across the ball field. Each senior cabin has its own bathroom and shower. Care has been taken in the construction of all of Falling Creek's buildings to preserve the natural beauty of the surroundings.

Senior Cabin



Middler Cabin



The Barn



Mountaineering Headquarters



Swim Docks



FOOD AND HEALTH

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

We provide a residence for a visiting camp physician and his/her family. Camp also has doctors on call in Hendersonville, NC, Asheville, NC, and Greenville, SC. Falling Creek has a fully equipped Infirmary, staffed by three nurses



Kitchen



Dining Hall

Doctor's A-Frame



Tennis Courts



“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity.”

Psalms 133





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, at the Sunday Worship Service, 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 speak of love . . . responsibility . . . freedom, courage and brotherhood when we come together as a group. 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 standing up for a friend, helping a younger camper, doing what you know is right and believing that one of the greatest adventures in life lies in serving others.

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





REFLECTIONS ON SUMMERS PAST . . .

WHAT IS CAMP?

Camp is a time for reaching out and exploring the world around you . . .

Camp is discovering new beauty in the mountains and valleys . . .

Camp is sharing special experiences with a friend who loves the same things you do . . .

Camp is a wonderful counselor who wants you to be the very best person you can be . . .

Camp is fun . . . Camp is new challenges . . . Camp is doing things you never even thought about before . . .

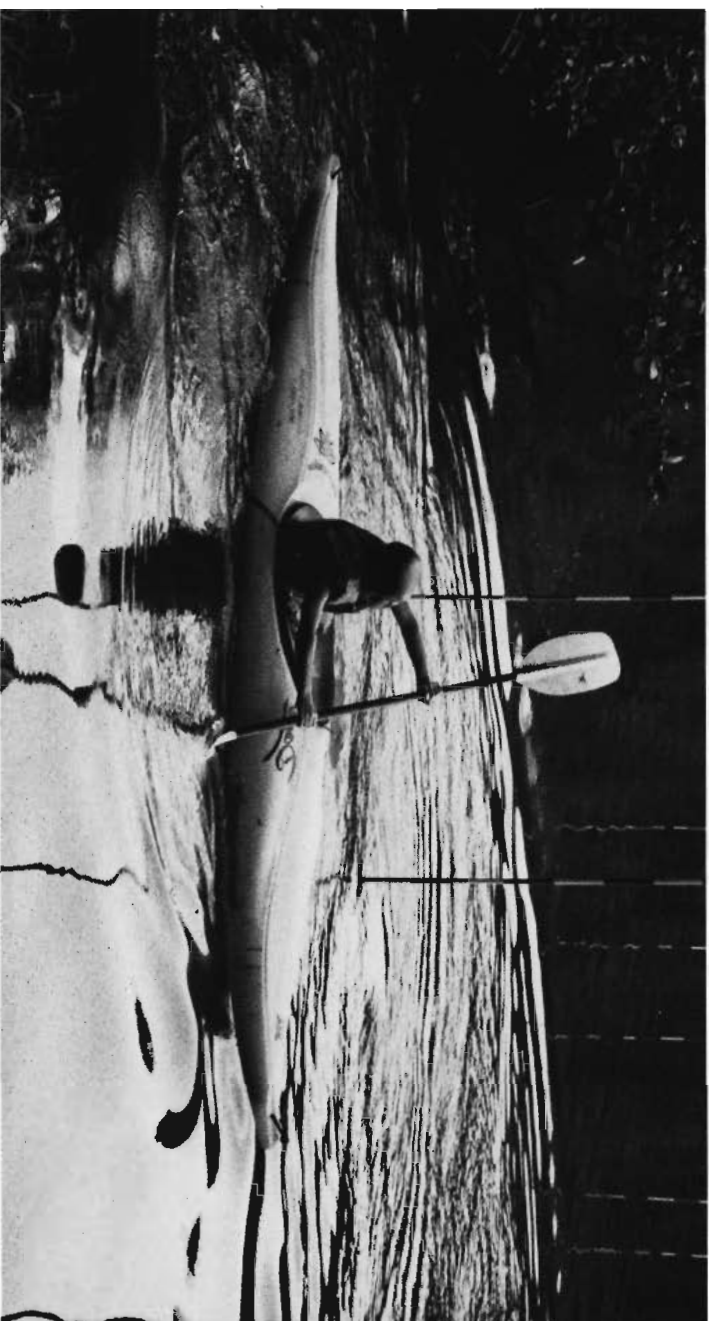


A WORD TO FUTURE CAMPERs AND COUNSELORS

Camp is different every session, and every year.

To be part of Falling Creek, even for a short time, means new friends and adventures . . .

And if you are able to spend part of the summer at Falling Creek, the memory will stay with you for the rest of your life.



CAMP GREYSTONE FOR GIRLS

Falling Creek is the brother camp to **CAMP GREYSTONE FOR GIRLS**, located about seven miles away on Lake Summit. Greystone is owned and directed by Mr. and Mrs. James F. Miller, III and their family. Greystone offers the very finest Christian leadership to girls of all ages, and is unsurpassed in its facilities and program.

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FALLING CREEK CAMP FOR BOYS

DIRECTORS

Donnie and Kim Bain are the full-time directors of Falling Creek and have been involved with camp for many years. Donnie began as a cabin counselor and landsports head in the summer of 1972 and has worked at camp every summer since then. He has also served as head of mountaineering, program director, and full-time assistant director from 1981 to 1984. Donnie is a graduate of Davidson College and has a Masters Degree in Education from Georgia State University. Kim spent several summers working in the program office as assistant program director. She is a graduate of Converse College and also has a Masters Degree in Education from Georgia State University. Donnie and Kim have three children: Johnathan, Michael and Betsy.

Chuck and Jean McGrady are the owners of Falling Creek. Chuck has spent many years in camping at Camp Sequoyah and Camp High Rocks. He was a mountaineering and riding counselor at Falling Creek in 1979. Chuck is a graduate of Rhodes College and has a law degree from Mercer University. Jean is a former staff worker




The Bain Family

with The Wilderness Society and worked as an artist in TV for Good Morning America. She is a graduate of Rosary College and has a Masters Degree in scene design from Indiana University.

Chuck and Donnie purchased Falling Creek in the fall of 1989 and took over the operation of the camp at that time. Both are committed to continuing the tradition of success in program and philosophy that Falling Creek has achieved over the years.



The McGrady Family



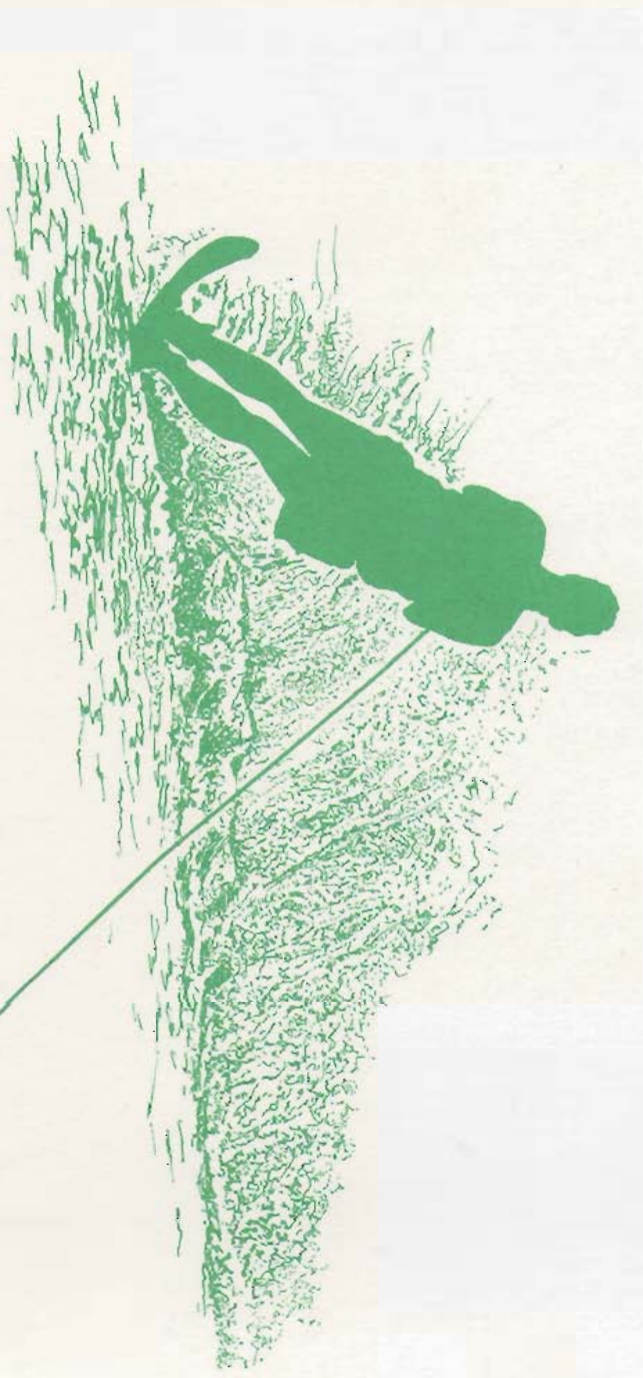
Prospective campers and their parents are encouraged to visit Falling Creek to examine the facilities and obtain more information on matters of particular interest.

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