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Winter, 2005

A busy time of year!

Greetings, Ridgecresters!
Believe it or not, there is lots going on this time of year. Despite the fact that it is pretty cold outside, and there are no leaves on the trees, we are busy preparing for the summer of 2005!
Lots of exciting ideas and plans are being tossed around in the Lake Lodge. The kitchen is getting a pretty good renovation this year.... lots of new equipment will be in place by the summer. One of the most exciting things that we hope will happen is our new water slide, that will be over near the zip line tower. It is called a "Wet Willie", and is lots of fun. If all goes well, we'll have it in place by the summer!
Ron and Chris are both busy traveling this time of year.

Ron is doing mostly camper recruitment shows around the Southeast, and Chris is doing both staffer and camper recruitment. Check out our website to see if we will be in your area!

Well, that's about it from here. Keep in touch with us, and let us know what is going on with you this winter. We look forward to most of you being back with us next summer!



Check out our
"new and improved"
website at
www.ridgecrestcamps.com



There's still time to sign up for camp!

If you haven't signed up for camp this summer, go ahead and do so soon! Some of our sessions are beginning to fill up for certain age groups. Sign up online at www.ridgecrestcamps.com. Just click on the "online registration" link, and join us!!!

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Top Cities And States!

Thus far, we have the following cities vying for the registration lead this year:

- 1) Orlando, FL area
- 2) Jacksonville, FL area
- 3) Mobile, AL area
Tallahassee, FL area
- 4) Atlanta, GA area
Birmingham, AL area
West Palm Beach, FL area
Ocala, FL

As far as states, Florida is, of course, in the lead, followed by Georgia, North Carolina, Alabama, and Tennessee.

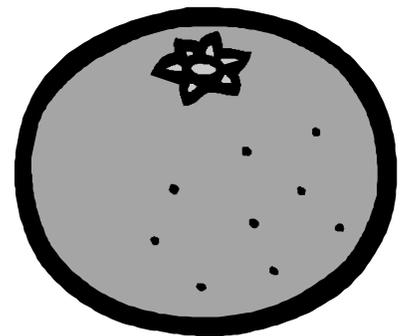
The Grapevine!

Robert Suggs is working up at Virginia Tech, and plans on being back with us next summer. **Will Henderson** is doing study abroad this upcoming term, in Turkey, Greece and Italy. **Chris Wilson** received his Eagle Scout award in December. **Robert Hardy** has finished his work out west. **Josh Dillingham** is enjoying school, and working at the best pizza place in Weaverville. **Jimmie Holland** continues to do well at West Point. **Adam Hewitt** is... well... **Adam Hewitt**. **Will Williams** is deciding where to go to pursue his doctorate. **Chris and Beth Maslin** have a new dog, **Ezra**, who visits with us at camp every day. **PK and Shelly Snead** have a new son, **Josiah**, who was born premature, and hopes to leave the hospital before long. Please continue to keep the Snead family in your prayers. **Paul Grass** recently visited Tampa, and was treated to an NFL game in **Brad Johnson's** private box! **Daniel Redding** has gone to work for Edward Jones Investments.

New website is up and running!

If you haven't checked out our new website, give it a try. There is lots more information on it than we used to have, and some streaming video as well. We're excited about everything that is happening with it, and believe it will be a great asset to us in the future. Many thanks to Chris Maslin for organizing all of the content for the site.

Keep checking the homepage for new surveys, etc., from time to time. Just recently, we had our Bowl Picks contest online, and a poll that asked you about what items you would like to see sold in the clothing store.



“Orange” you
coming to camp
this summer???

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Scholarship Donations

Many thanks to all of those people that have given to our scholarship fund over the years... the following folks gave after our recent mailout, and we'd like to thank them by mentioning them here:

In honor of:

- * Andy and Wendy Fletcher, by Landis Stanfield
- * Will and Maryanne Henderson by Dr. and Mrs. William G Henderson, Jr.
- * Ron Springs, by Pam and Marvin Hardy
- * David and Deborah Chapman by Dr. and Mrs. John L. Chapman
- * All Sioux Trailblazers by Laree A. Hensley

In memory of:

- * Lawton Brown, by Charles R. Dorsey, Jr.
- * Mrs. Sharon P. Baker, by Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Brown

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Jeff Davis
Howard and Elaine Schmitt
John and Mary Hall
Carla Moody
Andy Gann
Bootsey Page

Staff Reunion

This year our staff had a reunion after Christmas, a tradition that has been going on for many years... the following Ridgecresters attended all or part of the reunion:

Ron Springs, Chris and Beth Maslin, Connie Spitzley, Robert Suggs, Jackson Norton, Kenny Schmitt, Will Henderson, Chrissy Davis, Robert Hardy, Scott Suggs, Andrew Hull, Billy Jones, Michael Jones, Karen Lesser, Josh Harper, David Bell, Peyton Bell, Bobby Black, Kevin Vickery, David Lesser, Meredith Query, Corey Humphries, Adam Verlander, Daniel Eils, Josh Dillingham, Melena Whittington, Jennifer Carlyle, Jimmie Holland, Adam Hewitt, Nan Williams, Will Williams, Juan Navarro, Frank Johnson, Andrew Pressley, Travis Biro, Ryan Phillips, and Karen Neal.

It was a great time of fellowship and good eating... also, many of the staff enjoyed hours of fun playing on and around the frozen lake. After reunion, a number of our staff went to Lee County, Virginia on a mission trip, sharing the spirit of camp with children up there!

Bowl Pick Winners

Chris Maslin, in his first year of Bowl Picks, went 17-5, tied by only one entry, beaten by none. Ron Springs, in his umpteenth year of Bowl Picks, went a miserable 8-14, and was beaten by many!

The best score, at 17-5, was by Billy Klaus. He wins a free item from the clothing store this coming summer!

Winners of a free canteen were Shelby Kuespert (16-6), Shay Corbett, Matthew Fowler, Will Thornton, TJ Thornton, all (15-7); Jason Browning, David Lesser, both (14-8); Chip Summers, Drew Braswell, Jason Kennamer, Branch Haymans, Jeremy Browning, Adam Hewitt, Zachary Sims, John Allen, Stephen Miller, all (13-9); Zack Ayers, Matt Smith, Will Henderson, Travis Glass, Cameron Barnhardt, Scott Suggs, Jeremy Craddock, Van Rylander, Lawrence Wall, Thomas Sloan, Scott Luna, Josh Wren, Will Hardy, all (12-10); Chris Barnhardt, Nan Williams, Scott Brown, Will Cox, Robert Suggs, Jeremy Shreve, Eric Prizzia, Brant Taylor, Alexander Flint, Joseph Lesser, John Greer, Peyton Bell, all (11-11); Blake Nielsen, John Vereen, James Jackson, Hunter Barnhardt, Winston Clayton, Karen Lesser, Mark Vining, all (10-12); Lenorris Crabb (9-13).

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From the Prayer Room

A New Year has come, and many of us probably made New Year's resolutions... did you?

What were the ones you made? Did you resolve to lose weight? I make that one almost every year, especially after all the food I have eaten over the holidays! Did you resolve to be nicer to your brothers and sisters? Even though I'm well into middle age, I still have to make that one as well! Did you resolve to give up a bad habit? How about studying more... watching less TV... more

visiting folks face to face, and less instant messaging... any of those sound familiar? And have you broken your resolution yet? New Year's resolutions don't always last very long... we tend to give up or forget them.

Hopefully, many of you made some very meaningful resolutions this year... maybe you resolved to spend more time with God in prayer... maybe you resolved to read the Bible through this year... maybe you resolved to get more involved with the youth group in your church... maybe you resolved to make sure you do something nice for someone each week, without hoping for recognition in return... maybe you resolved

to share your love of Jesus Christ with a friend who is lost or hurting.

If you didn't make any resolutions like that, there's still time! You don't have to wait until the first of the year to start.... Do it now!!!

