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A NEW LOOK

After about 7 years, we have decided to re-design our website! We are very excited about the design which will be released just prior to the summer! The design will enable us to save money in the long run while adding some really fun features to

A WEEKLY DOSE OF CAMP

Do you have a Facebook Profile? How about a computer at home that is connected to the internet? We have good news! You don't have to physically be at Ridgecrest in order to be a part of camp. Here are a few ways to stay in touch: Weekly Devotion posted on our blog every Monday, Weekly Post "Just For Parents" on our Parent Blog each Wednesday, Question of the Week posted on our Facebook page every Thursday with the answer posted on Friday, and weekly camp updates posted on our blog and Facebook page throughout the week.

our site that you will enjoy. We hope to be able to include many more pictures, videos, and helpful info for you as a parent, as well as for your friends who are considering Ridgercest Summer Camps for their child.



More info on how to "follow" us can be found on our website!

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM WITHIN THE GATES OF CAMP RIDGECREST FOR BOYS

THE REDSKIN

SPRING 2012

HELLO 2012 CAMPERS!

We are incredibly excited about the upcoming summer, and are so glad that you are going to be a part of our camp family this year! If you have been to camp before, you know the exciting things that

await... if you are new to camp, you are going to have a great time with us! We've got all sorts of new and crazy things planned for all of you... can't wait until you get here! See you all soon!

YOUR TRIBAL LEADERS



APACHE - Vince Sapp

My name is Vince Sapp or Chief Tossing Tiger. This is my third year here at Camp Ridgecrest for Boys and I am currently studying history at the University of Georgia. My Favorite thing about camp is that it is one of the only places that boys are free to be boys and where adventure is applauded. This summer I am most looking forward to the Apache experiencing the Blob for the first time.



SHAWNEE - Eli White

Eli White aka Selfless Partridge here. I am a senior this year at Virginia Tech where I study mechanical engineering, and have had the pleasure of being around Camp Ridgecrest for 2 summers. My favorite thing about camp is getting to share life with so many awesome guys and learn more about Christ together. And of course some kickin' Shawnee chants!



CHOCTAW - Nathan Burkett

This will be my 3rd year at Camp Ridgecrest. I am currently studying communication at Mississippi State University. I am excited about getting back to camp for mudpit day with the Choctaw tribe. But my favorite thing about camp is getting to build real friendships with the campers to help show them what it means to be a true man of God.



ARAPAHO - Cade Sherman

This will be my 3rd year at Camp Ridgecrest, and I am studying civil engineering at Mississippi State University. My favorite thing about camp is showing kids that you can have the best time of your life while chasing after the Lord. I'm also pumped about midnight skating with my fellow Araps.



SIoux - EP Keller

This will be my 6th summer at camp, and I am a graduate of Clemson University. My favorite thing about camp has been both seeing campers come back every summer having grown more into the man they are going to be and Nibblenook.

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Upper Green Stage



Side Entrance to Spilman Lodge

New & Improved!

WHAT'S NEW AT CAMP?

Going into another summer at Camp Ridgercrest for Boys, we are pumped about some new things that you will get to experience soon! Some of these new things are physical changes. There will be new cabins on Shawnee and most of Choctaw Hill that look amazing and are almost ready for you to move into! We have also remodeled the small building on the upper green with a brand new stage that will be used for all kinds of camp activities! Every camper will get to see and enjoy this addition. You will also see a remodeled side entrance

to Spilman Lodge this summer! Used as a staff entrance to the kitchen, this area is seen by everyone as they walk to their Apache and Shawnee cabins. This project includes some custom stone work completed by our Director of Maintenance and Wood Working Instructor Marty! It looks awesome!

Of course all of the changes will not be physical. We are adding a new skill to the mix for 2012! Have you ever seen Stomp? Or perhaps someone drumming on a bucket or a metal trash can while sitting

on a park bench. I know you've always wanted to try it. Well, now you can! Look for more info on this unique Trash Line skill coming with your online skill packet this March.

And of course, your Tribal Leaders have already been planning some new and exciting activities yet to be seen here at Camp! We are all eagerly anticipating the arrival of summer and can't wait for another amazing summer at Camp Ridgercrest for Boys!

THE WELL



We are confident that God is going to do big things this summer, if we allow Him room to do so. The theme gives us a unique way to think about God and how He works in our lives. The theme for this summer is "The Well". The theme verse is Isaiah 12:2a, 3 – "Surely God is my salvation... With Joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." The well was a vital part of sustaining life for people in Biblical times. If you lived in that time, you would go to the well daily to draw water. It was a choice they had to make, and required action to

go and draw water - their lives depended on it. Similarly, we also make choices about what well we draw from to sustain our lives. There are many wells we could draw from – the well of sports, the well of school, the well of friends, the well of video games, the well of being popular... All of these fade away and leave us thirsting for more. Only the Well of Salvation brings true satisfaction and life. We have to make the decision and take action to walk to the well we choose. What well will you choose to draw from?

ONLINE SCAVENGER HUNT

We want to give you all a little activity to do to remind you of all of the fun things we do at camp! This is a little different than anything we have done before, but we have made an on-line scavenger hunt. Below is a paragraph about "My ideal day at Camp" but there are some blanks you will have to fill in. We will be posting a blog on Monday, April 9th at 5PM with all of the clues that you'll have to follow to fill in the blanks. Don't even think about cheating and filling in the blanks without the clues because some are tricky! The first person to turn in the correct answers

will get \$50 to the camp store for this summer. E-mail the answers to rscamps@ridgecrestcamps.com as soon as you have finished!

My Ideal Day at Camp

The first thing I want to hear in the morning is the sound of _____ and Ron's voice ringing loudly over the speaker. All morning when I am at skills I think about _____. That is just what I need to give me the energy I need for my favorite activity – sock war! The only problem is that I have a sweet

tooth, but that will be _____ by going to the _____ to get some Reese's Cups. After working up a sweat during sock war, it feels great to _____ into the nice cool lake. After free swim, a few friends and I go find _____ and start building the _____ so we can cook _____. But we can't hang around for too long because we get to go sing campfire songs with _____. There is no better way to end the day than to sit the fire and watch the _____ float into the starry sky.

RETURNING STAFF FOR 2012

Here's a list of staff that will be returning this summer.

Matt Stapp	Seth Ladd	Anna Johnston	Ryan Lewis	Tyler Kimbrough	Ben Brockman
Sam Pineda	Tory Singer	Christine Pineda	Josh Wren	Drew Boggess	Garret Robinson
Vince Sapp	Kevin Smith	Rustin Hamann	Thomas Taylo	Harrison Collins	Andy Strong
Eli White	Will Belue	Brandon Davis	Zack Ayers	Asa de Armas	
Nathan Burkett	Brian Hartsfield	John Mark Oliver	Tyler Valentine	Raleigh Cothran	
Cade Sherman	Mike Norris	Andrew Glynn	Steven Fuller	Chris Yenney	
EP Keller	Rebecca Davis	Dean Helton	Patrick Streeter	Mike Payne	

A MESSAGE FROM ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Camp changes. I don't know if you've been around camp long enough to notice yet, but camp does change. The faces change—Matt Verlander, Doug Swartz, Kelly Simpson, and Dave Berry might not even be names you recognize, but they were people that made camp the place I loved, the place where I grew and where I met Jesus. The buildings change—when I started at camp the Infirmary was that creepy building in the woods near Arap Hill, there was no Chapel, Swoll Shack or Crafts Cave and all the roofs were black, not green tin! The activities change—there wasn't a SALT program when I was a camper, nor was there Guerilla Warfare or paintball or a slide. But we did go spelunking, have a second Council Ring at the Closing Ceremonies, and went to the movies with Crestridge if we registered early.

Camp changes, and change is hard for the Alumni because we loved the Camp Ridgercrest where we grew

up, sung "Oh, You Can't Get To Heaven," learned how to build a fire, ate our first packet meal, met lifelong friends and encountered God. I haven't even been gone from camp that long; my last summer was 2008! Imagine what it's like for the guys who were campers in the 1970s—not to mention the 50s or 30s! The neat thing is, though, that while some things at camp do change, you're still doing much of what we used to do. You still meet Jesus after campfire, you still puke after Ironman, Blazers still sing the Overture when returning from the AT, Apache are still the great big—uh!—hairy chested men, and the best OA is still MudFest.

Sure, some things at Camp do change, but that's okay—even for us Alumni. Because the kinds of relationships you're forming with people, with God and with God's nature haven't changed a bit.

