



Council Ring News

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Dear Rockmonsters,

The fall of the year is such a fantastic time. Rockmont stands quiet among the glorious color of the mountains surrounding us. Those of us who remain cannot help but reflect back on what has to be ten of the best weeks we have ever experienced.

The camp has certainly never had a finer staff. The Tribal Directors (Bob, Buzz and Mike) were unbeatable! Didn't Candy do a fantastic job with the riding program?! Tom came through with his usual outstanding job at Crafts Cove. We are grateful for the efforts of Rich and Kevin. Even though we didn't always want to swim those laps these guys knew how to run a waterfront. Who else but Fred Dupre would have made the hike to Catawba Falls over twenty times so each of us could see the beautiful site? In the face of an ever impossible buying situation Mrs. Wagner, Willie Mae and Co. sure kept the food on the table in amazing fashion. We can't thank Nurses, Lucille Ross and Jamie Hudson enough for all they did. Dennis Stockdale sure worked hard keeping our skills straight. Some folks like Windy Martin, Lori Moore, Judy and Dave Fillpot, Dr. McFarland and the Work Crew made special contributions which certainly helped make Rockmont the special place it was this summer. The Counselors amazed me all summer. The amount of maturity combined with an amazing ability to have a good time made the Counseling Staff the best I can remember at Rockmont.

The reason all these folks got together was to share a growing, rewarding and meaningful experience with the campers who came to us this summer. George, Mary Ann and I along with the other wintertime staff owe each staff member, camper, parent and friend sincere thanks for their efforts and prayers.

Be assured, we will not be still long. The winter will again bring much travel, and planning for another outstanding summer season in 1974. I certainly hope you will all be with us again.



Your friend,

Paul

Paul T. Gwaltney



P. S. I wish to extend a special thanks to (Dr.) Bill and Edith Grice for coming in for several days and helping to "keep us sailing straight". Bill and Edith are with Campbells at Buies Creek, North Carolina.



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Dear Parents and Rockmonsters,

Greetings from Western North Carolina where the countryside is colored red, yellow, orange, and a hundred shades of autumn. I wish each of you could be here to share with us this "seasonal extravaganza".

Paul points out the success of last summer, well and rightly, gives recognition to the staff that so loyally supported him in his position of directorship. My thanks to each of those he recognized and to Paul for doing a devoted and outstanding job. The compliments have been received daily through the mail, phone calls, and visits. It is because of these compliments and satisfied clientele that we face a new season ('74) with utmost confidence.

Our greatest privilege during the summer season came as we could explain to those who came our way, God's overwhelming love for each camper and staff member. We pray that through example this story was told and that you or your camper was well pleased with this vital experience. A fun time and a meaningful experience was our objective and will continue to be for everyone who comes our way. I remember that God has lovingly allowed even the trials and has promised to cause all things to work together for our good. (Rom. 8:28). Again, with this assurance we approach the 1974 season and thank you again for helping to make the 1973 season so rewarding.

To the parents: Expect to receive a 1974 application with some interesting material that needs your prompt attention. We will eagerly hope to hear from you within the next two weeks.

Your good friend,

George W. Pickering



P.S. Those of us at Rockmont, Merri-Mac and Ahoy wish for each of you, our friends, a special Thanksgiving Season.

Left.....a legacy and a heritage
a legacy of courage
a heritage of service to her fellowman.....

Mattie Dent Pickering, known by so many in camp as "Mom Pickering", passed away August 4th. She was in Baton Rouge at the time and that came after a lengthy illness. As many of you know, she loved all there is in life - the mountains, the flowers, the trees, and their bright colors, children, the Bible, the stars, the kids singing, Camp Rockmont and Camp Merri-Mac and their campers. She is missed and memories of her will remain appreciated.



CHRISTMAS OFFER



As you know we are finding it necessary to increase our camping fee. After three years at the same old fee the cost of food and supplies is forcing this. This makes it all the more important for you to take advantage of the early registration and payment. You will be receiving information on the Christmas offer soon. Christmas gifts will be sent as usual to those who register early and considerable savings (10%) will be made if payment in full is in by January 1st. We hope each of you can take advantage of this. The main thing is to be assured of a place reserved for you in the coming camping season.

The new application will be sent to your folks by the 15th of this month. We will anxiously await the good news of "hold a spot for you".



The Cheyennes learned a lot in their skills. I enjoyed watching Mike VanHaaren, Tom Langston, and Sam Perry play basketball. Couldn't Murray Benton hit that tennis ball? By the end of the session, I understand that Hank Purser and Kevin Knight were ready to join the professional golfers association. Kenny Buck sure did know how to play soccer. For a sure shot in riflery, how about Greg Ferrell? I think Brian France deserves the honor of being our best high jumper. I can always picture Scott Burch, Larry Butts, and Blaine Wheeler as great swimmers, can't you? And didn't Todd White enjoy crafts Cove? I understand that Jul Budacz liked to demonstrate his strength. I know all you guys enjoyed the horse back riding program -- or was it the horse back riding instructor? Mike Ahart certainly loved horses and John McGuirt and Chris Cate soon became two of our best riders.

Hey, didn't we have a great time during our tribal activities? Wasn't Preston Porter always eager to play anything? Who can forget Doug Rotenberg who always played ping-pong in a Mark Spitz bathing suit? I guess our dodge ball champs are Jon Moore and Brad Keith. I'll always remember how rough and tough Buckner Smith was in Capture the Flag. When Jeff Farmer played capture the flag, the other team often found the flag gone. I remember how much Jim Stephens loved to hike. And speaking of hiking, I guess Todd Kendrick helped cabin six out the most during campouts.

Dam building was a major past time at Rockmont and the Cheyennes were definitely the chief builders. Jeff Maddock usually got more mud on himself than on the dam's wall. Kerwin Smith and Boynton Smith rank high on the list of most skilled water wizards. However, I'll always remember Erik Schonberg and Gus Stepehns as the most creative dam builders -- they used the Apache Indian method.

Lanyard making kept you guys busy, and Crafty too. I never saw anyone enjoy making lanyards as much as Rick Clements and Willis Renuart. I think Noah Breakstone is trying to make the world's longest lanyard while Trey Osborn is trying to sort out his supply of lanyard material. Cabin three's lanyard man was definitely Joey Arakas.

I personally enjoyed the tournaments the most. Wasn't John Nyitray a fine participant in the track meet. I was impressed by John Smith's effort in the 50 yard dash, Kevin McKeown's running of the 880 yard race, and Roland Hawkins participation in the entire track meet. Jeff McDonald sure was proud of his second place in the riflery match. I know Cary Vereen is also proud of his first place award in fire building. Will you ever forget that Ricky Galloway won a second place ribbon in the Cheyenne horseshow? With out a doubt, the man who enjoyed the tournaments the most has to be Dirk Boccook who almost caused the camp to use up all of its award certificates since he won so many tournaments.

Some of you campers were honored at Council Ring. Can't you hear the Big Chief now as he opens council ring? What spirit the Cheyennes had. Wayne Blackburn and Danny Raab certainly were good Braves. Charlie Carter, David Shockly, and Doug Carter deserved the honor of Warrior. I never saw anyone enjoy Council Ring as much as Steve Clontz. Camp Rockmont will remember Barry Taylor, Joey Davis, and Matt Montesi as three of the best Sons of the Cheyenne Chief. Didn't Carlos Arellano and Mike Martin do well as staffers on Camper's Day? I am proud of Robert "fire bug" Shuford who deserved the most improved camper award.

Wasn't Robert Penniman a great guy? Tommy Ray sure did like Snoopy. Steve Turcotte loved any comic book. Greg Smith almost caught a 24 inch bass. Goose of the session -- Steve Shock. Great fisherman -- Chris Russ. Fastest man to the table Robert Henderson. Best comedian -- Jim Cannon. Stan Abell and Tod Lawyer -- the candy men. How did Malcome Garner become "Joe Cool"? Larry Wolfe gave excellent devotions in cabin five. I hear Fred Clements had some pretty funny jokes to tell in cabin six.

First session sure did go by fast. Somehow the fun we had just seemed to continue into second session. I never knew a finer group of guys than you 75 doughnuts of second session. Didn't we have fun? Remember the rainy campouts to the Saddle and to Mitchell. We had more fun in the rain than in the sunshine--remember "murder the tribal director" that rainy night at the volley ball courts?? What fun we had! Hey, remember the great times Neil McGarvey had playing murder ball? I will always remember how much fun Scott Skinner had at free swims with his kick board and Bob Curtis's fine breast stroke. And didn't Andy McKenzie love to hike? I sure was glad to have David Hartnett at morning watch -- he was usually the only goose to sing. Remember the complete collection of salamanders and frogs David Webster and Chris Nesbett had? People who knew the Mt. Mitchell trail as well as Jay Barham sure made my job easier -- thanks. I can see Rusty King and Mark McKenzie really trying hard in Capture the Flag right now. Donald Gould helped cabin six a lot as they hiked to Mitchell. Speaking of that hike, remember Bruce Goodrich who stepped in every mud puddle on the way to Mt. Mitchell? And didn't Jay Matheson love to make pets out of anything that moved?

I think every Cheyenne enjoyed his skill classes. I understand that Marc Johns is the "around the world" champion in basketball while Roy Langston is one of the best dribblers around. Wasn't Lee Teichner the foosh ball champ? Allan McQueen should turn pro I hear. I was impressed by David Brown's love for horses, and eventhough it took Tom Johnson several days to find the stables he sure did do well in the horseshow. Our "Crafts Kook" is Jamie Wooten. I hear that Nick Pruett is skilled in the art of the squirt gun. Evan Jones always made lanyards after taps by flashlight. Craig Taylor and Frank Koconis sure had big collections of lanyards.

Remember the great tournaments? Mike McKelvey, Clifford Howell, and Bobby Meyers sure could run those long races. And didn't Pierce Kuhn out distance everyone in the Cheyenne Marathon? Remember Camper's Day? I hear Mike Cusumano did a great job as J.C. of cabin six. Clay Napper and Britt Heffernan did such fine jobs as counselors that Jim and Keith were almost not needed. I will always remember the great job Russ Valenti did as T.D. for the day. I think Will Dubose and Mark Rhoades were proud of being Sons of the Cheyenne Chief. I was glad Eric Pickering got Best Camper weren't you? Wasn't David White the only two weeker to earn the Son of the Cheyenne Chief award?

Remember the dent Charlie Dent put in parking lot hill? I can't forget how friendly Eric Brown always was. Robert Lynne sure did have a southern drawl. Mr. Fisherman -- Richard Langston. I'll never forget Noah Breakstone's smile. Mr. Barefoot -- Kerwin Smith. Jon Westberry sure was a man of a thousand faces -- right Tallahassee? Bill Curtis had a very unique laugh. I never saw anyone eat cake and drink lemonade faster than Dudley Simms. Remember how excited John Sory always got. How did Ken Wolff become a "mud-dober"? G.E. Light sure did like science fiction. Mr. Dry Humor -- Richard Bailey. Did Todd Bader really "belly dance"? Job Warshaw knew the Beatles' songs better than the Beatles. Mr. Hot Feet at the Rockmont dances -- Kent Greene and Stu Kocha. Most valuable plate scrapper -- Robert Landall. Rockmont's best English student -- George Soto. How did Mark Burnam end up with two flashlights while David Wall ended up with only one moccasin? I hear John Per-Lee's pajamas always got caught on some funny looking wires. Jon Potter had the biggest smile I have ever seen. I think David Rhoades and Sandy Keziah were two of the happiest guys at Rockmont. Cheyenne Spanish professor -- Carlos Arellano. Mr. Al Hirt -- Bailey Soyr. The Mad Magazine Man -- Tim Ripley. The Cheyenne playboy of the session -- Eric McClure. I don't see how John Nyitray survived the session with only one laundry bag. I understand that Keith Shugarman led the attacks on Lewis Wright in the great cabin sixty-five.

Well guys, I hope you can remember as many good times at camp as I can. I will never forget any of you. Have a tremendous school year and think about Rockmont often. I am already trying to return to camp for another great summer of fellowship. See you next summer.

Your pal always,
Bob

I hope you guys had as great a time at camp as I did. I will never forget all our great times such as kill the counselor in dodge ball and the beautiful hikes to Mt. Mitchell. Remember how much trash we cleaned up from the Cherokees at the half way house first session? I can't forget all the good times, but what sticks in my mind the most is of course you geeses.

Remember during first session that Davis McGuirt and Robert John Genins always worked the hardest for cabin one during inspection. And wasn't Burns Newsome a wonderful helped in every way? I won't forget Lance Whitehead who loved to play ping-pong even during cleanup. I could have looked the world over and not have found a better duster than Dick Newsome. Cabin six sure was lucky to have James Murphy who was willing to clean up that disaster area.



The Cherokees of 1973 were real standouts and leaders in the Rockmont Nation. Our honors ranged from first up Mount Mitchell, to messiest in the dining hall. We had a strong softball team coached by Frank Patterson, that was never defeated! Rob Saunders' basketball team humiliated Ridgecrest 32 - 8@ Our unbeatable staff of counselors ranged from upstate New Yorker John "Wongle" Windelberg to fellow Mississippians Tom Ross and Jim Clark, the Mississippi Mongoose who kept that rope bridge together. I was impressed at how much you campers liked that new man from L.S.U., Dickie Trahan.

Important contributors in that Roundball Route over Ridgecrest were David McFarland, John Borden (scc), and Bobby Benway (scc) along with "old man" Wade Buford, Tommy Smith (scc) and John Sandy (scc) scored quite a few points and really played a great softball games as well. MVP honors should probably go to Bill Turcotte, our star pitcher. Some less strenuous sports were popular in the Cherokee Tribe, too. Why, we could hardly keep Bert Marks (scc) away from the Chess board with Chris McRae and Nikky Albero.

Rockmonters developed a few unscheduled skills in 1973, including dam building by Mark Chris and Arthur Savage. Others like Kelly Conrad, J.D. Richmond, and Sid Maddock chose to build mudslides. You might have found David Graving there, too, but he was usually recovering from those green apples he ate.

Others took to the woods for their entertainment. Tad Perryman could always be counted on to head up a campout. Leading the way up Mount Mitchell were Billy Shuford and John Wilfong. Richard "DocProc" Proctor spent his time with crawfish while Mark Moynahan collected salamanders and Paul McAfee and Richard Smith went for those harmless black snakes. Jimmy Ruffin tried his hand at fishing, but ended up catching himself.

At the end of the session, Cherokees were allowed to compete with each other. David Newman and Tom Stanfill really shined in the tract meet. Some of the outstanding swimmers for the session were John Ray and Charles Collie, along with Will "Ladykiller" Perryman and Carl "Flipper" Albero. Constantly doing a good job for Candy at the riding ring were Anthony Everett and Randy Inscoc. I thought David Lazarus and Brooks Clark lived at the rifle range for a while, but it was Keith Ozaki (scc) who kept hitting the bulls eye in archery. Chris Hobbs and Jimmy Kirkland took tennis honors for the session. Eric Downes and Allen Butts had a great time in canoes, while Greg Meyer went along with Floyd James and Scott Singletary to camp Ahoy to do his boating. Ahoy was almost as popular as crafts cove, the favorite spot of Charles Holliman, Dick Kinsey and Keith Cooper. Tom Milford had his hands full with John Paul Ritter and Mark Stanback. AND Ricky Schockley (scc) built everything available, including a popsicle stick lamp.

There are a few guys I didn't mention in specific sports, but Leon Capel and Kenny Mobley seemed to be good all-around athletes, along with Britt Spivey, that avid UNC fan!

On Camper's Day, we were led by Edgar McCall (scc) and his staff which included among others, Robbie Clements, (scc) Bill "Wheel" Barrows (scc) and Bill Satterwhite (scc) our Best Sportsman. There were many others I remember well, like Cody Spinadel, with his homemade whip and Jerry Plough's olympic vocal chords. Can't you picture Mike Arakas snowing Merri-Mac girls with his tan and Ray Cline setting dates up for his sister? Guy "Superstud" Norris really killed the girls. Or maybe you remember "The Cat", David Nine, or Buddy Clontz looking for clothes in his new moccasins, or John Ludwig warning, "Tonight ve strike!" Raphael McCausland could beat most anyone in Columbian Ping-Pong, while Steve Hicks plucked "Deliverance" on his guitar. I know Rich and Jack Young will recall that THREE DAY HIKE WITH Currie McIver and Fred Dupree. Jeff Moses was here long enough to pick his golf game up, and Kevin Shaw made a few great lanyards. Did you think Herb Ormond would ever put that camera down? I'd love to see those pictures. I hope that enthusiastic Randy Kirkland got to play enough Capture the Flag. The guy who perhaps accomplished the most was our Most Improved Camper, William Borden (scc).

Nobody could have accomplished much without those unsung heros, the JCs. Jay Chwalik and Barco Davidson were always working together, with Bill Hymers not far away. Jeff Shaw taught us some great new songs, while Bob Wattenberger helped in everything. Again I thank Joe Clark and the rest of the Cherokee staff and campers for a fantastic first session. Come back in 1974!

Buz Martin
Cherokee Tribal Director

For second session our returning counselors Dickie Trahan, Tom Ross, John "Wangle" Windelberg and Frank Patterson greeted two new counselors, "Finehead Howell Nelson did a fantastic job with our two week cabin, while David Bruce led his men in cabin 12 to inspection honors for the whole session and Biltmore Dairies. Some thought the rain would slow the Cherokees down for second session but we sang the "Heavenly Sunshine" back and the session was greater than ever!

I was especially proud of the five guys who were named Son of the Cherokee Chief. Three were from Cabin 11 - Stephen Crouch, Craig Harte, and Sid Maddock. The honor also went to Tom Bailey, the Best Sportsman, and Stuart Crouch, the Cherokee TD on campers day.

Was it Cabin 7 that had so much enthusiasm? Don White and "Mr. Ping-Pong" Raphael McCausland brought their cabin victory, as did Jeff Payne in archery, though he was only a beginner. Wendell Magnon and Jim Owen reminded their counselor of home by speaking of Louisiana crawfish and cheering for LSU. Jim could sure heave that softball. Tim Gwaltney and Matt Marceron led the cabin on Campers' Day, while Tom Little thought only of golf lessons. Chris Smith had a great birthday, but he missed Allen Corbett and his "cool" wardrobe. Tom Kerr had so much fun in two weeks he decided to stay two more.

Across the hall in Thunderbird Lodge were David Hargarten and his buddy George Hefferman, who constantly threatened "I'm gona' punch yer lights out, boyl" Tom Trobaugh and Mark Gibson ran the crew on Campers' Day, and Greg Meyer returned from Ahoy to be a great Rockmont sailor. First place in the potato race on horses went to John Dryden, and Randy Taylor was the tribes best breast stroker. Nobody could believe that Mike Vareen swam a whole mile every day. Talented Mike Taylor played the role of "punk" in the talent show, but he got the last laugh. Mike also won the Pepsi Cola race in the horse show. Keith and Bryan Ballard had the distinction of being the first new campers in for second session.

It was hard to believe how Wonglebird's cabin 9 left the rest of the tribe behind in the tract meet. Mike Gross took top honors with four firsts, while John Edwards won the broad jump. (Do you remember the fish he put in Wongle's bathtub?) Sumner Mead was quite an athlete too. John Locke, on the other hand, was the champion backstroker and an expert football player, while Bill "Kung Fu" Fite was ready for action in any sport. Rounding out the "Cabin of the Johns" were John Moyle, our short-stop, and a great prospective running back, Mike Massey. Yes cabin 9 was full of talent, like Wayne Sluder's siren and Russell Davis' ability to consumer lemons in his tea. The cabin produced a great leader in the Campers' Day Tribal Director, Stuart Crouch.

Cabin 10 looked a little like the west coast of Florida combined with a little South Carolina for the first two weeks. Tom Dykstra impressed everyone with his diving, and Brooks Goodgame seemed talented in a lot of things, except hair combing. It always fell to the front. Will Woodham and Jake Jennings had the rare distinction of being promoted from Hunter to Brave in the same night. The cabin had an excellent horseman in Jody Hodgson, and Trip Stuckey really showed everyone how to keep on hiking on a tough Catawba Falls trip. By the way, we are indebted to Peter Moran for keeping those fires going on campouts. I never knew marshmallows would burn like that. I wonder if Scott Cavell ever took off that stars and stripes bathing suit!

Howell brought in a new and energetic crew in August that really stuck together. Maybe that ever-present smile on Chris Finley's face helped. Although Rhett Thornhill was almost put by the shot instead of his putting the shot, Clay Jones came through for the cabin with a second in the mile run. Hunter McGee was also a standout in the tract meet. He may have eaten some sawdust, but he sure made it over that high jump.

Sid Maddock moved up to Cabin 11 for the second session where he earned fame as a trumpeteer and expert lanyard maker, always willing to help. If you visited during rest period, no doubt you found smiling Billy Ney reading comic books and Bradley Cobb listening to his radio. Cabin 11 certainly had its share of champions as Bill Dunn walked away with the ping pong tournament, Sam Anderson outstripped everyone in the mile run, and Craig Harte was up-front in the potato race on horses. Camaron Corr was always the first man up in the mornings, so he often caught Guy Barnett checking his muscles out in the mirror. Mike Maxwell was never caught out of his coveralls. He had to wear something at night, because Dave Hampton kept kicking him out of bed! It was Farris Jahna who made a hit with Kim at the dance and Bobby Westberry who ran into a porcupine at Eden Rock (ouch!) The whole crew was led well by Steve Crouch on Camper's Day.

Now everyone remembers Cabin 12's distinction in inspection. There's no doubt that Mark Cloud helped out a lot by keeping out intruders during clean-ups. A great contribution was made to the softball team by shortstop Mark Teichner, left fielder Ken Price, third baseman Criag Cooley, and first baseman Chris Hobbs. I'll bet Chris' mom is enjoying that mosaic table top. And Tom Bailey was the Cherokees top scorer in basketball. Fred Dent really enjoyed Camp Ahoy where he learned to ski. Larry Mankins was a champion canoer, and Joe Blanchard was popular for his care packages. Harry Callier's tan and whistle really attracted the girls, but John - Blalock was the best dancer. A broken arm never kept John La Grone from reaching Scout, the Highest Cherokee ran. Steve Griffin was the cabins fisherman, while Jim Laney led the way on hikes with his hiking sticks. The cabin finally got to bed at night with Rod Miller leading the way to the bunks.

The Cherokees had an outstanding group of JCs including Theo "Pretzel" Etzel, Russell Elliot, and Gene Parker. We could never have finished the session without the constant energy of Mike McManus, Mark Miller and David Newman. I can't thank those fellows enough. Wendy and I thank everyone, campers included, for a great summer! Please come back again and again.

Buzz Martin
Cherokee Tribal Director



As far as my job at Camp Rockmont is concerned, I find the most difficult part is putting into words all the experiences encountered by you and me this past summer. We did so many things that will live forever in our hearts, I hardly know where to begin. My thanks goes to the greatest staff I have ever worked with. Perry Baker, Dirk Jordan, Bert Brimberry, Chuck Pickering, Wally Sturgis, Ray Bell, and Jim (Boomer) Wishon. This summer's tremendous success could not have been without these fellows.

As I am sitting here reviewing your names and looking over the counselor reports, I am remembering the great times we had and am already looking forward to seeing you again next summer.

I will never forget the Championship football tournament when Chris Eskra defeated current champion Jim Bobo, as Bill Blackburn and Steve Short cheered wildly from the side lines. Then there was that Yonalahosse dance, in spite of our little trouble with the bus, Mark Logan, Lewis Clements and Tom Martin are good examples of what dance leadership will do when we all need a spark. Bill Kleis hurt his toe on the diving board? George Dorr, Irwin MacKenroth and Tyson Richmond leading hikes and campouts with David Calhoun still telling his campfire stories. Brant Burns and Kent Bobo--maybe they are at crafts--with Gary Macdonald and Bob Bruce--did those guys ever eat? Richard Straughn can hit the center of any rifle target---Robbie Moore running the library--why isn't he building dams with Chris Uzee or Charlie Long or Bud Moore?

With good workers like Hill Turner, Dave Eskra, John McKay, and Boyd Hawkins, I can't understand why 13 didn't always win inspection. Could it have been Chris Ellison and Bob Garrison were always playing basketball---Bill Benton, when is my next guitar lesson? It really makes me glow when Paul Martinez came to camp from Mexico and fellows like Allen Penniman and Dave Blackburn made him feel at home.

Mike Crain and his funny sayings---Randy Cate liked to camp out when he left---Philip Crews giving me piano lessons, Ramon Soto telling stories of Santa Domingo. -- Adam Breakstone playing jokes on me--Roy Griffin shooting basketball---Dan Mauney, Richard Michellis, Norman Pone, Tom Miller . . . what did you guys think of Comanche ball? Gonzalo Arellano leading the volleyball team---Rene Paysee always offering me a helping hand. Coby Nungesser has another package? . . . Mike Scott, are you picking on Chuck? Did anyone ever catch superfly Doug Tyler in capture the flag? Paige Hatton and Robert McLean waiting for the Merrri-Mac dance---Mark McKell, did you step on Ed Conrad's bed? Ken Lewis--MOST IMPROVED CAMPER, Barney Surels could not eat more food than I---Woody McClintock is with Kevin Boese at the barn---Joe Gardner, Mark Farmer, and Jim McPague leading the basketball team, Ettore Biagoni, Jim McKeown, Bill Hattaway and Bill White leading the swim team with Todd McClean and Bart Butler--a couple of good lifeguards standing by. Tom Henderson--chop man of 19, Parker Westbrook--get out of bed, Chuck Flournoy--4th of July drill team, Chris Ohweiler the "hat," Lewis Pope--get off the tractor; these are to list but a few of our experiences.

Next come the Little Chiefs--chosen by fellow campers to be a leader and prime example of a good camper. Next is a list of the new little Chiefs--congratulations to Holly Grim, Steve Snyder, Dave Weems, Kelly Davis, Alex Lundy, Mark Murrell, Chuck Stringer, Steve Scott, Joe Nohren, Dan Snellings, Hoyt Hamilton, John Bellows, Lee Olive, Bill Burke, Jamie Gardner, Tom Martin, Kennon Borden. Fellows I sincerely hope that you will strive to live up to your expectations. Jim Eaton attained the rank of Brother of Little Chief. Thanks to John Stephens, Greg Taylor and the other old little chiefs--you all did an excellent job. Special congratulations goes to Tim Hardin who was awarded the rank of Chief, the highest honor awarded to little chiefs at Camp Rockmont.

Fellows--its was a tremendous first session. Best of luck to all of you, keep your grades up, and I hope to see you next year.

Fellows, I must admit that when second session started, I was a bit skeptical that this session could match the first---gentlemen, I was wrong--not only did it match the first. . . some say it surpassed it. The main point is: Camp Rockmont has once again closed the doors on an unbelievable summer filled with fun, excitement, adventure, and learning for us all. The following is a recollection of my memories and counselors' memories of you.

First, let me thank Charles Grey, Dirk Jordan, Gary Lancaster, Randy Moore, Joe Bell, Ray Bell, and Jim (Boomer) Wishon for doing a par excellent job.

Let's get down to business---Nat Macon won't get out of bed? . . . Bart Green beat his counselor in tennis . . . Howard Falcon and Rick Balte without a soccer ball? . . . Charlie King, Adam Chambers, and Chris Bailey--pro fisherman . . . don't let me forget Jim Hubbard and his 3 lb. bass...Martin Dryden, MOST IMPROVED. Dan Buchanan, Charlie Ambrose, Paul Keener, and Norman Pope always at crafts . . . David Jahna loved to sleep and Jay Potter talks in his sleep . . . Rusty Sands, Arden Barnett clean up-- then play the sax . . . Scott Bader left half of his stuff here for next year . . . John McLean take that Dolphins shirt off . . . Paul Martinez and Scott Dayton always hiking around . . . Billy Clifford, best high jumper . . . Cam Goodman, Bruce Brockhouse and Barry Birkmeyer always at council ring . . . Tom Muldoon and Bob Lucas--a couple of good archers . . . Mark Bauman, Jerry Montsalvatge, Andy Lowrey, and Bill Delaney--the lady killers at the dances--along with Bill Leib and Cliff Bogue---I was worried about getting myself a date . . . Ray Simpson, Lewis Pope, Rip Ripley, Mike Oliver and Lee Wagner tackling me in comanche ball . . . you got a question? ask David Hoffman. . . Chris Uzee and Faris Potter playing tricks on me again . . . Mike Barry, John Taylor, Robert Owen, and John Hubbard and the rest of 15 had a great experience of living with Gonzalo Arellano and Felo Armada--two campers from foreign countries . . . John Curtis and his lanyard . . . Bob Garrison, Houston Ripley, Spencer Clark, and Frank Jackson leading the softball team, Bo Howell helping with morning watch.. Grey Hampton and Bobby Kim playing a lot of basketball, Robert Clark and Brad West eager to hike---Rob Kuhn building a dam...Andy Abrahams wrestling with Dirk . . . Jim Moore and Nat Macon Reading comic books . . . Jim Donaldson and Jim Hartnett found only with the horses. . . Keith Brockhouse telling ghost stories to Adam Breakstone and Billy Sears. . . Mike McGarvey another fisherman. . . Robert Miller, Brett Magnon, and Scott Payne--let's keep this place straight . . . Ramon Soto likes boiled bananas? . . . Dexter Ostling really improved in his skills . . . thanks to John Howell, Dan Lucas, and all of the other old little chiefs for their work at council ring . . . James Benfield--the fish . . . Dan Berbusse and Tony Brown who took pride in working to do a good job . . . Alex Macdonald was hard to find in you didn't look at crafts . . . Scott Humphries kept every one in the cabin straight . . . Mike MacMahon was kicked by a horse . . . Bret Chambers Best Camper . . . brother Jeff Chambers took over my job Campers Day . . . Bill Byrd--2nd in tennis tournament . . . Bill Baillie whom I always saw with his visor on . . . Mike Harley and Kent Evans--have you heard from those girls at Merrri-Mac? . . . Mark King loved to sleep out . . . Richard Hinkley let's get this cleaned up . . . Zed Howell and Dave Niebuhr giving me helpful suggestions--a trait of honesty and sincereness we could use more of . . . Gus Armada and Jim Berbusse--are you guys setting another trap for Boomer????????????????

Steve Roberts and his back flip on the board, Preston Kuhn--the man who never lost his smile . . . John Bellows and Fred Hartt wrestling me in the water . . . Ken Gowdy and Dino Belotti drilling the eye out of the basketball net . . . Tim Carroll--the little man with a big heart--a trait our society lacks today as a whole, Ralph Hartt running through everybody in Comanche ball . . .

Men, I'm not going to say good-bye . . . just take it easy until the summer rolls back around and I hope you all can come back. Here are a few things I want you to remember: keep your grades up, set yourself goals and work for them, and use your time wisely--time is your most important possession--you never know when it will run out and once it has passed, you cannot use it again. Best of luck.

Mike Coston
Comanche Tribal Director



NEWS ITEMS



We have a new neighbor! Mary Ann and Loren Moore, Lori and Jon have moved into their lovely new home they built on the mountain above the barn. Mary Ann of course, continues to manage our office and we are grateful to have her as a neighbor.

Bob Ellison came by recently and reported that he and our Wake Forest Counselors David Newman, Wally Sturgis, John Windleberg and Mark Miller are all doing well.

Jamie Hudson has just left for a two months stay in Europe.

Tom Milford is keeping busy building bunks in Arrowhead Lodge like the ones he built in Cabin # 1.

An article recently appeared in Parade Magazine entitled "How to Succeed in Business Before You're 25". Paul Bouchard originally from Baton Rouge, a camper at Rockmont and who built the first totem pole (just replaced this summer) was among those given as examples. Paul began selling sweaters in college. He now runs his own chain of Little Norway Import Shops.

New Addition to Rockmont Winter Staff! Zoe and Simon are expecting new additions to their family. If all goes as "suspected" we will have a picture in the next newsletter.

Ray Bell writes that he is now living in Jacksonville, Florida. After two days in the new home he had to have an emergency appendectomy. All is well now.

Bert Brimberry came by for the weekend to see the fantastic color we have this fall. We enjoyed the visit even if Bert did get a ticket on Paul's motorcycle which he left for Paul to pay.

Jane Montgomery was married in a lovely ceremony Saturday November 3rd. The lucky guy was Paul Whitcell.

Good news for the Pickerings: George "Chuck" Pickering II is attending Asheville School for Boys and has been accepted into Vanderbilt for the fall term 1974. Jennifer was voted the best looking "witch" on Halloween night. She is a full-fledged Merri-Macer. Sings those camp and tribal songs all the time. Lex is home from Orlando and assisting in getting the camp ready for the winter and next summer.. Janie and George are enjoying the visits of many camp friends that pass this way from time to time. They say that a large part of the joy of living in these mountains is having friends come by. "Be sure not to pass this way without dropping in".

REFLECTIONS OF THE '73 SEASON FROM A ROCKMONT CAMPER*



Dear Mr. Pickering,

I really enjoyed your camp this year, this was the first time I had gone to a camp and I thought I would hate it but I really liked it.

The food was terrific, the cabins and bunks were very comfortable and there was everything there that I had ever hoped for at the camp a fantastic crafts shop and even sailboats, this is the first time I had ever tried to sail and now can any small sailboat you want expertly.

Then there was the ski camp which I loved, I have always slalomed but really learned the right way at the camp and the boats and the instructors were really experienced, it really made me feel great to think I could learn so much at camp when I thought I wouldn't learn a thing.

Everything was just great the way I would fall right asleep as soon as I hit the sack, because it usually take me several hours to fall asleep. But the camp has done more than just help me do things better, it has helped me grow up to be someone my parents trust, Your camp is just great, see you next year.

Sincerely,

Bill Baillie



*Received in camp office November 2nd - An adequate expression of the typical letter received following the summer season - Thanks Bill.

CAMP ROCKMONT TENTATIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND SUGGESTIONS - PLEASE MAKE THEM! ANOTHER COPY WILL BE SENT OUT WITH DETAILS BEFORE THE SHOWINGS. AGAIN, YOUR HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED.

WANTED !!

IN MANY OF THE TOWNS THAT WE VISIT, A PLACE IS NEEDED FOR THE SHOWING OF THE CAMP FILM AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE EACH OF YOU AND MEET YOUR INTERESTED FRIENDS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE US IN YOUR HOME FOR THIS OCCASION, PLEASE DROP A NOTE. THE VISITS WE MAKE TO THE VARIOUS TOWNS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE LIFE OF ROCKMONT FOR IT IS THROUGH THESE MEETINGS THAT WE MEET NEW CAMP PROSPECTS.

1973

<p>NOV.</p> <p>4 SUN</p> <p>5 MON</p> <p>6 TUES</p> <p>7 WED</p> <p>8 THUR</p> <p>9 FRI</p> <p>10 SAT</p> <p>11 SUN</p> <p>12 MON</p> <p>13 TUES</p> <p>14 WED</p> <p>15-18</p> <p>19 MON</p> <p>27 TUES</p> <p>28 WED</p> <p>DEC.</p> <p>2 SUN</p> <p>3 MON</p> <p>4 TUES</p> <p>5 WED</p> <p>6 THUR</p> <p>9 SUN</p> <p>JAN.</p> <p>5</p> <p>6</p> <p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p>	<p>GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA</p> <p>ATLANTA, GA.</p> <p>ATLANTA, GA. <i>(Macieha)</i></p> <p>ATLANTA, GA.</p> <p>TUPELO, MS.</p> <p>OXFORD, HOLLY SPRINGS, MEMPHIS</p> <p>MEMPHIS, TENN (A.M.) CLINTON, MS. (P.M.)</p> <p>JACKSON, MS. (AFTERNOON) VICKSBURG (P.M.)</p> <p>*NEW ORLEANS, LA.</p> <p>*NEW ORLEANS, LA.</p> <p>*BATON ROUGE, LA.</p> <p>BATON ROUGE, LA.</p> <p>MOBILE, ALA.</p> <p>NASHVILLE, TENN.</p> <p>JACKSON, TENN.</p> <p>*DURHAM, N. C.</p> <p>*CHAPEL HILL</p> <p>*RALEIGH, N. C.</p> <p>*CHARLOTTE, N. C.</p> <p>*SALISBURY, N. C.</p> <p>HICKORY</p> <p>DUBLIN, GA.</p> <p>WAYCROSS, GA.</p> <p>PONTE VEDRA</p> <p>ORMOND BEACH</p> <p>WINTER PARK, ORLANDO</p> <p>LEESBURG, Ocala</p>	<p>11-12</p> <p>13-14</p> <p>15-16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20-21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23-25</p> <p>26</p> <p>27</p> <p>28</p> <p>29</p> <p>30</p> <p>FEB.</p> <p>20-22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>MAR.</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>55</p> <p>8-10</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>17</p> <p>27</p> <p>28</p>	<p>*TAMPA</p> <p>*CLEARWATER</p> <p>*TAMPA</p> <p>WINTER HAVEN</p> <p>NAPLES <i>Bahamas</i></p> <p>*PALM BEACH</p> <p>BOCA RATON</p> <p>*MIAMI</p> <p>STUART, VERO BEACH</p> <p>*LAKE CITY</p> <p>*MOULTRIE, GA.</p> <p>ATHENS, GA.</p> <p>ROCKMONT</p> <p>ATLANTA, GA. - ACA CONVENTION</p> <p>*ATLANTA</p> <p>*ANNISTON, ALA.</p> <p>*DURHAM</p> <p>*CHAPEL HILL</p> <p>*RALEIGH</p> <p>HUNTINGTON, W. VA.</p> <p>OXON HILL, MD.</p> <p>BETHESDA, MD.</p> <p>WILMINGTON, DEL.</p> <p>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</p> <p>WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.</p> <p>BISHOPVILLE, S. C.</p> <p>ROCKMONT</p>
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PAUL T. GWALTNEY THE DIRECTOR OF CAMP ROCKMONT WILL BE MAKING MOST IF NOT ALL VISITS TO EACH TOWN OR CITY. GEORGE WILL BE IN THE STARRED PLACES. IN MOST CASES, WE NEED A PLACE TO MEET. IF YOU CAN HELP US, OR IF WE HAVE MISSED YOUR TOWN, PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU. THANKS!



BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA 28711