

CAMP CRESTRIDGE ALUMNAE & FRIENDS



Spring Edition

March 2018

Maintain the Memories Schedule

May 25th - 27th, 2018

Friday-May 25th, 2018*

5:30 Dinner at Camp

7:00 Board Meeting in the Dining Hall—Everyone is welcome to attend.

*The Staff will be returning to Crestridge and spread throughout Camp during this time doing some Small Group talks. We're to try and remain in the central area this year hoping not to disrupt this special time.

Saturday- May 26th, 2018

8:00 Breakfast in the Dining Hall with the Crestridge Staff

8:45 Meeting in Dining Hall

9:00 CCAF Work Projects begin

12:00 Lunch in the Dining Hall with the Crestridge Staff

1:00-5:00 Work Projects continue with the Crestridge Staff

Dinner on your Own - Enjoy Black Mountain

7:00 Campfire and S'mores

9:15 CCAF Snack Time for the Crestridge Staff in the Dining Hall

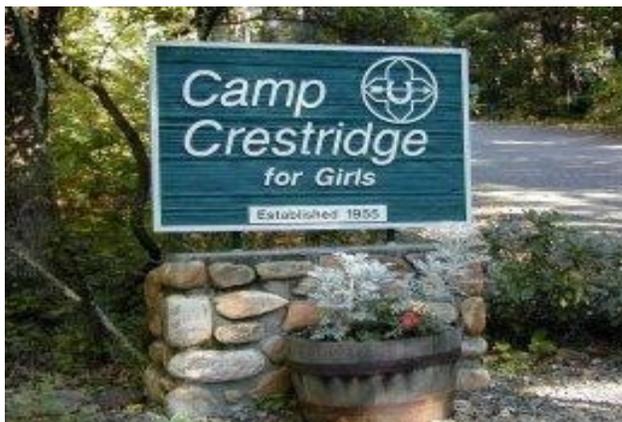
Sunday- May 27th, 2018

Breakfast on your own

8:30 Chapel Service with the Crestridge Staff

9:00 Prayer Walk throughout Crestridge

10:00 Depart/Continue Work Projects



*"I am determined to
be invincible
'til He has finished
His purpose in me.
And nothing shall
shake me
For He'll never
forsake me
And I am determined
to live for
the King.*

~I Am Determined

**I lift my eyes toward the mountains.
Where will my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

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The mountains rise and point our thoughts to high ideals . . .

Scholarship Endowment Funds - Let's Make Them Grow!

In 2007, Crestridge Alumnae voted to form a Scholarship Endowment Fund and designated the annual interest for camp scholarships each summer. To encourage donations to this fund, donations totaling \$10,000 in honor of or in memory of an individual or family would create a named scholarship. Donations toward a named scholarship can be made by multiple donors. **This fund has now grown to \$280,000 and generated \$9,200 towards scholarships in 2017. Additional donations directly to the scholarship fund enabled us to provide \$20,000 toward full or partial scholarships in 2017.**

Fourteen named scholarships have been fully funded as follows:

In honor of: Johnnie Armstrong, Janie Belue & Marva Rawlings, Burkett Family Fund, Ramey Driggers & Kara Cooley, Sallie Driggers & Willa McGimsey, Hege Family Fund, & Ron Springs/Ridgecrest Summer Camps, Logan & Morgan Flecke, Mama Ruth Burkett

In memory of: Ginnie Burriss, Tad Driggers, Maggie Lee Henson, Judy MacMillan, Julie Parkerson

Additional donations have been made in honor or memory of the following & open for anyone to contribute to:

In honor of: Jean Landrum, Lori Angell Langway & Jill Angell Reynolds, Jessica & Kelly Lipscomb, Lydia Adams Maupin, Abby & Molly Smith, Robyn Lindsay Wilson, Young Family Fund, Karen Stitt & Megan & Chris Yenney

In memory of: Arvine Bell, Lucille Belue, Carolyn Bridger, Jim Buchalski, Mother of Nancy Cothran, Adrienne Wade Hollis, Elizabeth Kolsch, Nancy Britt Roberson, Rosemary Smith, Susan Stitt Yenney

Donations can be made by check & mailed to: PO Box 2128, Matthews, NC 28106 **OR** via PayPal thru the website—

<http://www.crestridgealumnae.com/donate.php>. Choose Scholarship Endowment Fund and in comment box specify honoree or person to be memorialized.

Susan Nielsen—Treasurer, Camp Crestridge Alumnae & Friends (susniels2000@yahoo.com)

How to Sign up for Maintain the Memories 2018

It is time to sign up and make plans for MTM weekend 2018!

When: May 25—27, 2018

Where: Ridgecrest Conference Center and Camp Crestridge

o Our rooms are Royal Gorge this year. There is 1 Queen bed and 3 sets of bunks in these rooms (sleeps 8).

o Cost for Royal Gorge rooms will be \$49 each night.

(Note: if you want to stay in Mountain Laurel Inn, the cost will be \$109 each night and you are responsible for booking. Call 800-588-7222 for reservations.)

o Please be sure to register with us! Even if you are not staying at the Conference Center, we need to know the numbers to expect for meals. **Please RSVP no later than April 30th!**

How to RSVP: To RSVP, please go to this website: <https://goo.gl/forms/Dyy9glYyv9mVIZI42>

Email Sarah Knowles at sarahcknowles@gmail.com if you have any questions!

**SIGN UP
NOW!**



A look back at Cherokee Wilderness!

If you were a part of camp's **Cherokee Wilderness** program in the past, and want to share your memories, please email Robyn Wilson at robyn.wilson2@gmail.com.





In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...

And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1



Cherokee Wilderness Returns!

Camp Crestridge has some exciting news for the 2018 summer sessions - they are bringing back the Cherokee Wilderness program! This program originally started during the summer of 1995, where the challenge of growing at Crestridge in our 4 areas of growth: spiritually, physically, socially, and mentally was taken to whole new level. This program was designed to give Cherokee campers an experience outside the gates of camp. Each session, ten campers, along with their highly qualified supervisors departed camp and participated in a variety of activities. These activities included canoeing on the Toe River, camping in the Shining Rock Wilderness area, hiking and camping on Roan Mountain, going to Mount Mitchell, and climbing in Linville Gorge. This program was not only filled with adventure, but it was also highly educational and spiritual.

Every aspect of Camp is filtered through the five core values: individual growth, safe places, evolving traditions, Gospel unity, and purposefully unique experiences. Cherokee Wilderness fully embraces each of these values. Each individual will have the opportunity to deepen their faith through the increased responsibility and physical demands that this program offers. A new cabin is being built for the Wilderness campers for days they are in camp. Involvement in the Belle test will still be permitted for these girls. This year, Camp Crestridge is restarting Cherokee Wilderness to truly impact lives through discipleship and adventure from a different perspective.

“70 KILOMETERS AT 70 YEARS” HIKE IN HONOR OF JOHNNIE ARMSTRONG

Eddie Cole first came to Crestridge as a 16 year old Kitchen boy in the early 60s and learned some valuable life lessons that not only helped shape him into an incredible leader, teacher, coach, and Christ-follower; but also put him in contact with some lifelong brothers and sisters in Christ. When I first met Mr. Cole a few summers ago I was truly inspired by his joy for life, his faith in the power of prayer, and his servant’s attitude. He truly captures the heart of an Alumni,, and inspires us all to do what we can to give back to a place that continues to share God’s word through discipleship and adventure.

Mr. Cole contacted me this year in hopes of honoring a very special lady who helped build the core values of and continues to mirror the Crestridge spirit in her everyday life, Ms. Johnnie Armstrong. Mr. Cole is celebrating 70 years of life this year and wants to honor Ms. Johnnie by hiking 70 kilometers this summer. He will be hiking from Neel Gap, Georgia to Amicalola Falls on the Appalachian Trail, approximately 42 miles or “70 kilometers”. He would appreciate support from his fellow alumnae in his journey across the mountains, through prayers for camp, as well as making donations towards the Endowment Fund in honor of Johnnie Armstrong.

Mr. Cole states, “I wanted to do something as a tribute to the one who inspired me to do things the ‘right’ way.” I know Ms. Johnnie has always inspired those around her and truly is a light of encouragement to campers and staff across the years.

As Eddie Cole begins his hike on Memorial Day this May, please keep him and Crestridge in your thoughts and prayers, as many adventures in our beloved mountains get underway this summer. To donate towards his cause visit our website at <http://www.crestridgealumnae.com/donate.php> or send donations to CCAF PO Box 2128 in Matthews, NC 28106.

(by Kathleen Hobbs)



Volunteers Please!

Here's a terrific opportunity to give back in a helpful way, and get to visit Crestridge at the same time. CCAF loves to provide volunteers on Opening and Closing Days. We help with everything from Registration, to the CCAF Closing Day table, luggage, parking—they name it; we do it!

Opening Days for 2018 are:

1st Session—June 3rd, 2nd Session—June 17th, 3rd Session—July 1st,
4th Session—July 15th & Starter Camp—July 29th

Closing Days for 2018 are:

1st Session—June 15th, 2nd Session—June 29th, 3rd Session—July 13th,
& 4th Session- July 27th

Please email us at kleen.hobbs@gmail.com to sign up for a day surrounded by Green and White!

Save the Date . . . Camp Crestridge is having it's 65th Anniversary Reunion in 2019!



Our 65th reunion will be here before we know it! Go ahead and set aside time in your 2019 summer to be at camp. As always, it will be a time to see old friends, meet new ones, a time to reminisce about old camp days, and see the exciting ways Crestridge is growing and changing!

"With my feet on the ground and my heart attune, I shall reach for the stars."

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