

# CAMP CRESTRIDGE ALUMNAE AND FRIENDS



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## INTRODUCING ... THE NEW BEEHIVE!

WE DID IT! Last fall, construction crews took down the existing Landsports Hut and Store. The new building is up and they are finishing the inside. This building has officially been named “The Beehive” for several reasons. First, it was the name of the first free-standing Crestridge Store, a small building behind the dining hall. The name Beehive also fits with the bear mascot theme of camp. In addition, a beehive is an intensely busy place with bees buzzing in and out. Our hope is that the new building will be a center of activity at camp providing a great gathering spot for campers, staffers, and visitors. The Beehive has three levels with the main floor housing a beautiful new store, the Crestridge Museum upstairs, and a basement storage space for sports equipment.

We (parents, friends, alumnae, staff, and campers) have raised \$129,000 toward the cost of the building. Lifeway has provided \$35,000 in capital funding, and an additional \$25,000 private line of credit has been offered to CCAF to cover additional costs including landscaping, lighting, archival quality displays for the museum, dehumidifiers, climate control, and paved sidewalks. Many of these costs will be ongoing as items continue to be donated and collected for the museum and as the current holdings are maintained for future generations.

Please continue to support this successful and ambitious project by:

- Sponsoring a rocking chair for the porch of the new building. For \$250, an engraved nameplate will be placed on a brand new rocking chair that you provide. The wrap-around porch will hold 59 rocking chairs, so we need lots of these! You can order yours on the website ([www.ridgecrestcamps.com/girls/alumnae](http://www.ridgecrestcamps.com/girls/alumnae)) or use the form on page 2.
- Purchasing a stepping stone to honor individuals, families, friendships, occasions, etc. Check the CCAF website to purchase a stone or use the form on the back of this newsletter.

Our goal is to have funds available to cover all costs for the new building and thus prevent the need to use the line of credit. Members of the CCAF board have made four-year pledges for this project; will you do the same?



*Built in the same style as the new Bear Trap, the Beehive will be ready and waiting for campers this summer.*



*Help fill the Beehive porch with rocking chairs—see page 2 for order form!*

Johnnie Armstrong, *ex officio*  
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 Susan Cheatham  
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# Maintain the Memories 2012!

**This year, we're saving money by not sending a separate postcard about Maintain the Memories – so listen up!! Here's the scoop:**

Please join us as we gather **May 26-28** to spruce up camp for the summer. Lodging and meals are available at the Conference Center for \$39 per night and \$4 for meals. You can purchase meal tickets for Saturday breakfast and dinner and Sunday breakfast and lunch when you check in the conference center.

The weekend will begin Friday evening with a cookout provided by camp followed by a board meeting. All are invited to attend the board meeting. Saturday lunch will be pizza in the dining hall.

For details and to reserve your room, please contact Karen Stitt at [stittkaren@yahoo.com](mailto:stittkaren@yahoo.com).

Please let Karen know you're coming even if you're staying elsewhere. Check the Facebook page for more details - Camp Crestridge Alumnae & Friends.

Donations for the weekend help cover supplies and are greatly appreciated.

**AND – Here's a special offer!** An anonymous donor will pay for rooms at the Conference Center (a \$78 value) for the **first 10 new families** who tell Karen Stitt ([stittkaren@yahoo.com](mailto:stittkaren@yahoo.com)) they are coming to Maintain the Memories. All you'll have to pay for is meals. Here's the deal:

1. A family must be two or more people, and
2. It must be the family's first time coming to the work weekend, and,
3. The family must stay both Friday and Saturday nights.

Each new family will be recognized as first-timers by Johnnie Armstrong or CCAF Board President Susan Nielsen on Saturday morning at the beginning of the work day.

So, if you've never been to MTM and want to bring the family this year, let Karen Stitt know ASAP! Two families have already signed up, so don't wait!

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## BEEHIVE ROCKING CHAIR

To donate a rocking chair for the porch of the new Beehive, please fill out the form and return it with your check to in the amount of \$250 to CCAF, PO Box 22038, Lexington KY 40522-2038.

Purchaser's name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription for plaque (please PRINT legibly):

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Rocking chairs may also be ordered online through our website: [www.ridgecrestcamps.com/girls/alumnae](http://www.ridgecrestcamps.com/girls/alumnae) (click on "Store")

# The dream becomes a reality



*The old building was originally the infirmary, then a staff lounge before being used as the camp store. The land-sports hut was behind it on the left.*



*It took only about 15 minutes to knock the old buildings down last September.*



*Progress continued through the fall and winter. Mild weather helped a lot.*



*Decades of camp history and treasures, lovingly preserved by Sandy Brown Lovette, now have a permanent home on the top floor of the Beehive.*



*The inside has wood floors and paneled walls, just like many other buildings around camp. There's a lot more room for clothing and candy sales on the main floor — and a much-needed bathroom..*



*Hmmm. This picture lacks something — campers!! Can't wait to see them buzzing around the BEEHIVE!*

## *What It's All About* *by Melinda Jay Norman*

Last spring, I sat in an Alumnae Board Meeting, listening to a discussion concerning the “main purpose” of our group. Every item was impressive: new buildings, fun merchandise, and alumnae communications. But the singular, primary, No.1, central focus—scholarships! Our, your, *Alumnae and Friends, Inc.* exists to make sure girls get to go to camp. It really did not take long for us to arrive at this conclusion.

A scholarship is simply a “touch” for the Kingdom. It is a tool for us to make Him

known. Little is much when God is in it! Here’s the thing! Each year Camp Crestridge Alumnae and Friends provides scholarships that enable girls to attend camp. These scholarships are provided in part from the annual dues collected.

Dues? I think I sent that in this past January. This is the conversation I have with myself several times a year. Many of you have the same conversation. Such a simple task and yet so often neglected. Our dear Camp Crestridge has always been there, will always be there. I’ll do it later.

STOP! Right now ... find that pink card. Or go online ([www.ridgecrestcamps.com/girls/alumnae](http://www.ridgecrestcamps.com/girls/alumnae)). Pay your dues. If you can, consider an additional gift. But make sure that at the very least you send in your dues. This simple action is multiplied many times over in the hand of the Father.

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*And the winner is ...* Martha Perry Morgan, who won \$50 in CCAF merchandise. Martha’s name was drawn from among the 148 who paid their 2012 dues by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

## *Scholarship & Endowment Update*

The first priority of CCAF is to give \$12,000 in camp scholarships annually. Think of all the girls who have been able to experience Crestridge because someone cared enough to give a little extra for a stranger. What could you give up to help send a camper to your favorite place in the mountains? Starbucks for a week, two dinners out, three tickets to the movies? As you pay your dues for this year or

next, please consider an additional gift to CCAF. Every little bit makes a difference!

The Scholarship Endowment Fund is growing. We currently have three named scholarships that are fully funded, in memory of Judy MacMillan; Maggie Lee Henson; and camp friends Sallie Driggers and Willa McGimsey. Three scholarships have been started and await donations: In memory of Julie

Parkerson, in memory of Ginie Burris, and in honor of Ramey Driggers Schutz and Kara Belcher Cooley. However, you may contribute to the Scholarship Endowment Fund without designating your gift. Currently, we have \$62,800 in the fund, and we use annual interest each summer for scholarships. The bigger the fund, the more interest it will provide, so we need to continue to grow the principal.

## *CCAF Museum Has a Permanent Home!*

Our dream of a new camp museum has now reached fruition. Crestridge has an incredible collection of heirlooms that includes first camp director Arvine Bell’s honor band, Julie Parkerson’s many treasures and Sandy Lovette’s years of handi-

work. They will all now be showcased on the second floor of Crestridge’s newest building, the Beehive. This gallery offers camp a place to properly store our many artifacts in a climate-controlled environment. Please continue to assist

us with your prayers and contributions; these heirlooms deserve archival quality displays and funding is necessary for this to occur. Come see the museum next time you visit camp, and remember the legacy of Crestridge!

# *MEMORY CORNER: Happiness is ... Landsports*

*By Susan Cheatham*

What was your favorite landsports activity at camp? Archery, tennis, riflery, maybe gymnastics? It is hard to pick just one. All of those bring back such fun memories. Maybe it's not just the activity or sport you played, but the people you got to know while you were in the class.

Last fall the Landsports Hut was torn down to make room for the new store/museum

and landsports equipment storage area in the basement. Balls, bats, Frisbees, bases, kickballs and gloves will all have a brand new home this summer.

Gone are the days of playing Ridgecrest Assembly in basketball and softball ... the camper-staffer softball games on Sunday afternoons ... earning your riflery pin or your archery pin. Those things are no longer around, but the fun and

excitement you had learning a new skill is still very much alive at Camp Crestridge.

The hut may be gone, but the challenge to grow physically and mentally for young ladies at Camp Crestridge for Girls will be around for many years to come, thanks to those with a vision to provide a new place for special camp skills.

## *Show Your Support with CCAF Merchandise!*

Every company, every restaurant, every school, and every event you attend offers a slew of merchandise to purchase with their logo or event design. If you are like most, you get a T-shirt or other item to remind you of your recent outing. So how about merchandise to remind you of your past—those most precious days in the North Carolina mountains—at Camp Crestridge!

We are continuing to add merchandise. We've recently added 24-oz. Tervis

Tumblers with the Crestridge emblem. The first order of 16-oz. Tervis Tumblers sold out before the end of camp last year (they are back in stock again). Since then we have added umbrellas and pens. We have compact car-sized umbrellas as well as large golf umbrellas. (The golf umbrellas are only available at camp due to packaging/shipping issues.) Both are green and white with the Crestridge emblem. Also, we now have pens; we all use pens daily, so

what a great way to remember Crestridge!

We encourage you to visit our website and look at our merchandise. We are running out of some items and they will be discontinued. Some of these "soon to be gone" items are the 2nd edition Christmas ornaments, the Camp Friends Print, and the Best Summers T-shirt.

Please send ideas for new items you'd like to purchase to [calumnae@windstream.net](mailto:calumnae@windstream.net). We are open to all suggestions.



## THE GRAPEVINE

Where, oh where, has the Grapevine gone?  
It is alive and well ... on Facebook! Search for "Camp Crestridge Alumnae and Friends." Reconnect and give a shoutout to the CCAF peeps!

## Camp Crestridge Stepping Stone Path

*"... and each must make, ere life has flown, a stumbling block or a stepping stone."*

If you would like to order a stepping stone, please fill out the form below and return it with your check to CCAF, PO Box 22038, Lexington KY 40522-2038.

Purchaser's name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check stone size:	_____ Small (8x10")	1 line of text	\$100
	_____ Medium (11-12")	2 lines of text	\$125
	_____ Large (13-14")	3 lines of text	\$150

Text to be inscribed on stone (please PRINT legibly):  
(size of font varies by length of line)

First line: \_\_\_\_\_

Second line: \_\_\_\_\_

Third line: \_\_\_\_\_

Stones may also be ordered online through our website:

[www.ridgecrestcamps.com/girls/alumnae](http://www.ridgecrestcamps.com/girls/alumnae) (click on "Store")



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*With my feet on the ground and my heart attuned, I shall reach for the stars.*