



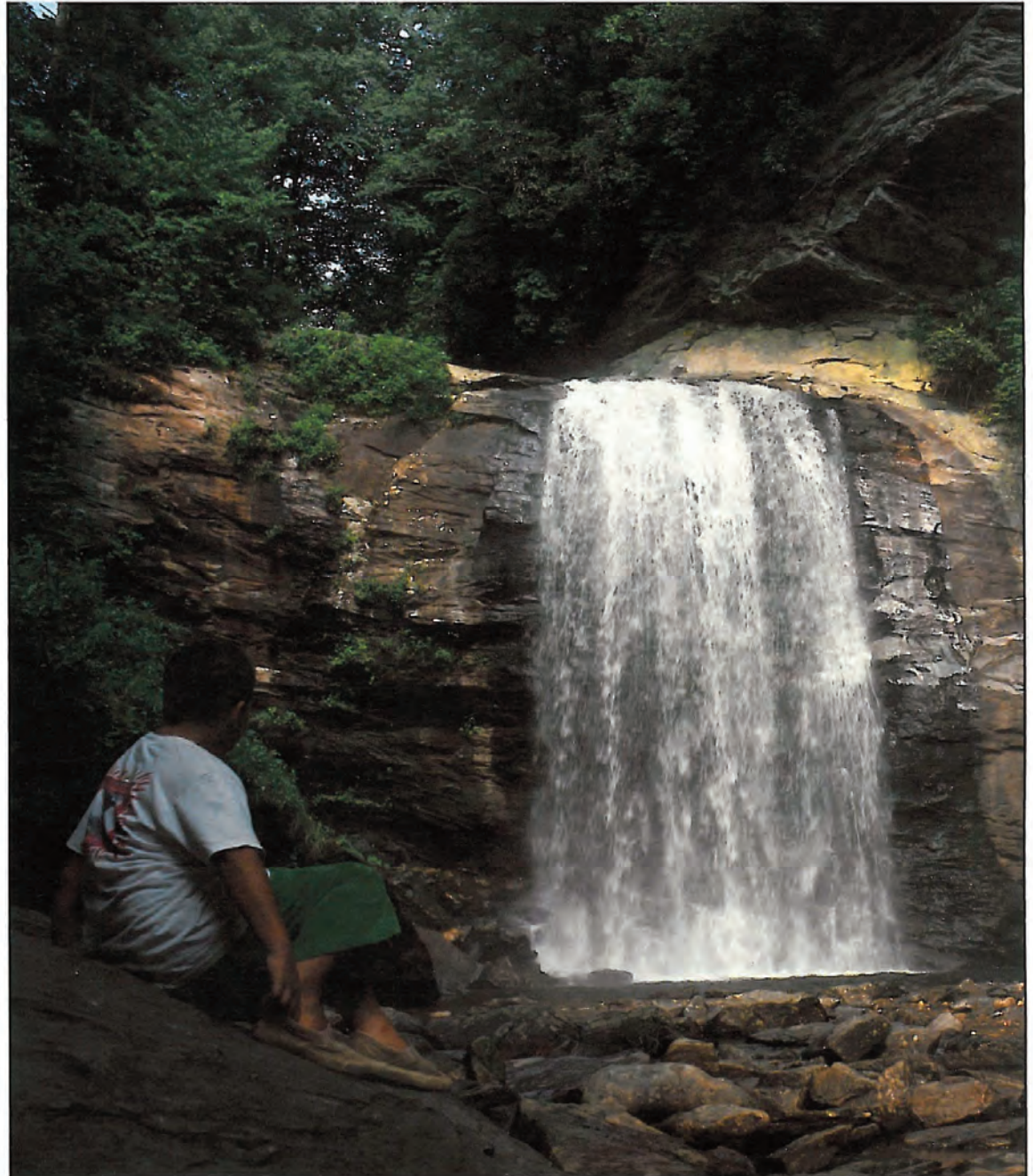
CAMP CAROLINA FOR BOYS
BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA

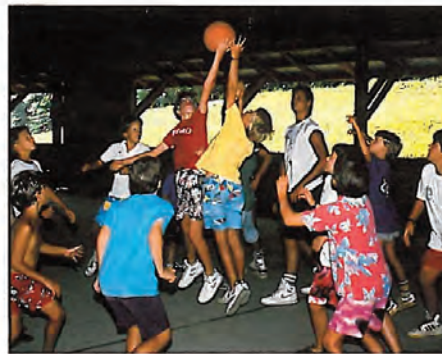
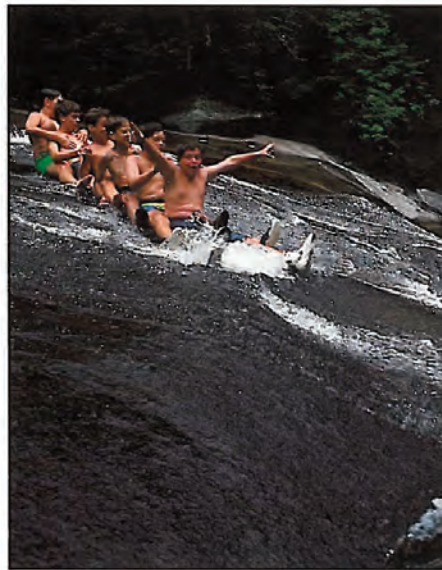
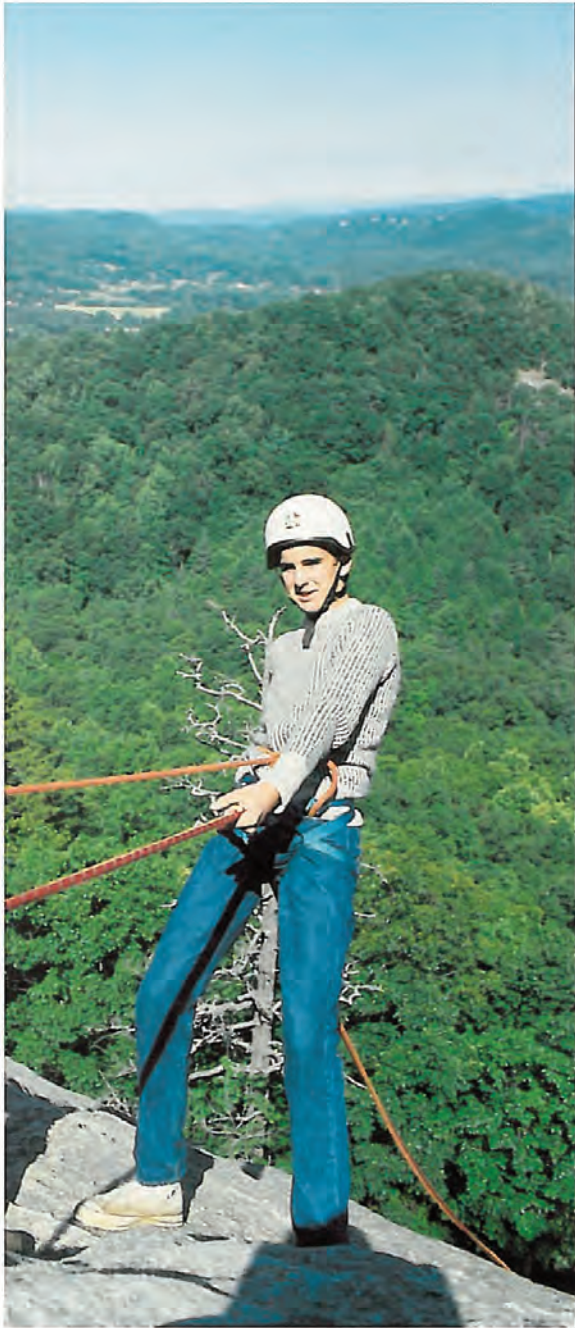


Over the ridge to Backcountry, Camp Carolina's home consists of 224 acres, an ideal setting with 3 bold streams in Lamb's Valley surrounded by wooded mountain ridges ridges. Pisgah National Forest borders the property on 2 sides.

Nath Thompson is owner-director of Camp Carolina. He has had many years of experience as camper, counselor and administrator.

We are open everyday for visitors if anyone would like to see the place first hand to learn more about staff, program and facilities.





OUR PURPOSE BUILT ON PAST EXPERIENCES

The philosophy of Camp Carolina centers around simplicity of life, self-reliance, human relations and wonders of nature. Our purpose is to make a boy's summer a valuable factor in his complete development. This purpose is based on the belief that almost anything can be accomplished through planning, determination and enthusiasm.

The challenging experiences on the athletic field, in the woods, on the water, or on horseback are adventures on a boy's personal frontier. These adventures are abundantly possible in a boy and man encampment where there are wise leaders and a stimulating outdoor setting.

We firmly believe, and many eminent educators agree, that more teachable moments arise during the long term camping experience than during a comparable stay at any other educational institution; teachable moments being the time when a boy is enthusiastic, interested, and searching for answers.

A MAXIMUM EXPERIENCE IN HEALTH, FUN AND GROWTH

The teaching of self-reliance has been one of the goals of Camp Carolina since its inception in 1924.

Confidence building through the use of the zip line in the lake and our unique hang gliding flight trainer complement our efforts in this endeavor.

Our over-all ratio of counselors to campers is one counselor for four campers. Our younger group has one counselor for each three boys in the cabin. With campers 11 years old and up, there are 6 or 7 boys in each cabin with a counselor.

Each camper has his own bunk bed, a locker for his clothes and a place for his trunk. The cabins are screened, each having a front door, a back door and a porch that commands a good view. There is a Lodge for each age group for meetings, evening programs and rainy day activities.





CAMP LEADERS . . .

hold a position of unique influence and the importance of exemplary personal habits are therefore magnified.

In the realm of relationships with boys and men, it is the cabin group that the real opportunity afforded a boy by a camp is unique. In cabin group living a boy increases his knowledge of individual responsibility and cooperative effort.

In hiring of our staff, emphasis is placed upon the cabin responsibility. Our staff contract reads: "My first duty shall be to see that the campers in my cabin have a maximum experience in health, fun, and growth; my second, to make such personal contributions as I can to the happiness, cooperation, and well-being of the camp community; my third, to contribute as I can to the activity or special assignment field."

HEALTH . . .

of the Camp is in the care of Dr. Ora Wells in Brevard and assisted by two registered nurses who live at Camp at our well-equipped Infirmary. The prevention of accident and illness is stressed by pre-camp staff training and a system of health inspection throughout the camp season.

Camp Carolina is rated Grade A by the State Board of Health. We have an underground sewage system, flush toilets, hot showers and electric lights.

The reputation for good meals has long been established at Camp Carolina. Carefully planned menus and the preparation of wholesome food in abundance are under the direction of an experienced and well-trained dietitian.

OUR PROGRAM . . .

is designed so that a boy may have fun in the various activities offered and so that he may learn basic skills in the long-term stay here.

Each Sunday evening after Vespers the campers are given an opportunity to sign up for the activities for the coming week. There are five daily instructional periods, three in the morning and two in the afternoon. There is free time from twelve-thirty to one-thirty and from five-fifteen to six-thirty each afternoon for relaxation, recreational swim, golf, tennis, reading, ping pong, and fishing. There is supervision but no instruction during free time.

Our program is a balanced mixture of individual and group athletics, nature and crafts, deep woods tripping involving hiking, riding and canoeing.



**A VARIETY
OF SPORTS
TO INVOLVE
EACH OF THE
CAROLINA BOYS**



**ARCHERY
ARTS AND CRAFTS
BASEBALL
BASKETBALL
CANOEING
FOOTBALL
GOLF
HANG GLIDING
HIKING
HORSEBACK RIDING
LACROSSE
NATURE
PIONEERING
WHITE WATER RAFTING
RIFLERY
ROCK CLIMBING
SOCCER
MOUNTAIN BIKING
WRESTLING
ZIP LINE**





TENNIS

There is no more popular sport at Carolina than tennis. We have 6 hard surface courts. There is a generous amount of individual and group instruction, tournaments and tennis ladders for each age group.

GOLF

Many campers take up golf for the first time at Carolina. Clubs and balls are stocked in our "semi-pro" shop for instruction on our driving range and practice nets. Twice a week we visit golf courses

WATER SPORTS

Our private 4½ acre lake is one of the camp's chief attractions. It is large enough for swimming, kayaking, canoeing and fishing, and at the same time possible to closely supervise. Safety is a major concern. Our swimming area is 25 meters square. There is a 1 meter board and a high dive. Emphasis is placed on instruction in American Red Cross water safety, basic rescue and strokes. We stock the lake with mountain trout.

HORSEBACK

The purpose of our riding program is to get as many boys in the woods and on the trails as possible. In order to go on the trails, a boy must learn or demonstrate his skill in our riding rings. We ride English Saddle, Forward Seat and we teach jumping under careful supervision. We take overnight and day rides into Pisgah Forest. Our Davidson River Outpost in Pisgah is 4 miles away with a good swimming hole.

RIFLERY — SOCCER — BASKETBALL — FOOTBALL — BASEBALL — WRESTLING

Riflery is one of the most popular activities at Carolina. The boys can earn medals and certificates in the National Rifle Association. Learning and practicing safety rules is required.



Instructional activities with designated playing areas include SOCCER, LACROSSE, BASKETBALL, FLAG FOOTBALL, BASEBALL, WRESTLING and WEIGHT-LIFTING.

We have a Fun Run around the property every Tuesday. Volleyball, Capture the Flag, Tug O' War, War Ball, Canoeing and swimming are all free time and twilight games.

WHITE WATER CANOEING

For the boys that pass their swim tests and work on canoeing skills in our lake there are river trips. For younger campers we canoe the Mighty Mills River and the upper French Broad. As the boys progress in skills and strength we run the Green and the Tuckasegee. Advanced canoeists have the opportunity to shoot the Nantahalla and the Chattooga! Twenty canoes, four kayaks, three funyaks, comprise our fleet.

RAFTING

Campers of all ages are provided an opportunity for raft trips. This activity serves as an excellent introduction to the rivers in our area and encourages many campers to pursue whitewater activities.

DEEP WOODS CAMPING

Opportunities are abundant for hikes into the mountains and coves on our own 224 acres and into adjoining Pisgah National Forest. For longer, more challenging hiking and camping trips, we get into the Nantahalla National Forest, the Great Smoky Mountain Park, Linville Gorge Wilderness area and Mount Mitchell State Park. Each Wednesday, there are cabin group trips to waterfalls, outpost camps, Slippery Rock, Turtle Falls, Secret Swimming Hole and Grave Yard Fields. Rock climbing and repelling are opportunities for older campers.

CRAFTS — NATURE — PIONEERING

The Nature program involves collecting and identifying plants and animals of our area.

Crafts in the Old Barn provide campers opportunities to make things with their hands and small tools.

Pioneering projects in the woods include building tree houses, forts, dams, bridges and cabins. Boys use axes, knives, hammers, and saws under close supervision.



INSPIRATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday is a different day at Carolina. There is free time for letter writing and reading, and the usual free time for swimming, tennis, golf and fishing. The afternoons are filled with special games and age group contest.

Our Chaplain is in charge of the religious services conducted at Camp. We have Sunday School on Sunday morning by age group, and then meet at dusk on Sunday evening for a Vesper Service at our outdoor chapel on the edge of the lake.

Catholic boys are provided transportation to Mass on Sundays.

There are opportunities for cabin devotions each evening between Call-To-Quarters and Lights Out.

Each Friday night all the campers and counselors gather at our Camp Fire across the lake. There is group singing, stories told by the boys about overnight horseback, canoeing and hiking trips, sometimes a folk song or a poem by one of our campers or counselors, and a story by a master story teller.

There is recognition for good citizenship in the cabin and good attitude and participation in activities. This is the order of the Old Man of the Mountains. A canoe paddle, a useful instrument in a boy's hand, is the award. We close with a maxim by one of the campers and then taps is sung around the Camp Fire.

YEAR ROUND PROGRAM

Carolina Backcountry is available to groups of 25 or more from mid-March to early June and late August to mid October. We offer guided backpacking and rockclimbing trips, guided mountain biking trips, and guided whitewater raft and canoe trips.





OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ... INDOOR ACTIVITIES CAROLINA CAN MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CAMPER

DAILY PROGRAM

- 8:00 A.M. All Up
- 8:30 A.M. Breakfast
- 9:15 A.M. Inspection of Cabins
- 9:30 A.M. 3 One-Hour Instruction Periods
- 12:30 P.M. Free Time; Swim, Golf, Tennis, Fishing,
Reading, Etc.
- 1:30 P.M. Dinner
- 2:15 P.M. Rest Hour
- 3:15 P.M. 2 One-Hour Instruction Periods
- 5:15 P.M. Free Time
- 6:30 P.M. Supper
- 7:15 P.M. Twilight Games
- 8:00 P.M. Evening Program
- 9:00 P.M. Call-To-Quarters
- 9:45 P.M. Lights Out

MANY MEN HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE CAMP'S SUCCESS

Camp Carolina was founded in 1924 by Professor D. Meade Bernard of Jacksonville, Florida. Many men have contributed to the Camp's success. Among those in the early days was Dr. Taliaferro Thompson of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., and Dr. J.M. McConnell, Dean of the Faculty, Davidson College, NC.

Following Professor Bernard as Director of Carolina was his son Dr. Richard R. Bernard, Professor at Davidson College. Over the years key men in the operation of camp have been Leonard W. Dick, Retired Athletic Director, Woodberry Forest School, Va.; Coach Hoke Sloan, former tennis coach at Clemson University, SC; A. W. "Rock" Norman, coach at Clemson; M.B. Chafin, tennis coach at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

In 1953 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. McConnell bought Camp Carolina and built a home there.

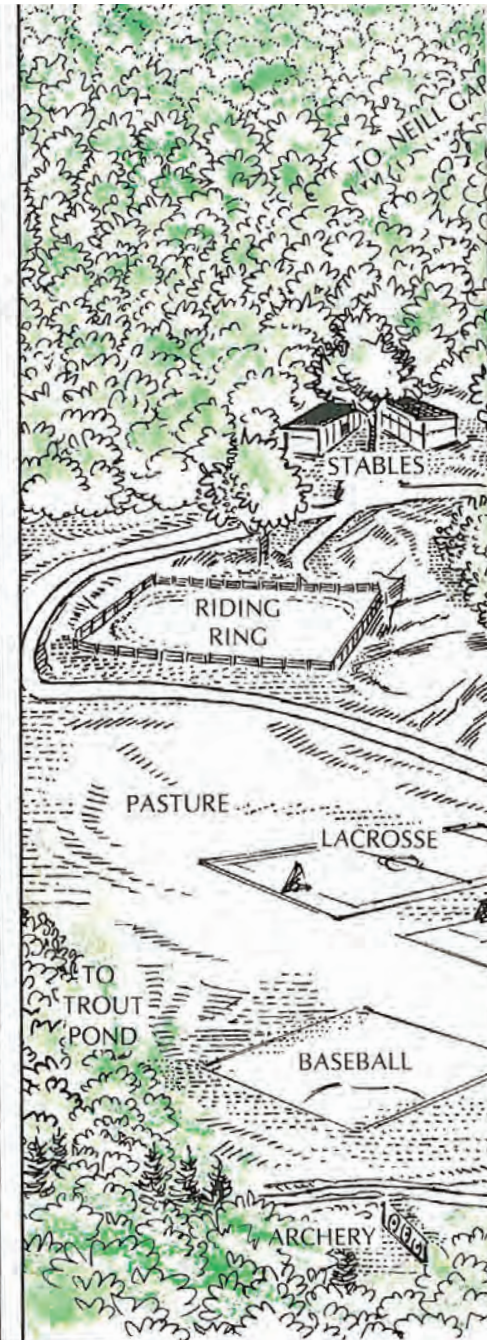
The McConnell's sold the property in 1981. Jerry Stone and Nath Thompson moved the cabins over the ridge into Lamb's Valley to our present site.

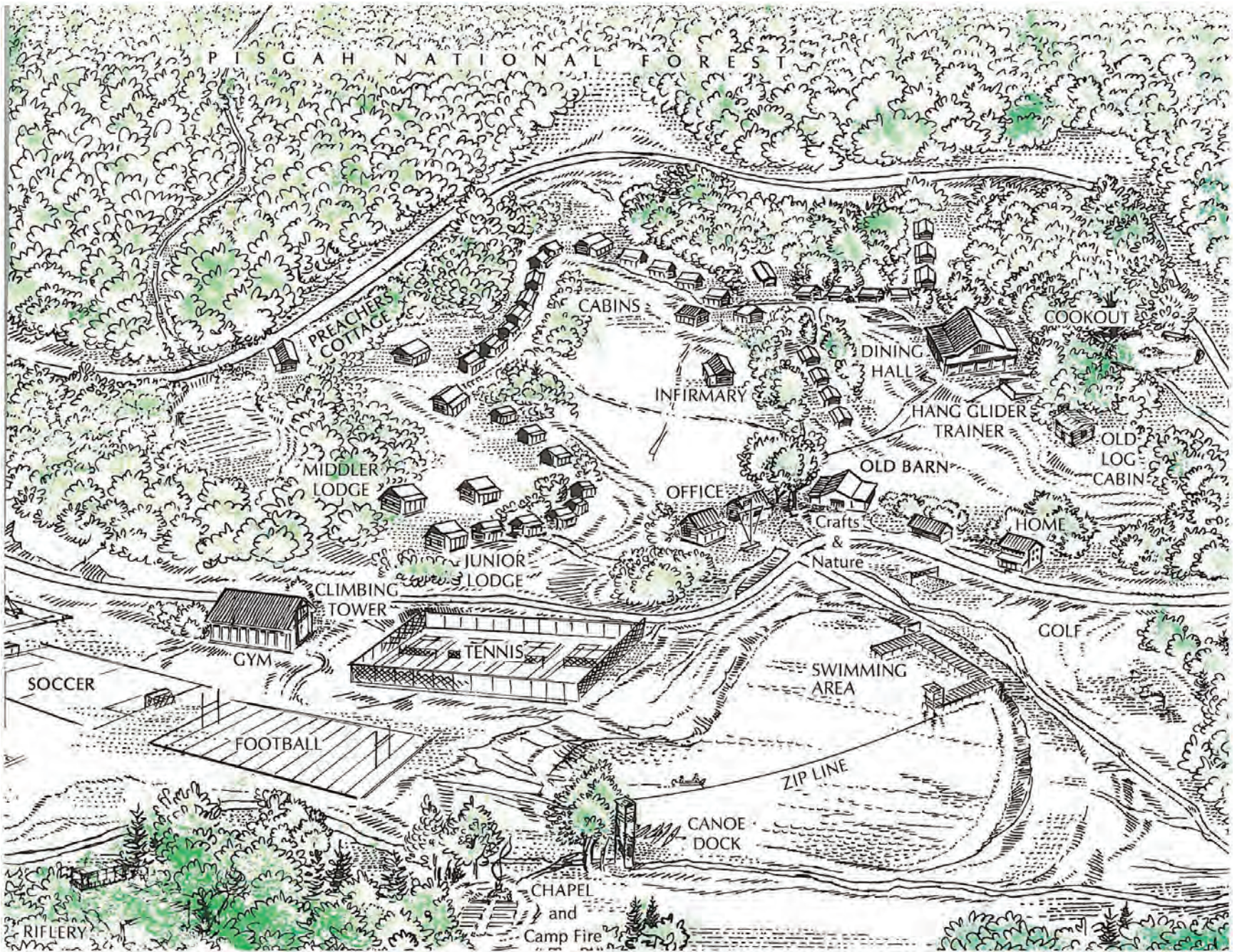
Jerry Stone and Nath Thompson operated the camp as co-directors from 1982 through 1988. Nath Thompson became sole owner of Camp Carolina in October 1988.

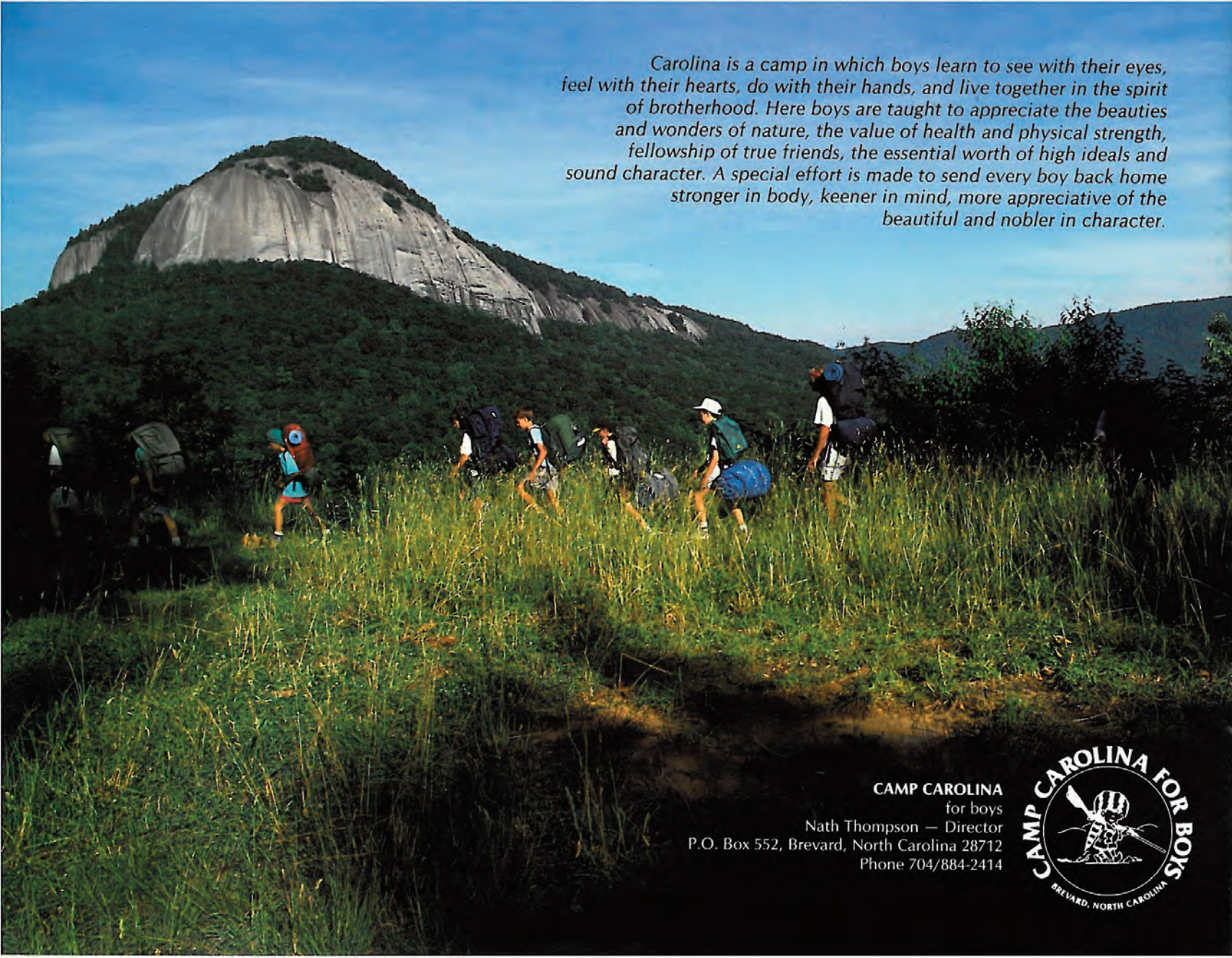
Mary and Nath Thompson's son Charles, who grew up at camp, joined the year round staff in May of 1989 as Assistant Director with special interest in our tripping program.

The Thompsons live at camp. Nath has directed Carolina since 1959. Prior to that he had twelve years experience as a camper, counselor, and camp administrator.

Jerry Stone operates Rockbrook Camp for Girls located 8 miles from Carolina near Brevard. Rockbrook has been the sister camp to Carolina since the sixties and offers a similar program and coinciding sessions.







Carolina is a camp in which boys learn to see with their eyes, feel with their hearts, do with their hands, and live together in the spirit of brotherhood. Here boys are taught to appreciate the beauties and wonders of nature, the value of health and physical strength, fellowship of true friends, the essential worth of high ideals and sound character. A special effort is made to send every boy back home stronger in body, keener in mind, more appreciative of the beautiful and nobler in character.

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