

CRESTRIDGE

ALUMNAE & FRIENDS

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TOP 10 REASONS TO ATTEND MAINTAIN THE MEMORIES:

10. Reconnect with old camp friends and make new ones.

9. Play in the creek.

8. Sleep in bunk beds at the Conference Center.

7. On the mountaintop, you feel closer to God and forget about the outside world.

6. Spend the weekend with people who "get" camp.

5. Spread mulch with 50 of your closest friends.

4. Brush up on your 4-square skills.

3. Shop at the camp store and add to your Crestridge T-shirt collection.

2. Get a sneak peek of the new camp additions!

1. Songs, campfire, and s'mores!

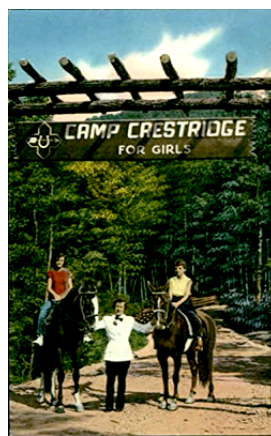
COME, SEE, AND LEND A HAND AT

MAINTAIN THE MEMORIES

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, MAY 22-24, 2015



Want a sneak peak of the amazing expansion around camp? Want to help beautify your favorite place on earth? Well, here's your chance!!!



What is Maintain the Memories (MTM)? Camp Crestridge Alumnae and Friends (CCAF) hosts a work/play/eat/laugh/work weekend to assist in preparing CC4G for the upcoming summer.

Why be a part of MTM? You love camp and want to see it ready for the 2015 Summer Campers! So, join the fun of seeing friends and working together to rake leaves, spread mulch, plant flowers (there are many tasks to

complete), then close the weekend with s'mores and Campfire on Saturday night and a Chapel service Sunday morning.

What does MTM cost? Two nights' lodging at Ridgecrest Conference Center is \$44 per night, and three meals at the conference center will be \$7 per meal. CCAF takes care of the rest! Friday night is a cookout with hotdogs and hamburgers; Pizza is provided by donation at Saturday lunch. To take advantage of this room rate, you will need to email your request to ruthburkett@comcast.net as soon as possible.



CRESTRIDGE COOKBOOK

Have you submitted your entry for the Recipe of Memories?

The CCAF Cookbook is not just recipes; this book will have it all—camp photos, songs, stories, and lots of memories. To submit an entry and be a part of this wonderful collection of memories, follow these steps:

- Go to www.typensave.com and click 'Login.'
- Enter the User Name: Cutiepie
- Enter the password: grape994 and click 'Submit.'
- Enter your name (include maiden name if applicable) and click 'Continue.'
- You can enter your camper/staffer years on the two 'additional contributor' lines.
- Click 'Add Recipes' to begin adding your recipes.



Bonus: Your travel, meals, and lodging are tax-deductible for service given to CC4G.

Interested? Contact any CCAF board member or email rachelbsmith@bellsouth.net for more details.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE BY ANJA CLEVELAND

You do not have to be on the Board of Directors to serve CC4G. There are many outlets where you can step in and help CC4G/CCAF throughout the year. Please prayerfully consider the options below and let us know if you can sign up for one of these options. EVERYONE can take 5 minutes to submit a recipe!!

Merchandise Sales at Closing Programs:

Each closing program we set up the merchandise table and promote CCAF to all of the parents, etc. in attendance. Camp allows us to speak at the closing program and then we sell our merchandise and accept donations for the scholarship fund and any other general donations. We need three people to commit to work the tables each closing session. You would arrive before the closing program, about 8:30, move the merchandise from the gym to the pavilion and set up the tables of merchandise. Janie Belue, camp office manager, will provide you with the cash box and key to the merchandise cabinets. After closing, you will return the merchandise to the cabinets, return keys and money box to Janie, tally the money and forward the money to Susan Nielsen, CCAF treasurer. More details will be given to those who sign up to work. The dates for closing program are: **June 19, July 17, July 3, and July 31.** Please email Rachel, CCAF president, if interested.

rachelbsmith@bellsouth.net



Opening Day Volunteers:

The staff at CC4G needs extra workers to help on opening days. Ladies can come and work with the office staff at check-in tables. Men are needed to help with parking, loading trunks into trucks, and transporting trunks to cabins. It takes a large number of workers to get these girls signed in and moved into camp in a short period of time. Please contact Janie Belue at jabelue@aol.com or Sharon Aylestock at sharon@ridgecrestcamps.com if you are willing to volunteer your time on an opening day. The dates for opening day are: **June 7, June 21, July 6, and July 19.**

Board Meetings: We meet twice a year as a group to discuss business and plan for camp events that we participate in. Anyone is welcome to come to the board meetings. We have times of "Executive Committee Only," but most of the meeting is held with everyone in attendance. We meet at camp for Maintain the Memories in May. Our fall meeting is in October at the The Summit in Fort Payne, AL. You are responsible for your expenses.

Maintain the Memories: On Memorial Day weekend, we come together at camp to discuss business and then spend the weekend beautifying camp. Families make this into a mini vacation. We have work opportunities ranging from paperwork to raking leaves!

Old Cherokee Cabin Boards:

Wood from the inside of the Cherokee cabins was salvaged and cut apart, leaving one to two names on the wood. These pieces of wood are stored at camp. You can visit camp and rummage through the pile looking for your name that you wrote on the wall ages ago. If you find one and wish to take it with you, we are asking for a \$10 donation to CCAF.

You can give your money to Janie Belue, CC4G Office Manager.

Convert Cassettes and Records:

We have an incredible amount of cassette tapes and old records that we are trying to convert to current-day MP3s or equivalent. Janie Belue (jabelue@aol.com) has purchased equipment to convert the cassettes and records but we need manpower to see this task completed. Please contact Janie if you are able to dedicate some time toward this task. Our goal is to eventually have CDs/DVDs to sell to alumnae.

CC4G Blog: Katie Knowles (katiejeanneknowles@gmail.com) will be doing a bi-weekly blog for CC4G. She has asked us to send her short blogs about a memory you have of camp or about something personal you have gained from your camp experience. Please take a moment to send her a short blog to be used in the near future.

Our Recipes of Memories Cookbook:

Yes, we know many use Pinterest and other avenues for recipes in this new world of technology. However, wouldn't you enjoy a cookbook from Crestridge that includes campfire recipes, camp photos (old and new), camp songs, etc. See page 1 for instructions.

For any further information on the above items, read our newsletters, visit our website, or contact one of the Board of Directors members directly.



HOW GOD MADE ME A CRESTRIDGE MAN

BY LARRY DRIGGERS

When I married Sallie (Garvin) in 1969, I knew she loved God and His work. I also knew she had gone to a camp for several years when she was 11 and 12. However, I did not know about Crestridge or where it was. Then, much to my surprise when we had three children, Tad (7), Jacob (5), and Ramey (3), Sallie told me she wanted them to experience camp just like she had. So we planned a trip to the mountains so we could visit camp. It had been 14 years since Sallie had been to Crestridge. The experience of walking through the old gate, by the horse ring, and up the long hill toward the dining hall was a little overwhelming for her and just a little frightening to me. As we walked, Sallie was fast explaining to the children what they were seeing, what the campers were doing, and just how special God had made Crestridge. As we neared the Bear Trap, a beautiful, dark-haired Johnnie Armstrong came straight toward us. I was thinking we were in trouble for coming into camp and I was nervously planning what to say. But, before we could say anything, Johnnie said to Sallie in a strong voice, "Is your last name Garvin and weren't you a camper?" "Yes!!" and before anything else could be said, Johnnie was giving hugs and getting everyone's name and age. An experience that hundreds of "grown-up campers" have experienced. Then Johnnie said, "Larry, what do you do?" I said, "Accounting, and I build houses and I do wood working projects." Johnnie said, "Great. When Ramey starts camp I want you and Sallie to come work. God can use your talents at camp and I need a handy-man." *At that moment, God made me a Crestridge Man.*



In 1986 Ramey started at Crestridge and Sallie and I began our work at camp. For the next 10 years, Sallie would volunteer for six weeks and I would come every weekend and take three weeks' vacation just to be at camp. I repaired horse gates, barn stalls, and built campfire benches. I made most of the risers used in closing programs. I repaired screen doors, I unstopped toilets, fixed hot water heaters, repaired leaking roofs, braced cabin foundation logs, and built steps up and down hills and cabins. I drove "Butter Cup," the camp pickup to overnights loaded with sleeping bags, food and water. I built more than 40 long benches, which are still all around camp. I even stood watch at night at the top of Cheyenne Hill for a full week, when some staffers thought they saw a man walking on the back road. I had two flashlights and a small camping ax. I was ready for the unknown. I heard a lot of strange noises and saw one deer, but never saw a man or ghost.

For over 30 years Sallie and I have been volunteering at camp, and now our six grandchildren are enjoying the camp experience.

However, the best part of my time at camp was sharing my faith in God with the campers. Sometimes it was at cabin campfire, or at chapel, or one on one. It always made me warm on the inside when I would share, "Jesus is my Lord and Savior. He died for my sins and He wants to be your Savior also." My eyes still fill with tears of joy when I think of campers who asked Jesus to come into their hearts. *Yes, I am a Crestridge Man, saved by God's Grace.*

NOTE: CCAF WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP GRATITUDE FOR LARRY'S UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF CAMP CRESTRIDGE THROUGH ALL THESE YEARS. LARRY CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A ROLE MODEL OF SELFLESSNESS, GENEROSITY, AND DEDICATION.

RIDGECREST FIRE CONTAINED

On March 30th, a significant fire was ablaze in the Ridgecrest community. The fire was attributed to a local homeowner burning debris. Fire crews and other emergency personnel worked tirelessly to contain the fire. Although a significant portion of the area impacted by fire was on Conference Center and Camp Crestridge grounds, there

was minimal structural damage. At Crestridge, in spite of the close proximity of the fire to several of our buildings (especially new construction on the Ridge and upper cabins on current village hills), there was no structural damage. At Ridgecrest Conference Center, fires approached several structures, surrounded the reservoir, and approached the recreation fields, but the only structural damage involves some of the docks surrounding the reservoir. Many thanks

go out to the emergency personnel who aided in the protection of these sacred grounds. God was surely protecting the conference center and our beloved camp.

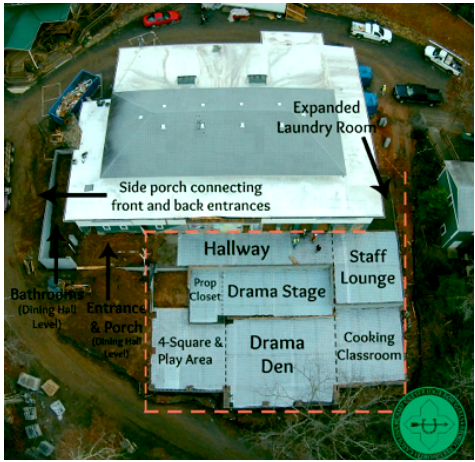


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CAMP IS GROWING!!!

During the 2014-2015 off-season, many exciting changes have been made Camp Crestridge. Numerous facility upgrades have been executed allowing for more space and improved facilities to accommodate the continuous growth of the camp. The most notable additions to camp include the addition of two new villages, a pool, and

an additional green, located at "The Ridge." Furthermore, as shown in the schematic at right, a much-needed expansion to the dining hall is under way. This expanded building will include an enlarged drama space as well as a cooking classroom in addition to more dining space. Be sure to follow Camp Crestridge's blog to stay up to date with the latest milestones, and join us at Maintain the Memories this May to see camp's new facilities and the impressive view from The Ridge!



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