

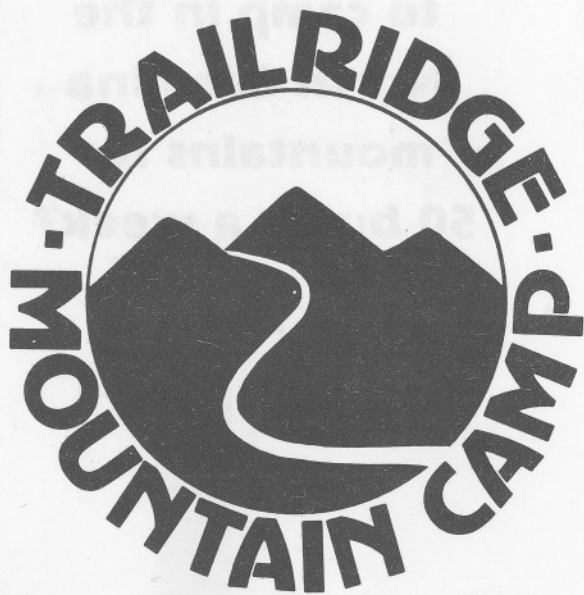
**Q. How can you go
to camp in the
North Carolina
mountains for
50 bucks a week?**

A. Help build it!

Details Inside

**ALSO
1982 TRIP SCHEDULE
FOR
OPEN ROAD
EXPERIENCES**

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INTRODUCING

Starting in June of 1982 a new camp is beginning in the mountains of North Carolina, and we're looking for kids to help out in all aspects of its development. We'll be combining work with play in a simple wilderness setting in what we feel will be a very enjoyable and worthwhile summer. It will certainly be different than the typical summer camp experience. We hope you'll want to take this opportunity to be one of the "Trailblazers" at TRAILRIDGE MOUNTAIN CAMP.

AGES

Trailridge in 1982 will be open to boys from the fifth grade on up. Older boys (15-17) can apply as Aides. Parents and family groups are invited to join us at Trailridge. It would certainly be a different vacation!

LEADERSHIP

Mark Levin (Owner/Director). Mark has been employed in the organized camping field for over a decade. He is the founder and director of Open Road Experiences, and prior to that was at Camp Mondamin in North Carolina for seven summers. Mark has a M.A. in Outdoor Education, and teaches Outdoor Education and photography at Metairie Park Country Day School. He has completed the Red Cross Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care course, and is a Red Cross First Aid Instructor. Mark is a member of the American Camping Association, the Association of Interpretive Naturalists, and the Sierra Club; and is a "Big Brother."

Ray Thompson (Associate Director). Ray has ten years of experience at Mondamin, and has also served on the staff of GLOBE TREKS. Ray has a M.Ed degree, and teaches at Sumter High School in Sumter, SC where he and his wife Nancy make their home. Ray is a member of the National Wildlife Federation and a camping advisor to the South Carolina Division of Youth Services. Ray, a former Eagle Scout, has been involved in Scouting for over 20 years. Ray and Nancy have both been associated with Open Road Experiences/Trailridge since 1980.

Trailridge will employ several other leaders and counselors during the summer of 1982, and they are personally chosen and trained by the directors. All counselors sincerely enjoy working with kids, and sharing their knowledge with them. This summer there will be a camper/staff ratio of 6:1 or better.

LOCATION

Trailridge is located in Unaka Range of the Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina. We have 64 of our own acres, and are surrounded by hundreds and hundreds of acres of Pisgah National Forest in North Carolina that borders us and Cherokee National Forest in adjacent Tennessee. The famous Appalachian Trail crosses about 2000 feet from our property line.

We have a view of Roan Mountain, which at 6,285 feet is one of the highest points in the eastern United States. Our own elevations range from 3200 to 4000 feet, which will make for good sleeping weather.

We're located in the small community of Buladean (once called Magnetic City), and we're about 20 miles N.E. of Burnsville, NC, 20 miles S.W. of Johnson City, TN, and about 50 miles N.E. of Asheville.

Trailridge is fortunate to have this beautiful acreage for our wilderness setting, and while the nearest store is about two miles down the road and the nearest stoplight is 12 miles away; we're near many other exciting places including Linville Gorge Wilderness Area, Mt. Mitchell, The Nolichucky River, and the Blue Ridge Parkway.

WHAT WE'LL DO

Basically build the camp from the ground up. Right now the 64 acres owned by Trailridge are covered by trees, rocks, creeks, springs, and wildlife. And when the summer ends, those things will remain. Our job will be to build the camp as harmoniously as we can with its surroundings.

Kids will help with a seemingly endless variety of projects. Some jobs they will be assigned to, others they'll volunteer for; and most will be rotated. Age and ability of the child will be considered at all times.

We'll be building trails, clearing cabin sites, removing undergrowth, assisting in light construction, building a bar-b-que pit, a storage shed, a campfire circle, a tree house/nature observation post; and assisting the cook. And these are only for starters. We hope campers will come with some ideas of their own, and we'll have some rainy day bull sessions to discuss program ideas for future summers. Campers will spend approximately five hours a day helping build the camp.

BESIDES WORK

After work there's play, and while we hope the working aspect of camp will be enjoyable, we guarantee the rest of the time will be fun. We'll spend the late afternoons, evenings, and weekends in a variety of activities. We'll hike, rock climb, swim, explore, tube and/or raft some nearby rivers, and participate in some environmental awareness activities. Plenty of time exists to complete the American Red Cross Basic First Aid Course.

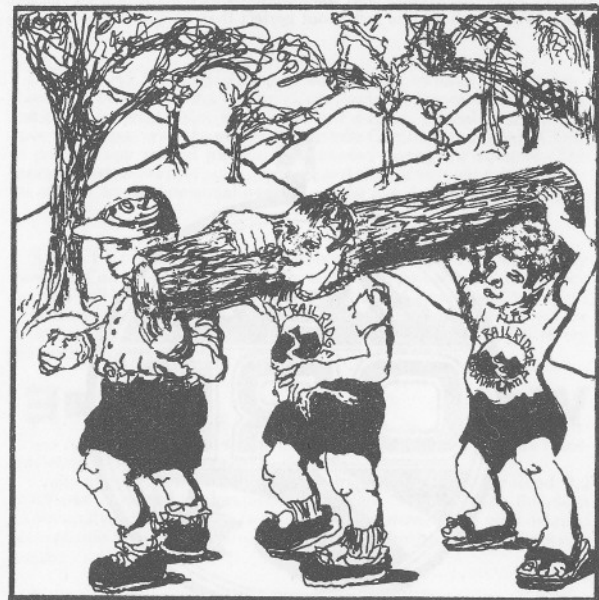
And besides those types of activities we'll also take in movies, craft fairs, special shows, a possible play or outdoor drama, weekly Shindig-on-the-Greens in Asheville; and site-see throughout the mountains of western North Carolina. We hope to experience some of the lifestyle of the southern Appalachians.

All of these things can't be done in a weeks time, so needless to say; the longer you stay the more activities you'll be able to enjoy.

SUMMER ACCOMODATIONS

Our summer accommodations will be simple and rustic. We'll sleep in tents using sleeping bags, take solar showers (they really work!), and use a "Port-a-Let." We'll cook and eat under dining flies using Coleman stoves and wood fires. Water (clear, clean, and cold) will come from our own springs.

As the summer progresses, so should the work on the camp; and our living conditions could change. But that all depends on how much we get done. It will be an adventure!



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1983 AND BEYOND

Trailridge Mountain Camp will open for its first regular camping season in June, 1983. Our facilities at that time, while slowly expanding, will still be simple and rustic. And they are likely to remain that way. The program will offer an exciting variety of activities in a non-competitive, non-regimented setting. Campers will make daily choices concerning which activities they wish to participate in for the day. Major areas of emphasis for 1983 will include:

- *Mountaineering—Hiking, backpacking, rock climbing, first aid, and other wilderness use skills as well as rafting and eventually canoeing.
- *Environmental Awareness—A unique approach to nature appreciation through exciting hands-on experiences.
- *Mountain Heritage Program—Getting to know the lifestyle of the southern Appalachians. We'll attend craft fairs, music festivals, plays, and visit with various artisans and homesteaders as well as visit area historical and cultural sites.
- *Crafts—Photography, carpentry, wood carving, and simple homesteading skills.
- *Counselor-in-Training Program—A Special intensive approach for older boys.
- *And of course there will be swimming, exploring, group games, movies, and frequent special events.

Even though our camp program will expand through the years, the number of campers will purposely be kept small. And in that way we can provide the type of closely knit, friendly, and personal atmosphere needed to ensure a successful and gratifying summer.

Mountain Camp

THE FINE PRINT...

COSTS: \$50 a week just about covers it, with a minimum stay of two weeks required. There is a one time additional charge of \$15 to cover costs of the camper's personal safety equipment and accident insurance.

The camp fee covers food, lodging (tents), special activities, movies, site-seeing, and laundry. The camper provides his own sleeping bag, clothing, and limited spending money. (A complete list will be sent to applicants.)

SUMMER DATES: Trailridge will open on Sunday, June 20 and close Sunday, August 22. Campers must stay a minimum of two weeks, and could stay for a maximum of nine. We ask that campers arrive and depart on a Sunday, though in special situations this can be changed. There will be a maximum number of camper spaces during a given week.

SPECIAL INCENTIVES: The biggest incentive, we would hope, is the satisfaction of seeing something take form from scratch that you've worked with. We do want campers to know how much their help is needed and appreciated, and we will provide various tokens of this appreciation.

Everyone will have their name inscribed on a plaque to be placed in the main building when it's finished. And in 30 years from now when your kids attend Trailridge they can say, "My daddy helped build this camp!" Each camper also receives a free T-shirt, and if they stay more than three weeks will receive another. All campers will have a standing invitation to stay for free during the off-season if they wish to come up with their families (subject to availability). Everyone working in 1982 will receive a discount if they come in 1983, and that amount varies with the number of weeks you work. Campers who work 7, 8, or 9 weeks can come for free—a deal that can't be beat.

In general, the more weeks you stay, the better the incentives get. A complete incentives schedule will be sent to all applicants.

MEDICAL CARE: Campers are required to have a medical examination before coming to Trailridge. Accident Insurance is required and a supplemental policy is provided by the camp. Special arrangements have been made with the nearby Bakersville Community Medical Clinic to provide any special medical care needed during the summer. The camp has extensive first aid equipment and trained first aid personnel on the staff. Campers' personal hygiene will be closely supervised.

SAFETY: Safety in all activities, both work and play, is of primary concern. Campers will not normally work with power tools, but if they do; this will be personally supervised by adults. Campers will be taught proper use and care of all equipment. A one time charge of \$15 will be added to the camp fee to cover costs of the camper's personal safety helmet, safety goggles, and insurance.

GETTING THERE: Campers arriving by air should use Tri-Cities Airport in nearby Johnson City, TN. Trailridge will provide transportation to and from camp.

Campers arriving by car will find Trailridge on Hughes Gap Road, 2.2 miles east from the intersection of NC Highway 226 in the Buladean Community. It's really easy to find, but we'll provide you with detailed information anyway. We're just about on the North Carolina-Tennessee border.

1982 TRIP SCHEDULE OPEN ROAD EXPERIENCES

5 Day Mississippi Bicycling, February 21-25, 1982
(Coed, ages 11-14) \$160

The first three nights will be spent base camping at the Rocky Springs Campground on the Natchez Trace Parkway. Each day we'll take rides on or around the Parkway area. A sag wagon will follow for tired riders or for mechanical problems with the bikes. One day will also be spent riding the loop drive at Vicksburg National Military Park. The last night of the trip will be spent in a motel in Natchez, with opportunities for some short rides there. Expect plenty of hills, and cool to cold weather. Bikes not provided, 5 or 10 speeds recommended.

3 Day Weekend Photography Expedition, March 12-14, 1982
(Coed, ages 11-15) \$110

This trip is geared to students who want to get into some serious intensive photography work. We'll leave after school on Friday and head for either the Acadiana area of Louisiana or the Gulf coast in Mississippi. We'll work on all aspects of photography emphasizing special techniques and composition. We'll take sunsets, scenics, portraits, close-ups, time exposures, etc. Both nights will be spent in motels, and meals eaten in restaurants. A follow up session and critique will be held back in New Orleans a few weeks later. Cameras and film not provided.

4 Day Backpacking Trip, April 10-13, 1982
(Boys, ages 11-15) \$135

Our intended trip will be to complete a portion of the 31 miles Wild Azalea Trail in Kisatchie National Forest near Alexandria, LA. This is a designated "National Recreation Trail" and winds through piney woods and hardwood bottomland in flat to rolling terrain. Campers will need to carry all personal items and shared community items in their backpacks. Weather should be just about perfect that time of the year.



WHY DO IT?

Each of you will have different reasons for coming to Trailridge, but we hope there will be some commonalities. You'll gain new skills, stronger muscles, and a sense of pride and accomplishment seeing something you've helped with completed. You'll make new friends and strengthen old friendships. You should also find this to be a challenge and an adventure; and a whole lot of fun. And when it's all over, we hope you'll be very glad you came. The work and the play at Trailridge Mountain Camp in 1982 will certainly be a unique way to spend the summer. Hope to see you there.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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