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When was the last time you took a second to just think about how incredible the love of Jesus is? Seriously. It's amazing to know that God sent his son AND that his son was willing to come and die for us. This summer, we talked a lot about Christ's reckless love toward us. He was willing to sacrifice everything: to step down from heaven, to become a man, to suffer pain and death. And he did all of that so that he could have a relationship with us. Jesus coming and dying for us was the only way we could have a relationship with God, because we had rebelled against him and recklessly run in our own direction, thinking we were better off without him. As believers, we can now live a life full of joy, hope, adventure and grace because Christ first loved us and gave himself up for us! As our theme verse reminds us, we can celebrate that God has made

us alive with Christ. Through his reckless love, we can move from death to life. I can't think of anything more exciting than that!

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved." - Ephesians 2:4-5



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NEWS AND EVENTS FROM WITHIN THE GATES OF CAMP RIDGECREST FOR BOYS

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FALL 2016

## **SUMMER 2016 HIGHLIGHTS**



Over 1,200 boys attended Camp Ridgecrest this summer, many for the first time! That's 1,200 boys who were able to play Sock War, drink a Cheerwine, and hear about God's love at Campfire! We're so thankful for God's grace, vision and blessings here at Camp!

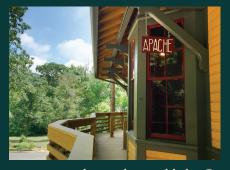


Did you see the new Glacier this summer? Paid for 100% by donations from former campers and staffers, we had a blast climbing up and sliding down the Glacier this summer. Standing over 16 ft tall, it looked incredible across the lake and there was hardly a time when it wasn't covered in campers!



Council Ring looked a little bit different this summer. Instead of all the seating being on one side, Council Ring now sits campers 360 degrees around the fire. Council Ring is one of the most special events here at Camp and now campers are able to experience it in an even cooler way! This project

was made possible by the Camp Ridgecrest Alumni and Friends.



No more waiting in a long line at Canteen! Canteen got a facelift this summer and we jumped from 4 serving lines to 8 serving lines! Canteen is a very historic building and there are now areas that show off old camp photos and memorabilia. There's a new deck wrapping the entire building. This

project was also made possible by Camp Alumni.



The center of camp looks a little bit different now also! You can never have enough 2 square and 4 square courts, so we added some. We also got to enjoy an outdoor basketball court, a new deck on the lake, another Hex-ball pit



Did you hear about the Comanche, or the "First of the Mohicans"? It was our first summer with our 2 new tribes, and they had a blast. Those guys got to be a part of Camp history, being the first ever campers in the tribes. They have some awesome new chants, traditions and OAs. We're

excited to see how those grow throughout the years!



We played 2 brand new Campwide OAs this summer. Over the past few years, we've added OAs like Battle for Middle Earth, and this year we played 2 brand new OAs: "Earth, Wind and Fire" and "Pokemon". It was exciting to play new games all over camp and we look forward

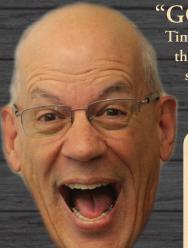
to more of you getting to play those games in the years to come!



Family Weekend Camps! This was our 3rd year doing Father Son Camp and Family Camp. We had an incredible turnout for these events, and it is so much fun getting to see dads, moms, and even grandparents get to experience camp with their family! Consider signing

your family up for next year. Register online!

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### "GOOOOOOOOD MORNING CAMP RIDGECREST!"

Time to wake up? No! It's time to warm up those vocal chords and drink some warm tea. Because this year's competition is gonna be a good one. Ron's voice just isn't what it used to be and we need someone to give him a break at some point this summer. So our challenge to all of the camp family is to post a video on Instagram or Facebook giving your best "Good morning Camp Ridgecrest". Make sure to tag @campridgecrest as well as #goodmorningCR.

#### THERE ARE 3 DIFFERENT CATEGORIES AND WAYS TO WIN

- 1 Simply say it the longest like Ron does in the morning. Winner gets to say good morning with Ron this summer and 2 free canteens.
- 2 Do it in the most creative place (grocery store speaker, morning class, or to wake up your parents). Winner gets a new 2017 dri-fit Camp Ridgecrest t-shirt.
- 3 Gather up your teammates, friends, or families and get the biggest group of people to all say it together! Winner will receive a signed, glossy picture of Ron's face and a free canteen.

You can either say "Good Morning Camp Ridgecrest!" or if you are at a special place like your school or home you can say something along the lines of "Good Morning Glenbrook North High School!".

Remember to tag @campridgecrest and #goodmorningCR

#### TEXT FOR A LINK TO OUR BEST VIDEO YET!

Have you seen our new Promo Video? We believe it's the best 10 minutes of video we have ever put together about the Camps! You really need to watch it, "like" it, and then please share it on Social Media. We will even TEXT you the video, straight to your cell phone. Simply text "SummerCamp" to 24587 for an immediate link to our best video yet. Then you can text the video to your friends!





Dear campers and families,

Merry Christmas Season to you all! We hope that you'll join us in tracing God's story of redemption through the Bible as it leads us to the beautiful moment that our Savior came to walk with us.

Each day, starting on Dec. 1, consider taking some time to read the verse or thought for the day and asking yourselves two questions. 1. What does this tell me about God? 2. What does that mean for me? The bolded words may give a little added direction for thought and converasation.

We hope this broadens your eyes to more of the greatness of Jesus during this season. Thank you for letting us share in your lives even at home. Much love from all of us to you!

~Ron, Phil, Sam, Parker and John Mark



Missed out on buying a camp t-shirt last summer? Now's the time to get all our camp clothing on SALE! Find shirts, stickers, sweats, blankets, pullovers and much more. We even have a couple new items you won't want to miss. Visit our website to access the store!

## LITTLE CHIEF CANDIDATES FROM SUMMER

All candidates received the honor of being tapped out for Little Chief. The campers with \* after their names were successful in passing every phase of the test, and are now Little Chiefs. Those without \* received the rank of Buck.

#### **TAPOUTS 1**

Eli Dickinson Marshall Latture Steadman Jones Charlie McCollough Grant Woodruff Wesley Minton Curt Caudle \* Matthew Calamari Cade Stanley

Ben Grieves **Bowen Young** \* McNeill Davis \* Stuart Jackson

Matthew Manion Stephen Cone\* Jackson Corbett Price Dukes\* Ben Elder R.L. England\* Owen Garrison Sutton Hardy Peterson Jones

Spencer Judd

Zach Killian

**Jack Knowles** Justin McGowan Will Nesmith Carter Spivey Donald Vanderhorst

#### **TAPOUTS 2**

Trey Oldham Brooks Vereen Chase Horton Alex Kardamilas Jack Solley Mitchell Koser\* Matthew Hochfelder Jacob Raulerson Jake Ball Shane Holyoak\* AJ Pacheco Garrett Tipping Justin Sontag Chris Wilhelm Kent Michaels Jonathan Howey Cole Freeman Jack David Pleasants Mason Thomas\* Clayton Kolar Parker Bennett Wilson Bullington Nick Decker Joseph Noll Jackson Haley Ion Floyd Dunn JoJo Pinel Caleb Sanders Rhett Smith Campbell Harmening

#### **TAPOUTS 3**

Finn Wagner Gavin Franklin Jack Bell Drayton Ball Jack Felton Silas Snead Cole Hutto Jordan Migueli Jake Hartsgrove Lukas O'Grady Cooper Lake

Jackson Redfearn Ryan Stover Chan Crockett Paul Voisard Luke Silvious Thomas Haynes Andrew Barnes Cyle Wynne **Jackson Colvin\*** Brett Terrell Daniel Rouse Danny Pearson Wade Eastman Wyly Yant Reece Thompson Michael Anderson Matthew Wright Baker Benfield\* Jordan Pichard\* **TAPOUTS 4** 

Carson Reynolds

Ryan Krugman

Jon Coradi

Braidan O'Connor

Brennan Himmler Cole Dewey Connor Brown Jackson Henry Jared Pichard\* Joey Cocchiarella Max Eastman Nick Coradi Noah Glover Ryan McLaughlin Ryan Weaver

Collier Hayslett

Brandon Raetz

Jacob Kidder

Jacob Young

Aaron Shiflet

Adam Jefferson

Andrew Reamer

Clayton Sheffield

Michael McCartney

Brendan Thomas

Peter Bowen

Alex Weaver

#### **ALUMNI UPDATE**



Hello Ridgecrest Nation, Kindred Kraken here coming to you from South Sudan. I'm here on a three year term sharing the message of Jesus and hoping to make disciples among the Dinka people. It's hard work in a hard place to live. God has given me many hills to climb here. Pray that I would have the strength to climb them! - Ben Pineda. PS. I'm working on building a frisbee golf course here. Zephyrs only!

What up Ridgecrest Nation?! It's your boy Charged Kitsune coming in hot from Nashville, TN! A lot of things have happened over the past year including signing a record deal with Sony Music Records, making an album, and playing shows all over the country. I released my first ever REAL single called "Woke Up In Nashville" and I am currently traveling to as many country radio stations I can, to play the song for the boss men, in hopes they play it on the radio in YOUR city! I'm just hoping I can play the station in Asheville soon so I can make a pit stop at Fun Depot and Dairy King... I appreciate the continued love, prayers, and support more than you'll ever know! Love ya'll and see you soon. God Bless. - Seth Ennis



#### 2016 COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL PICKS!



The leaves are changing, the days are getting shorter, and the silence is broken by thousands of people screaming for their schools. Which can only mean one thing: college football! The 6th annual Camp Ridgecrest Bowl Picks Contest is coming up very soon! It is your time to show off that sports knowledge. We will be sending out an email soon to parents as well as posting on social media. Everyone will be entered into the same group so all of camp will be playing against each other for bragging rights. The Ridgecrest or Crestridge camper or staff member with the best overall score will be able to pick any one item from the clothing store for free! So start reading up on your Heisman candidates, watch some ESPN Gameday and remember when in doubt, pick the SEC team.

#### **CAMP RIDGECREST SPOTIFY**



Missing camp yet? Relive the highlights from the summer with the soundtrack to your favorite camp moments. Let music take you back to running from the Nazgûl down the lake road with the Battle for Middle Earth playlist or using your Pokésocks to try and catch 'em all with the Pokémon GO playlist. Also check out our favorite worship songs, mellow jams, and hype beats on our Spotify account. Follow "campridgecrest" and look through our playlists!