

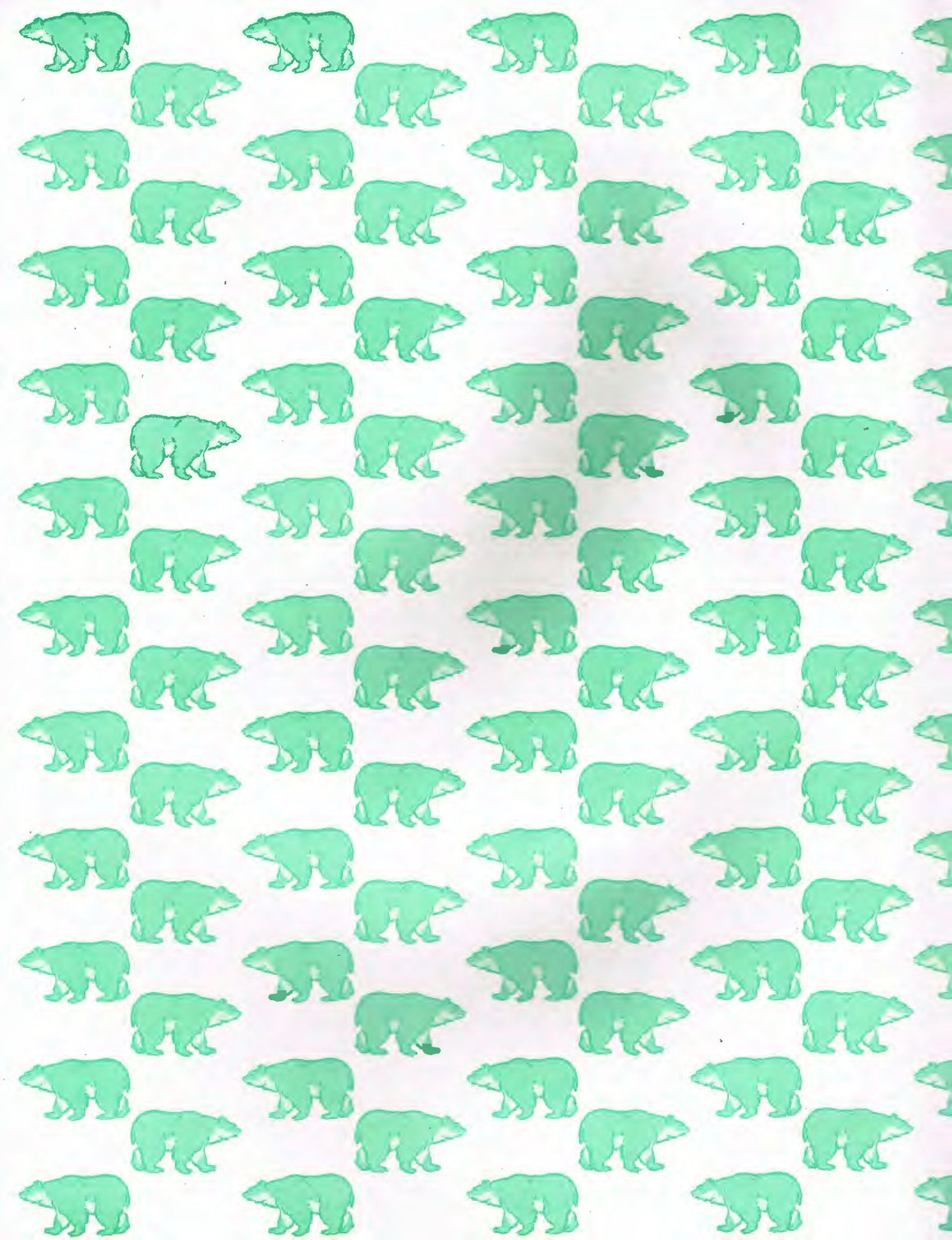
# **CAMP MISHEMOKWA**



**1997**

**OUR 73RD  
SUMMER  
OF CAMP  
FUN AND  
ADVENTURE!**

**Expect  
Something  
Exciting!**



# Mishemokwa Is Ready For You!

## **TRADITIONAL REZ CAMP**

Coed, Ages 6 to 14

## **TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP**

Coed, Ages 13 to 16

## **EXTREME WILDERNESS TREK CAMP**

Coed, Ages 15 to 17

## **CAMP CREW '97 CIT AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

Coed, Ages 15 to 17



Since its very first summer in 1924, Mishemokwa has been the chosen summer camp destination for thousands of boys and girls from all over the world. Located on a beautiful wooded mountain (elevation about 3,200 feet) near the small town of Bat Cave, North Carolina, Camp Mishemokwa's gates will swing open again this summer. Campers come to Mishemokwa for fun and adventure, new and renewed friendships, opportunities for challenge and growth, and the expectation that something exciting will happen every day while they are in camp. They will leave us with new found skills and lasting memories that can't be captured from just any alternative summer experience. Camp is where it's at and Mishemokwa is ready for you!

Our mission is to have happy campers every day. We believe that happy campers are learning campers; happy campers are growing campers. Campers that are having a good time and who feel comfortable in their environment are ready to accept responsibilities, make new friends, and take on just about any challenge put before them. They will absolutely seize the moment and then spend hours upon hours talking about it when they return home at the end of the summer. That's the Mishemokwa camper.

Camp Mishemokwa is a noncompetitive, values oriented camp community. We encourage our campers to try. We want them to learn; to grow; to experience the dynamic challenges of outdoor adventure. Every activity is designed to contribute toward the appropriate development of skills, self-esteem, responsibility and community living . . . all while having fun.

The camp encourages important lifestyle values such as honesty, good manners, respect for self, respect for others, and the desire to always try to do one's best in any situation. A camping experience at Mishemokwa develops useful skills, positive attitudes, friendships and lasting memories. The camp experience becomes an invaluable investment in each child's personal development and future.

All of us at Camp Mishemokwa are honored that you are considering our camp as a possible experience for your child. We are dedicated, not just to making this experience as fun and exciting a summer as we can, but also to impact the natural developmental process and educational enrichment of your child in the most positive way we can.

All of the information that you find in this brochure will assist you in making your final decision. It will also help you in understanding the policies and procedures that assist us in serving your child in a smooth and safe manner. After you have had a chance to review this material, should you have any further questions, please feel free to call us toll free at 1.888.422.5293. We would love to have the opportunity to talk with you and to answer your questions.

# TRADITIONAL REZ CAMP

COED, AGES 6-14



The Mishemokwa camp community and program structure is actually developed into four distinct villages, allowing campers to interact and socialize with other campers their own age and at compatible skill levels. Our *Traditional REZ Camp* experience is designed for the younger and inexperienced camper. Activities are typical summer camp and include instruction in twenty different program skill areas. Some of the specific instructional

activities include archery, boating, camp crafts, canoeing, ceramics, karate, music, outdoor living, pottery, riflery, ropes course, swimming, and tennis.

Our computer program is not about just playing games, but will include hands-on interaction on the *Mishemokwa Internet*, plus publishing the weekly edition of the camp newsletter *The Bear Facts*. For the more seasoned young camper,

horseback riding, whitewater rafting and waterskiing may be added at an additional cost. A highly personalized tutoring program is also offered in mathematics, reading and English as a second language.

## PACKAGE RATES

**Two Weeks**  
**\$1,000\* per camper**

**Three Weeks**  
**\$1,470\* per camper**

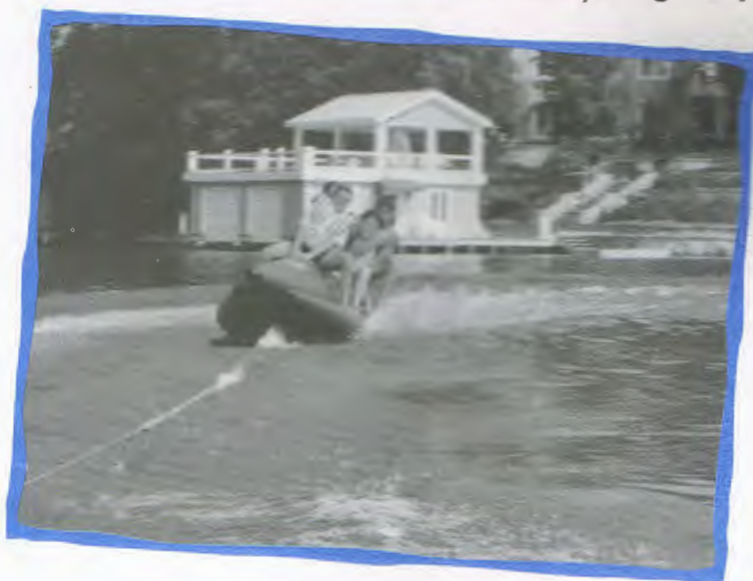
**Four Weeks**  
**\$1,930\* per camper**

**Five Weeks**  
**\$2,380\* per camper**

**Six Weeks**  
**\$2,815\* per camper**

**Seven Weeks**  
**\$3,235\* per camper**

**Eight Weeks**  
**\$3,640\* per camper**



\* (The Traditional REZ Camp rates do not include tutoring, whitewater rafting, horseback riding or waterskiing. Each activity is available at an additional cost.)

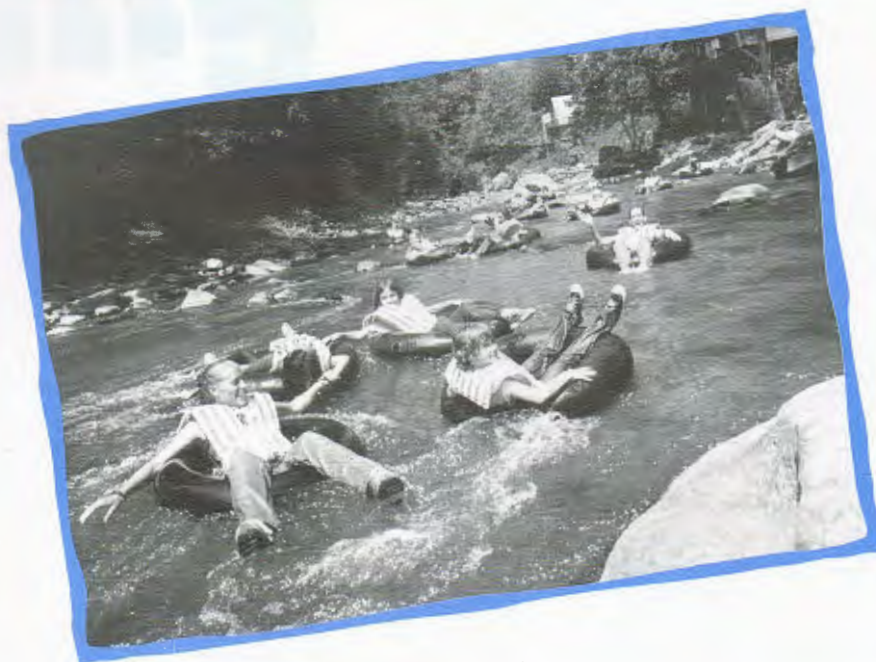


*"My favorite thing is the ropes course. I liked climbing the cargo net and then riding the zip wire across the field."*

*"The horses were so neat. They were easy to ride and I loved taking them on the trail rides."*

*"Whitewater rafting was awesome! I was a little scared at first, but once we got going...it was wild! I can't wait to do it again."*

*"I made a lot of new friends at Camp Mishemokwa. I promised them that I was going to write them letters every week. I hope I'm able to keep that promise. I can't wait to see them next summer."*



*Traditional REZ campers will also get loads of time for unbelievable camp fun. There will be campfires and special events; water tubing down the Broad River; jumping onto the camp water blob; sliding down our own 170 foot water slide; zipping across the 250 foot zip wire; miniature golf; and three delicious camp meals every day.*

## CAMP ACTIVITIES

Archery  
 Basketball  
 Boating  
 Camp Crafts  
 Canoeing  
 Cheerleading  
 Computers  
 Cooking  
 Dances  
 Drama  
 Fishing  
 Horseback Riding  
 Karate  
 Miniature Golf  
 Music  
 Nature Study  
 Outdoor Living  
 Pottery  
 Riflery  
 River Tubing  
 Roller Skating  
 Ropes Courses  
 Soccer  
 Softball  
 Swimming  
 Talent Shows  
 Tennis  
 Volleyball  
 Waterskiing  
 Whitewater Rafting  
 Water Sliding  
 Water Blobbing  
 Water Carnivals

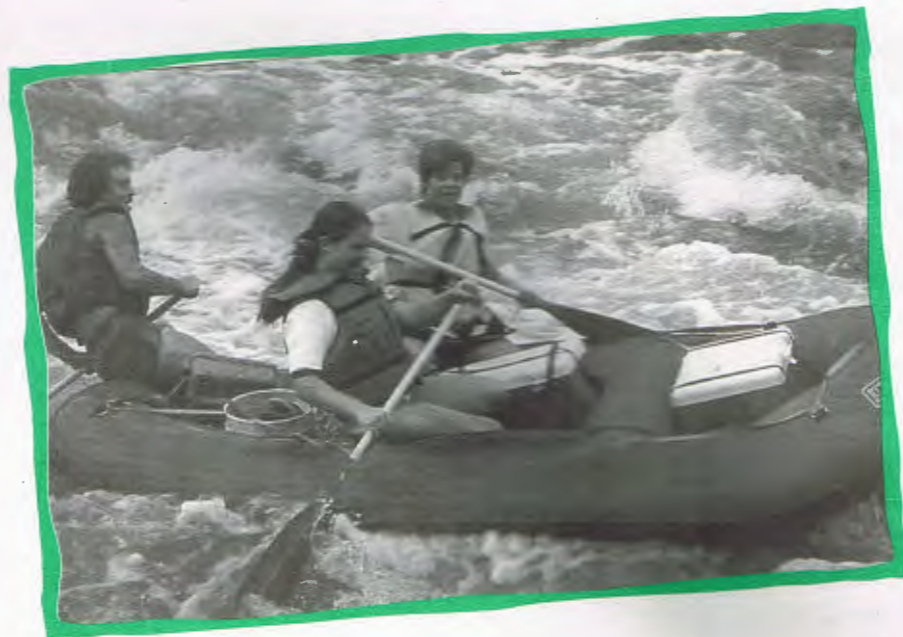


# ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

**Specializing In:**

**Backpacking  
Challenge Ropes  
Horseback Riding  
Mountain Bikes  
Outdoor Camping  
Rappelling  
Rock Climbing  
Waterskiing  
Whitewater Rafting**

**Along With Our  
Wide Variety  
Of Traditional  
Camp Activities!**



For the experienced camper and young teen who may think camp is no longer for them, we have quite a surprise for you! Our highly energized and dynamic *Teen Adventure Camp* is programmed specifically for the camper looking for major excitement, unbelievable thrills and awesome challenges. Don't worry Mom, these adventures happen within a safe, controlled and well supervised camp environment.



*Teen Adventure campers may specialize in...*

1. Rappelling, rock climbing and our challenge ropes course
2. Waterskiing and whitewater rafting
3. Horseback riding
4. Outdoor living
5. Mountain bicycling



## PACKAGE RATES

**Two Weeks**  
**\$1,120 per camper**

**Three Weeks**  
**\$1,650 per camper**

**Four Weeks**  
**\$2,130 per camper**

**Five Weeks**  
**\$2,630 per camper**

**Six Weeks**  
**\$3,100 per camper**

**Seven Weeks**  
**\$3,550 per camper**

**Eight Weeks**  
**\$3,950 per camper**

# TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

COED, 13-16

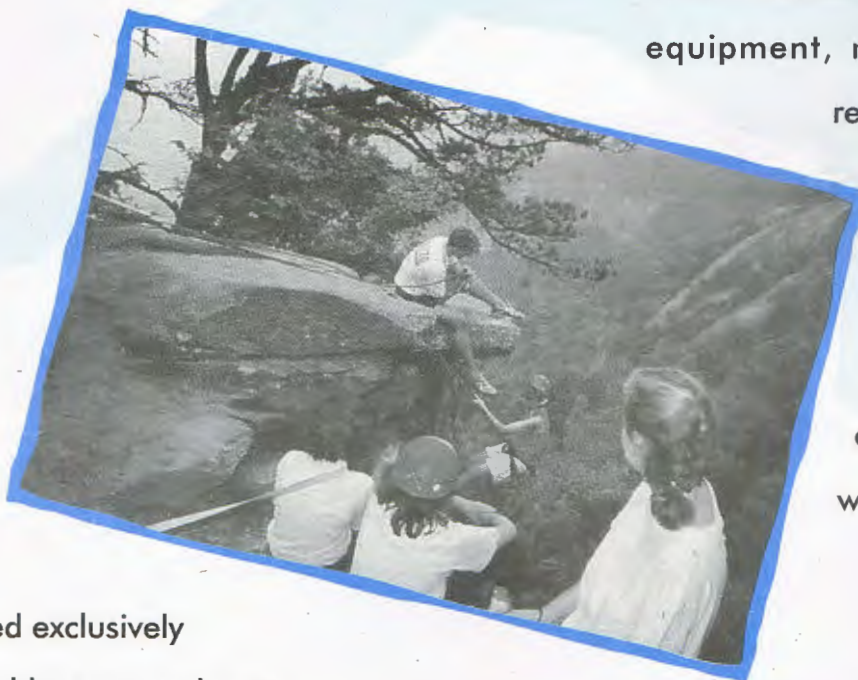


Each camper will select two specialty program areas and will receive up to four hours of quality instruction daily in their activity choices on alternating days. In addition, our *Teen Adventure* campers will have daily access to the wide variety of program offerings available at Camp Mishemokwa. There will be special evening programs developed just for teens, and the food at Camp Mishemokwa will knock your socks off. (That means it will be really good, not really bad.)

# XTREME WILDERNESS CAMP

COED, AGES 15-17

Every camper will become part of a wilderness team, which means accepting important assignments and responsibilities. The final four days of each trek session will be back in Camp Mishemokwa. This time will be spent in cleaning equipment, making any needed repairs, replenishing supplies and reflecting upon the accomplishments of the previous six days. Each trek will be guided by highly skilled and mature staff, each certified in first aid, CPR, and water safety.



Designed exclusively for the older teen and more experienced camper, our *Xtreme Wilderness Trek Camps* will be predominately outward bound. Every two weeks a trek will be planned and carried out by campers and staff. The first four days will be spent in camp at Mishemokwa, planning, preparing and packing for the expedition. The next six days will be spent on the trail. Campers will be taught important skills in outdoor living, wilderness survival, outdoor cooking, environmental management and personal safety.

Trekkers will be transported by camp vans into high adventure areas and will then utilize tents and established campground sites for overnight accommodations. Every group that leaves camp will be equipped with electronic communications that will provide an immediate link to Camp Mishemokwa and public emergency services.



## PACKAGE RATES

**Two Weeks**  
**\$1,200 per camper**

**Four Weeks**  
**\$2,200 per camper**

**Six Weeks**  
**\$3,000 per camper**

**Eight Weeks**  
**\$3,800 per camper**



Trek destinations, as of this writing have not been fully determined, but will most likely include the Pisgah National Forest, the Great Smokey Mountains National Park, and the Carolina coast as three primary trek adventures. This is truly *Xtreme* and should be chosen as a summer camp experience only by those who want an xtreme wilderness adventure. It will be challenging. It will be fun. It may very well change your life.



## XTREME TREKS

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|-----------------|----------|--|
| <b>1st Trek</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>June 15 - June 28</b><br><b>Pisgah National Forest</b>  |
| <b>2nd Trek</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>June 29 - July 12</b><br><b>Great Smokey Mountains</b>  |
| <b>3rd Trek</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>July 13 - July 26</b><br><b>Carolina Coast</b>          |
| <b>4th Trek</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>July 27 - August 9</b><br><b>Pisgah National Forest</b> |

*\* Trek Destinations Are Subject To Change*

## EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES



### SPECIAL TRIPS

One of the highlights of each two week session at camp is an optional trip to one of the area's amusement parks. Day trips are planned in accordance with the interests and maturity of the campers. Costs of admission fees, transportation and spending money for trips away from camp are in addition to the standard camper tuitions. A listing of optional trips will be provided to all registered campers prior to the opening of camp.

### ACADEMICS

Special developmental (remedial and enrichment) programs in reading, mathematics and English as a second language are provided when requested by parents. All tutoring programs will be under the direction of teachers who have had extensive training and experience in each area of instruction. These programs will be designed to accommodate the individual needs of each participant. No camper will be accepted in the individual tutoring program unless he or she is enrolled for a minimum of four weeks. There is an additional charge for the instruction in reading, mathematics and English as a Second Language.

## DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00 am	Wake-up
7:45	Cabin cleanup/housekeeping
8:15	Flag raising ceremony
8:30	Breakfast
9:15	Activity periods
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:15	Rest and relaxation
2:00	Club activity periods
4:00	Special activities
5:30	Dinner
6:30	Flag lowering ceremony
6:45	Counselor-directed activities
8:00	Evening Program/campfires
9:45	Lights-out

The *Counselor In Training* program at Camp Mishemokwa is all about leadership. We are very anxious to help our campers develop into future leaders.

The sole purpose of our CIT program is to prepare young people for leadership

positions at home, at school, in the community and within the camp. All of this will be accomplished while living in the camp community and experiencing all of the normal camp fun and fellowship. *Camp Crew '97* will actually produce a camp video, publish the weekly camp newspaper, help plan and conduct campfires and

other special events throughout the summer. The program is open to those campers who are at least 15 years of age by the start of camp. Any mature and responsible camper between the ages of 15 and 17 may apply for program. Camp

many as twelve CITs for throughout the 1997 will be made up of six each camp session. '97 must complete an includes three character

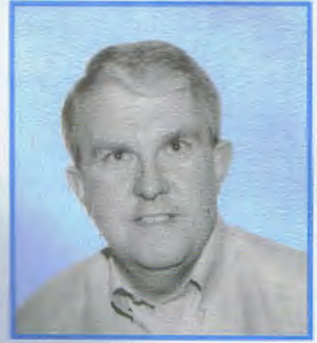
like a more detailed description of the program and specific information on how you can become a Mishemokwa CIT, give us a call on our toll free line at 1.888.422.5293. It's not for everyone, but it may be the perfect experience for you.

## CIT - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COED, 15 - 17



participation in the CIT Mishemokwa will accept as each 4-week session season. Ideally the *Crew* girls and six boys during Candidates for *Camp Crew* application procedure which references. If you would

# AN OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS



Hello. My name is George Hood and I am the Camp Director and Operator of Camp Mishemokwa. I have been directing camps and working with kids in the camp environment for nearly 35 years. That takes me all the way back to my high school days, through college and well into my professional life. I actually met my wife of 27 years, when we were both high school students working at a summer camp in southern Ohio.

There's no doubt about it, I love camp! And especially, I love seeing how camp helps kids grow and mature, develop new skills, build personal confidence and self-esteem, all while fostering lifelong memories and friendships. I cherish the days that I have spent at camp as a camper, a dishwasher, a maintenance worker, counselor, waterfront director, program director and camp director. I'm fond of the work I have done on behalf of the American Camping Association as a member of the national staff for two years and as a volunteer for nearly 20 years. I have been personally gratified many times in my work with inner-city kids and my professional association with programs for abused and neglected children. However, I'm more excited about the future.

I am excited about the creative potential stored up within every child. I am excited by their eagerness to learn and their hunger for challenge and new adventures. I'm excited about what Camp Mishemokwa can mean in the life of your child and I am particularly honored that you are considering placing your child under our care and supervision this summer. That is an honor we do not treat lightly.

As we have stated on the very first page of this brochure, we are a noncompetitive, values oriented camp. We encourage learning by doing; we stimulate growth through the challenges of adventure; and we foster important lifestyle values through example. When you place your child in our camp, we understand that you are expecting quality care with a quality experience. Our entire staff is dedicated to making that happen for you and your child.

Hopefully, by this point in your review of this brochure, you have gained an understanding of our program design and options. There are lots of things to do at Camp Mishemokwa and we can respond to a wide age range in providing program diversity. The balance of this brochure will describe our facilities, our staffing and the general policies and procedures for the 1997 summer season. I hope we answer all of your questions. If not, then please call me.

You may also be interested to know that we have a VHS video available for loan upon request. If you would like to view our video, please contact me at any of the addresses, fax numbers or telephone numbers listed on the back cover of this brochure. There is no charge for the video, but we would appreciate your cooperation in returning it when you are finished viewing.

Again, thanks for your interest in Camp Mishemokwa. We hope to see you and your child this summer.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Hood  
Camp Director

# STAFF



A carefully selected and professionally trained staff of 50 mature individuals comes to work on Mishemokwa Mountain each summer as counselors, program specialists, instructors, food service personnel, water safety and health care practitioners. Every counselor must be at least 18 years of age and must have completed at least one year of college or its equivalent. Many of the program specialists and instructors are degreed school teachers.



Mishemokwa consistently maintains an overall ratio of one staff member for every four campers. Younger campers (ages 6 to 10) always have a higher rate of staff care while the older campers (ages 11 to 16) are given a greater sense of independence and personal responsibility, but not without proper care and supervision.

International diversity amongst our staff and campers has always been an added dimension of the Mishemokwa camp community. Approximately 40% of our staff are international college students who come to us from Great Britain (England, Scotland and Ireland) and numerous European countries (such as Sweden, France, Switzerland, Russia and Czechoslovakia). Over the years of our existence, campers and counselors have come to Mishemokwa from more than 40 different countries. The flags of these various nations hang in our camp dining room and each summer ceremonies are held to hang new additions to our unique collection of national flags. We feel strongly that this diversity of international leadership adds a wonderful learning dimension to our camp program.

# CAMP MISHEMOKWA FACILITIES

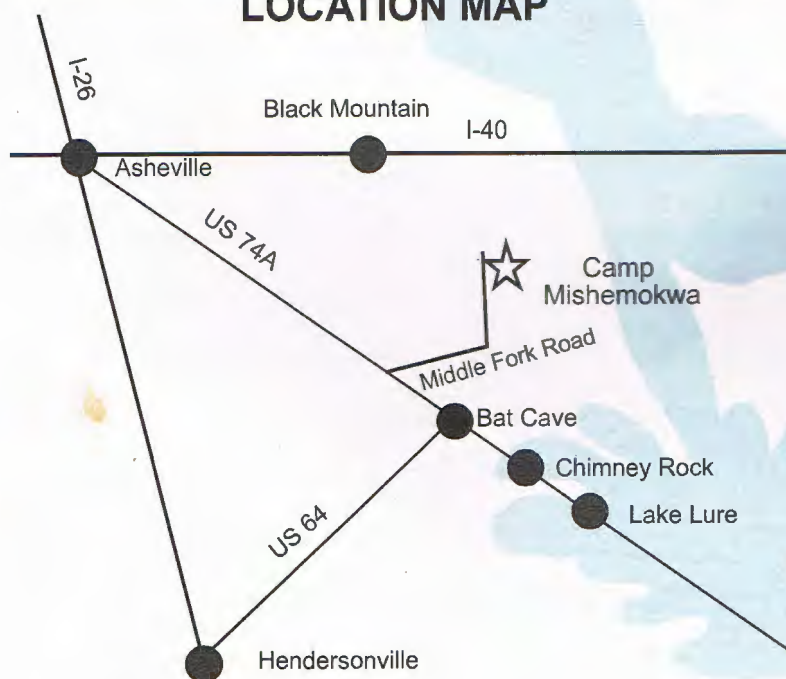
Mishemokwa enjoys a natural mountain setting of 160 wooded acres. The camp site is enhanced by miles of hiking and backpacking trails, small streams, springs and two small man-made lakes.

*The Facilities are in excellent condition and include...*

**Camper Cabins**  
**Centralized Bath Houses with Hot Showers**  
**Recreation Hall**  
**A Large Dining Hall with Fireplace**  
**An Indoor Gymnasium**  
**A Play Field**  
**Tennis Courts**  
**Miniature Golf**  
**Indoor and Outdoor Archery and Rifle Ranges**  
**A Swimming Pool**  
**A Water Blob**  
**A Waterfront Cable Ride**  
**A 170-foot Waterslide**  
**A 25-foot Climbing/Rappelling Tower**  
**A 250-foot Zip Wire Ride**  
**High and Low Initiatives Ropes Course**  
**An Outdoor Amphitheatre**  
**Fully Equipped Health Center**



## LOCATION MAP







Summer Address

P.O. Box 40

Bat Cave, North Carolina 28710

Tel. 704.625.9051 Fax. 704.625.8041

Winter Address

6503 East Mabury Avenue

Orange, California 92867

Tel. 714.921.2442 Fax. 714.921.2662

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