



Boots Win the Log for Summer '05



The friendly competitions and Final Marathons are over....the points have been tallied and the results are in.....the Boots win the log for 2005!!! Once again, the scores were neck-in-neck until the very end. Excellent fire building skills in the Final Marathon, progressions, and the first GUIDE PATCH in ten years, earned by Ian Smith, put the Boots over the top.

The focus is often put solely on the Final Marathon as the deciding factor in the winner of the log, but is often not the case. Throughout the summer, both tribes competed in Boot vs. Chick competitions from Capture the Chicken to field day games, Horse Rangers, Iron Man, and especially progressions. Campers could quietly compete on a daily basis for their tribes in activities like Horse Rangers where campers woke up early in the morning and headed to the barn to take care of an adopted horse or Iron Man where they ran 2.5 miles on camp road, completed push ups and pull ups and in the end "Pot-Holed" into the cold, still morning waters of the lake. These points add up during the course of the summer and often surprise campers when the winner is announced at the end of the session.

Many progressions were earned this summer, even several "Guides"-the most difficult progression to earn. Guides were earned by Will Freshe in fly fishing and Blacksmithing, Christian Freeman in blacksmithing, Brett Cooper and Jackson Reeves earned a Super Guide in Blacksmithing, Neal Huey in Mountain Biking, Paul Williams in Archery, Sean Wilson in swimming, and Sam Wagner in Archery and Basketball.

As previously noted Ian Smith earned his Guide Patch requiring him to achieve guide status in six separate program areas. For this is the culmination of 11 very focused Arrowhead summers Great work gentlemen!



What's Inside?

Camp is now quiet.....no longer to be heard is the near riotous response to that infamous announcement of 'Capture the Chicken in the Woods' for evening activity or the impassioned Boot and Chick team cheers. The end of camp allows time to think back on everything that was jammed into ten very full weeks. This newsletter will hopefully remind you of the fun and adventure that was experienced this past summer and a clearer idea of why camp has such a powerful effect on young boy's lives.

Both tribes competed well and made a valiant effort in the fight for the log, but in the end the Boots won for the fifth year in a row. The Chicks are sure to come in next summer with a strong desire to taste victory once again.

Iron Pour Again A Highlight at Arrowhead

Once again Camp Arrowhead advanced their fine arts programming. We are not aware of another summer camp in the country that has its own steel furnace (does any one else build and race cars??). This past winter we ventured down to Birmingham Alabama to Sloss Furnace to build our very own crucible to melt iron for casting. John Springer and the Sloss team drove up during our July session to assist us as campers scratched sand and polymer blocks for their very own casting forms. The end result was a spectacular fiery burn that eventually turned steel into liquid iron to be poured into these individual camper moulds. Long term, and with greater experience, we will be able to use this crucible for sculptures or larger artistic creations. This has been an extraordinary addition to our creative iron works program.



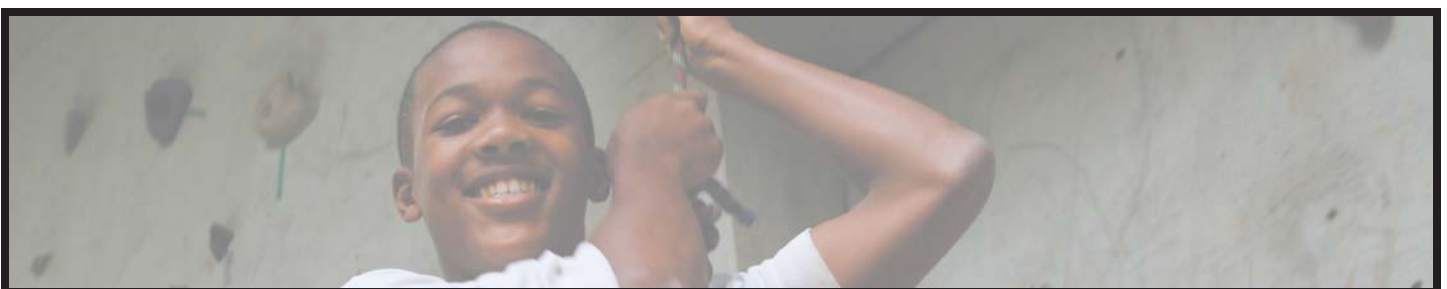
Children of Promise Enjoy Arrowhead

This summer began a new tradition to add to the long list that makes Arrowhead such a truly special place. "Children of Promise" is a uniquely designed session that allowed inner-city boys from New Orleans to come to camp for a week of camping. For many, this was their first time out of the city and away from home. The boys transitioned well to the rugged Western North Carolina Mountains. They participated in team building challenges, swimming, mountain biking, archery and all the activities our traditional session campers get to participate in.

In addition, they had guest speakers that included Shawn Harper and Steve Fitzhugh, former NFL players, who shared their stories of how God has changed their lives. Danny Wuerffel, Heisman trophy winner and NFL quarterback, joined the campers for the week and participated in the activities with them. Christian rapper, CZ, transformed the dining hall into a concert venue as he performed at night for the campers and tossed out free CDs.

The campers traveled up as part of a group called Desire Street Ministries. Jeff Killebrew, marketing director for Desire Street, joined Camp Arrowhead at the beginning of the year to help launch the Arrowhead outreach mission and to facilitate planning through his extensive relationship with the Desire Street organization. Jeff directed the week that the "Children of Promise" campers attended camp. He also remained at camp for the duration of the summer as the man behind the camera and key board, allowing parents to receive daily photos and news about their sons camping experience.

The program was a huge success. The boys were able to learn more about themselves and grow spiritually, mentally, and physically during the week and were able to take that positive experience back with them to New Orleans. Three of the boys were selected to return later in the summer to join the kitchen work crew team and participate in additional camp programs. It was a great learning experience for everyone involved.





Making Boys Into Men

Camp Arrowhead has always been dedicated to helping boys become men. This was evidenced once again this year as all campers learned courage, confidence, compassion, and character through relationships with other campers and counselors. They were equipped with skills in various areas of life, not just activity areas.

The Spearhead program was rekindled during the July Session with selected campers taking a week long quest out of camp to learn leadership skills and begin their introduction to the responsibilities demanded of being an Arrowhead counselor. All this was facilitated through challenging wilderness adventure that included white water kayaking, climbing, hiking and camping. This program was headed up by Senior Counselor Chris DeKay and was a big part of why main camp was such a huge success for these older campers.

These campers returned as young men who were able to immediately put the lessons learned into action as they stepped up as leaders in camp—helping out where needed, humbly serving others, supporting younger campers and being examples of what it takes to assume a leadership role at Arrowhead.



Family Camp Starts the Season Right

Camp's regular season was off to an awesome start with Family Camp weekend. New campers and their families filled Arrowhead for the first weekend to get a brief taste of what camp is like firsthand (We just received our first 06 Family Camp reservation this past week).

Fathers that had been camper's years before were able to share the experience and traditions of camp with their own boys and other family members. Families got to participate in activities like Rock Creek fishing trips, climbing the rock wall and shooting rifles. Families also got a taste of Cabin Nights as they headed to the newly built Rock Creek Cabana. The children played in the creek while family and friends new and old got to catch up and enjoy the beautiful scenery camp offers. The night wrapped up by sitting around the camp fire, roasting marshmallows, eating smores, and enjoying the talented guitar playing of bluegrass artist and camp legend Mike Durham.

Numerous relationships and friendships were forged and strengthened during the weekend. Most importantly fun was had by all and many of the boys caught the camp fever and returned for a longer stay later in the summer.



Gentlemen, Start Your Engines

The Arrowhead Race Team hit the track once again this year with a new car to lead the pack. Now with three cars, there was even more excitement for campers to enjoy as they experienced Saturday night at the dirt track - Southern culture at its best.

Starr Teel led the team in the new Jackson Kayak, Pinnacle Falls sponsored stock car with a motor designed, built and gifted to Camp Arrowhead by famed NASCAR team owner Andy Petree (Mr. Petree has a real heart for camp and the unquestionable impact it has on children's lives). The sleek V8-powered car was a handful, sliding sideways through classic dirt track racing turns, but Starr was still able to bring home some impressive top ten finishes against more experienced racers. The new car featured sponsors whose names appeared on the side of the car, including some campers' families.



The money raised from the sponsorships went to provide scholarships for our new "Children of Promise" program where underprivileged youth have a chance to attend special sessions designed specifically for them. These children attend as an organized group with their own leadership mission/ministry and the Arrowhead team facilitates the magic of the Arrowhead camping experience. If you are interested in having your name on our fantastic driving machine and supporting this important scholarship effort, please contact Starr, Danny, or Jeremy.



The camp's cars hit the track three different times this summer to the cheers of campers filling the grandstand. Campers went crazy for Starr and our other drivers. Jim Ligori, a senior counselor, and Jim Frady, one of the new owners, drove the blue car while, proud camp parent Jim Boy Miller, owner of Camp Greystone, and Atlanta based Rob Fulkus drove the red car during different races this summer after placing the winning bid at two separate fundraisers this past winter. The opportunities to drive the two cars were auctioned off to supply scholarships for "Children of Promise" campers.



important job of cheering the Arrowhead cars around the track when they weren't enjoying the sugary treats at the concession stand.

One group of campers even had the chance to travel to near-by Flat Rock to tour a real NASCAR team's shop. Andy Petree's race shop opened its doors to Camp Arrowhead campers where they toured the shop and were shown the tools used to work on real NASCAR stock cars. Andy Petree won a couple of NASCAR championships as Dale Earnhardt's crew chief in 1993 and 1994. Petree has moved on to head a full-time Busch racing team stationed out of the shop in Flat Rock. The campers involved were able to gain a greater appreciation of the work that goes into the sport

Freedom!

Camp was awakened on July 4th to the sound of a horseback rider announcing “the British are attacking.” This triggered the annual counselor water balloon and shaving cream fight on the cabin field. Campers piled out of cabins onto the porch to watch the “battle” ensue. The brand new massive water balloon slingshots added a new dimension of excitement to the game. The water balloon catapults could propel a water balloon 100 yards or more. Distance was no issue but accuracy was another story. Campers were soon able to join in the chaos and everyone was soon soaking wet and covered in shaving cream. There was no clear winner in this battle as it was every man for himself, but everyone did have a blast.

The rest of the morning was filled with Boot vs. Chick field games. Campers were divided by division to compete in different activities including tug-of-war, relay races, “bloody (ketchup) marshmallow toss,” and dizzy bat races. Counselors were even allowed to compete in their own division and campers had a fun time pulling for their favorite tribe and counselors.

The ever popular peanut drop was a huge success at the end of lunch. Jeremy flew over camp in a small airplane and dropped peanuts out the window all over camp. Campers scattered to collect multicolored peanuts worth different values for Boot/Chick points. The plane made about four runs over camp to empty all of the peanuts. The campers were so excited and anxious to gain points for their tribe that they emptied the dining hall leaving one of Heather’s homemade deserts on the table.

For the evening, campers traveled to Camp Greystone for a massive cookout with their friendly and good looking barn gals. Arrowhead campers played soccer, baseball and frisbee in the pasture as they awaited dark and the colorful, sparkling fireworks display put on by Camp Greystone. The sky was lit up from nearly all sides as the near professional quality Greystone show and the beautiful Greens Six Oaks (a great friend of camps and race car/Arrowhead scholarship supporter) fireworks display started almost simultaneously.

The day was filled with fun and activities from the moment campers woke up until the end of the day. Everyone had a great time but all were glad to hit the bed when the lights-out bell rang.

A+ from ACA

Camp Arrowhead underwent a close examination this summer by the American Camp Association (ACA). ACA reviews thousands of camps and provides information to parents and potential campers about safety, health, program quality, and other areas of the camp. ACA is dedicated to improving the camp experience and ensuring program quality. Arrowhead applied for the ACA-Accreditation program this summer and was tested on more than 300 standards for health, safety and programming. Camp Arrowhead passed with a 100%, one of the very few that the inspectors had ever given to any camp. We are dedicated to the development of your children and as well complying with the highest industry standard practices for site, health, safety, food service, staff and programs.



Overall Mission

2005 represents a new page in the Camp Arrowhead history book. New ownership and leadership refocused the mission of camp while embracing the rich history and traditions that keep campers coming back for years.

Jeremy Gillespie joined the Arrowhead team as Camp Director this year and embraced the new vision through the Arrowhead 5 Cs: Compassion, Courage, Confidence, and Character through the timeless teachings of Jesus Christ. It was through these five C's that campers were not only taught how to climb mountains, pound steel or maneuver through challenging white water rapids, but also how to encourage others, develop character, serve and become leaders.

The relationships that were developed between campers and mentored by caring and focused counselors allowed for daily application and development of these principles. Definite growth and change could be seen in many campers during their session at camp.

Dinner Theater, Viking-Style

Campers got a special treat this summer. The traditional Sunday afternoon Arrowhead Adventures had a new twist one day during the July Session. Following an awesome Viking themed Arrowhead Adventure, the kitchen crew, volunteers from Christ Covenant church mission team and Arrowhead counselor staff put on an outrageous dinner theater.



The adventure began during Rest Hour when teams designed and painted their own burlap Viking costumes to make the event more realistic. When all of the teams were ready, the bell rang and teams followed their map to numerous locations around camp and completed missions based on Viking lore. They had to collect items that would be given to Thor in order to win the competition.

When the competition was over the campers gathered as usual at the flagpole for dinner. They were told to keep their costumes on in order to enter the dining hall and many began to question what was going on. The campers were finally allowed to enter and they saw that the dining hall had been transformed into a banquet hall fit for a king. The burlap clad Viking campers were presented with a delicious meal. Flat bread served as their plates and they could only use their (washed) hands for eating as no utensils were provided. The main course featured huge turkey legs and a copious amount of festive Viking like foods. Loud Viking cheers often erupted to fill the hall. Dinner wrapped up with dazzling fire eating and juggling show featuring counselor, Jez Blanchard.





Intercamp Activities

Camp Arrowhead campers had numerous opportunities to interact with other camps this summer. The activities ranged from dances with girls camps to Wild West Day, Mardi Gras and even sports competitions.

The June Session was filled with dances with Camp Ton-a-Wonda, a beach party with Camp Pinnacle, and Mardi Gras with our sister camp, Glen Arden. The beach party featured plenty of swimming and water sports as campers took advantage of their large lake. Boys got to ride the banana boat, go paddle boating, and blobbing. Our campers also joined the Glen Arden girls for a Mardi Gras parade and Cajun dinner followed by a dance. Different aged boys and girls were selected from each camp to dress up and be represented on the Mardi Gras court which was presented to start off the dance. Many brothers and sisters were able to catch up and enjoy one another at this event.



The July Session included soccer and basketball games at Camp Highlander and Wild West Day with Glen Arden. The Arrowhead sports teams came home victorious after traveling to hostile territory at Highlander. Both teams competed vigorously and brought home victories. The soccer team posted a 3-2 victory while the basketball team pulled out a nail biter in triple overtime.

Arrowhead hosted Wild West day where the Glen Arden girls came over for fun activities at the barn, a BBQ dinner, and another dance. Many adorned their blue jeans and cowboy hats for the events at the barn which featured a candle shoot-out, old-timey photo booth, bank heists and tons of other fun. Dust was kicked up and the sound of pop guns traveled to the dining hall for a delicious pork BBQ dinner. As dinner wrapped up, the floor was covered in straw and the music began to thump through the speakers. The cowboys and cowgirls danced the night away featuring for a time our very own Arrowhead rock band.



Rich Traditions Continue

Amidst some obvious changes such as new roofs and porches on cabins, tiled bathrooms and on demand hot water (big hit all around!) and new ownership at camp, there remains a rich history of tradition that started when camp opened in 1937. Campers still shrieked as they got into the "cold" lake for the first time of the summer. They still donned their camouflage and went crazy for Capture the Chicken in the woods. Learning to build fires and sleeping under the stars still occurred on Cabin Nights and all awaited their turn to return to Lake Keowee for water skiing and knee boarding.

Campers were still painted blue or red as Boot/Chick initiations occurred at the Council Fire. Favorite songs were sung and a plethora of smores were consumed. The mountain biking, kayaking and climbing trips were greatly enjoyed, but the most important aspects of camp were the relationships built between individuals and those that were reconnected with great camp friends. Relationships are what really keep camp and its traditions alive and going and lead many of our oldest and most experience camper's to say it was the best summer ever.



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Camp Tour Coming to Your Hometown!

New video has been assembled chronicling your son's adventure packed session at Camp Arrowhead this past summer. We will be on tour this early fall and winter trying to spread the word through those that are near and dear to us. If you have not contacted us already we are looking for sponsors to help us with an invaluable, and yes entertaining, opportunity to gather camp friends and prospective friends of camp for a viewing. We supply everything including help organizing the treats to go along with the movie! We will even help with the calls and follow-ups to parents with children camp age that you recommend as possible camp candidates. If you can help camp please call or email and let us know (we have heard from many already!). It is going to be a banner recruiting year and we appreciate all the support we are receiving from all our many camp families.