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**MINUTES OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING**

May 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Chair Liu called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Board Members present:

Frances Liu	Keye Jones	Kemesha Lowery
Beverly Williams	Sheresa Ingram	Gary Alden*

Absent: Mike Couch

*Gary Wayne Alden was sworn in prior to the meeting as Board Member for District 4, appointed by Council Member Jose Luis.

Staff: Allison Hardin, Interim Planning Director
Jennifer Bryan, Clerk and Recording Secretary

Others Present:

Council Member Billy Mosteller Planning Commissioner Charles Deese

Members of the press were not present. All adjacent property owners were notified by certified mail. A notice was published in the local newspaper to include meeting place, date, time and the agenda and a copy is on file.

MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS, EDITED FOR CLARITY. THIS IS NOT A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT.

3. Approval of Agenda

Kemesha Lowery moved to Approve the Agenda; 2nd by Keye Jones. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

4. Approval of Minutes from November 1, 2022

Chair Frances Liu asked if there were any comments, changes or corrections to the Minutes of the November 1, 2022 meeting. Beverly Williams moved to approve minutes as written, seconded by Kemesha Lowery. The remaining Board members voted unanimously to approve and adopt the November 1, 2022 minutes. Mr. Alden abstained as not present at the November meeting.

5. Public Hearing Items [See attached sign-in sheets]

a. SE-2023-0595 David Cox/ Spirit 1st Ministries: Campground

Application by Application by David Cox on behalf of Spirit 1st Ministries (property owner Adam Thomas), requesting a Special Exception pursuant to Unified Development Ordinance Section 2.5.3 and 5.5.3, to allow a Campground on a parcel of approximately 354 acres at 2878 Kendelwood Drive (TM # 0042-00-077.00) in the Rural Residential District.

- See handout distributed to Board Members, “Camp Encounter,” printout from website for Spirit 1st Ministries.

Applicant: [See revised site plan submitted with binder of documents. All other documents in binder are same as initial application submission].

David Cox (on behalf of Spirit 1st Ministries):

Camp Encounter is a private campground for children and youth groups chaperoned by adults. There will be scholarships for needy students. In addition to youth groups, there will be parent/child encounter retreats, couples counseling, day camps, and outdoor skills camps for things like fishing and farming, and recreation league events. Folks are looking for getaways in a rural setting, this place is secluded and protected, it’s a perfect fit. Adam [Thomas] has obtained registered non-profit status for his mission. The plan is for 24 acres, not the full 354 acres; we will survey out the proposed parcel for the actual campground. There will be eight RV sites as shown on the plan. The mission is dedicated to what Mr. Thomas believes in. An engineer and architect are onboard to make any changes needed. He could establish a church, but wants to go forward doing things the right way. The septic system has been approved for what they want to do. There’s plenty of distance to access the proposed site. The building design included is the proposed activity center, with a big activity room, restrooms, storage, and a sound system room. The pond is a beautiful landscaped spot, with benches and a cross as pictured. There’s a private road that goes to the campground portion, so they will not be visible. The documents include a soil analysis for the septic system proposed. I think this is a good plan for Lancaster County and the community.

Public Hearing: [See attached sign-in sheets]

- 1. Stephanie Wyss** (Resident of Decole Drive): The application states the project is a youth campground, but the literature says it is for all ages. The application states there will be “minimal impact,” but the literature states a large variety of uses. A Google search yields several similar facilities in the area, including Camp Canaan in Rock Hill and Bethelwoods Campground and Conference Center in York, and Camp Longridge in Ridgeway SC. Alarming, there is already an active website advertising services and activities at this property (Spirit1st.com), although it has not been approved for this use. This facility will produce a never-ending stream of vehicles and people entering this quiet and peaceful place.
- 2. Amanda Roberts** (Kershaw resident; employee of Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District); Lake Campbell on the subject property is part of the high hazard flood control system. The LC Soil & Water Conservation District has deeded easements on the property. They are concerned that this role in flood management be considered if the property is undergoing development.

- 3. Cole Capps** (Resident of Decole Drive): Concerned that this project was submitted in 2021 and is just now being made public. [*Project was submitted in January 2023*]. Opposed to the rezoning . Cannot find any information about Spirit 1st Ministries, what its affiliations are, what its ministry is. Does not want the noise and traffic that this facility will bring, and is concerned it will impact property values.
- 4. Nicholas Albate** (Resident of Decole Drive): The website for the property shows buildings already constructed, was the construction permitted? Impact of such a busy facility will not be minimal. The driveway depicted is a straight shot onto Kendelwood Drive, which is dangerous.
- 5. Rich Marcello** (Resident of Michael Drive): His property borders Campbell Lake, part of which lies on the Thomas property. He is not opposed to a Christian campground, but is concerned about the effects on the neighborhood. Thomas has placed buoys on the lake with “No Trespassing” signs, Thomas has set up cameras and reported neighbors to authorities as “trespassers” despite the fact that the neighborhood has right of access to the lake as a whole. Marcello is also concerned about noise levels from proposed activities on the property, are there noise ordinances in place? Will there be a curfew?
- 6. Nancy Marcello** (Resident of Michael Drive): Michael Drive intersects with Kendelwood; she is concerned about the influx of traffic and the degradation of the already substandard road, who will be responsible for upgrades and maintenance with increased traffic?
- 7. Frances Taylor** (Resident of Kershaw, owns land on Campbell Lake): She is required to allow access to the lake across her land, so is already dealing with trespassers on a regular basis. She is concerned the campground will increase trespassing, noise, garbage dumping and drinking.
- 8. David Steele** (Resident of Old Farm Road): He is not against an owner using their own property, but has some concerns:

 - Soil in the area does not perk well, have the appropriate permits been issued for septic systems?
 - There is no drawing or plan showing the actual location of the facility, and no technical review;
 - What kind of buffers will be required around the facility?
- 9. Bill Glassberg** (Resident of Michael Drive): Owns 800 feet of lakefront; he has several concerns:

 - Are there any plans for building on the lakefront or the cove?
 - If something happens to this owner’s plans, what happens to the Special Exception use?
 - If the campground is only using 20 acres, what is the intended use for the remainder of the property?

Rebuttal from Applicant(s):

Adam Thomas (Landowner; resident of Kendelwood Drive; director of Spirit 1st Ministries)

- David Cox is the builder of the activities building and the layout of the campground; Mr. Thomas is the property owner and applicant.
- The mission of this ministry is to make opportunities for youth to encounter the Creator. All types of youth groups, including but not limited to scouts, athletic leagues, and church youth groups will be the core ministry.
- The remainder of the property is and will continue to be residential, his family home.
- The building pictured is his home, not a campground building.
- No part of the lake will be affected by or included in the campground.
- The facility will serve all ages, we want it to be generational, families are welcome, but the primary focus will be children and youth. The facility will be reserved by groups, not open to individuals. It is not a public campground.
- There is a lot of trash down by the lake every time it floods, they have groups come out to clean it up.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing and called upon staff to report on the site visit and findings of fact. Interim Planning Director Allison Hardin presented the staff report [see Staff Report attached to Agenda].

FINDINGS REGARDING USE: **The proposal does not meet all the requirements of the ordinance for campgrounds** (see table on page 6 of staff report).

Additional compounding challenges regarding the proposed plan, as well as Technical Review Committee comments, are found on pages 7-8 of the report.

FINDINGS REGARDING SPECIAL EXCEPTION CRITERIA:

The BZA has seven specific Findings of Fact, as set forth in UDO Section 9.2.13.B.5, that they must determine the development proposal meets.

Regarding whether the plan meets the UDO requirements, staff's review shows several gaps in the application as presented. **The following would need to be achieved in order for the use to be approvable.**

1. The survey must show all structures in and out of the proposed property boundary, and the proposed property boundary may not bisect any existing structures on site.
2. The site plan and survey must show the same information.
3. The site plan will clearly indicate which sites are intended for primitive camping, and which are intended for RV/trailer sites.
4. The property must be approved for subdivision, and meet all requirements of such.
5. The site plan must meet all conditions of Section 5.3.3 of the UDO, in particular:
 - a. 5.3.3.B – Cul-de-sacs shall not exceed 1,000 ft in length and shall have an improved turn-around radius of 90 ft.

- b. 5.3.3.D – Minimum street frontage (350 ft).
 - c. 5.3.3.D –Maximum primitive campsites (25% of total sites).
 - d. 5.3.3.D –Minimum water facilities (provided at 1 per 15 campsites).
 - e. 5.3.3.D –Minimum sewer hook ups (provided at 1 per 15 trailer campsites).
 - f. 5.3.3.D –Minimum garbage containers (provided at 1 per 15 campsites).
 - g. 5.3.3.D –A minimum of one service building is planned (1 per 15 campsites without hook-ups; at least 1 per campsite) with sinks, toilets, and showers.
 - h. 5.3.3.D.3 –Said service building is located no more than 350 feet from any primitive campsite, or multiple service buildings are shown and meet the maximum distance requirement.
6. A utility plan is provided for the site, including the locations of fire hydrants, water lines, and sewer facilities.
 7. An operations plan is provided, showing the following at minimum:
 - a. The overall maximum length of stay is 30 days (Section 2.5.1.A – short term human habitation is “less than a month’s duration.”).
 - b. The procedures to comply with Section 5.3.3.C (Registration of Occupants and Guests).
 - c. Cleaning schedule for service buildings (Section 5.3.3.D.3).
 8. An access road plan that is, at minimum, a “smooth, all weather, well-drained surface, free of objectionable dust” (Section 5.3.3.B) is presented to and approved by the Fire Marshal and Public Works.

Answering questions posed by members of the public during the Public Hearing:

1. Buffers: Activity Building; 20 foot minimum, also trees and bushes. Implemented on boundary of 20+ acre tract, not the larger parent tract. Type B buffer using evergreen trees and shrubs to mitigate sound, light, and visual.
2. This is not a rezoning, it is a Special Exception use under the existing zoning.
3. Kendelwood Road is a state road, so maintenance would be at the discretion of the SCDOT.
4. Lake Campbell: staff will check on whether the Lake is a public trust and subject to “waters of the US” provisions.

Recommendations by staff are summarized with the following statement of proposed conditions to approval:

Stated conditions:

1. That a revised conceptual plan be prepared and submitted to the Planning Department which addresses all of the outstanding code conflicts and Technical Review Committee comments;
2. That a site plan and matching survey be presented, and if subdivision is necessary, that the survey meet the requirements of Chapter 6 of the UDO;
3. That a utility plan be provided to and approved by the appropriate review bodies;
4. That an operations plan is provided, showing at the minimum:
 - The overall maximum length of stay be 30 days,
 - How the facility will comply with Section 5.3.3.C, and
 - Cleaning schedule for service buildings (addressing Section 5.3.3.D.3).
5. An access road plan that is, at minimum, a “smooth, all weather, well drained surface, free of objectionable dust” (per Section 5.3.3.B) is presented to and approved by the Fire Marshal and Public Works; and
6. That any outstanding site permit issues be resolved prior to issuance of a special exception permit.

Chair Frances Liu called for questions from Board Members to the Applicant(s). Adam Thomas recalled to podium.

Keye Jones: The proposed use does not seem to conform to the definition of campground.

On website you state there are heated/ac cabins on the campground, are there cabins on the site?

Thomas: No, the illustrations and descriptions on the website are proposals only. The ordinance does not allow cabins. The RV campsites would support vehicles with heat/ac.

Keye Jones: Activities stated include clay shooting; is that allowed on the property?

Thomas: Not part of campground, on a different part of property.

Hardin: Any activities would be subject to code requirements, clay shooting not allowed in that zoning district.

Keye Jones: The capacity of the activity building is 294 people; the restrooms don't look sufficient.

Thomas: 294 people will ever be in that facility. Everything is based on one group's use of the facility.

Keye Jones: How are we as a Board going to assure ourselves about the limits on capacity?

Hardin: There is no way to assure that without an operations plan and length-of-stay provisions.

Keye Jones: I cannot judge impact on the community without knowing potential or intended capacity. How do we assure issues over traffic on that access road?

Hardin: All that we can do is request a Traffic Impact Analysis and improvements based on that.

Keye Jones: There are eight campsites on the sketch plan, what type of campsites are those? Why only eight, on 20 acres?

Thomas: The UDO requires 20 acres.

Keye Jones: Can you do all the things you want to do with your ministry, without it being a campground?

Thomas: Overnight stays require campground use.

Keye Jones: But 8 campsites don't add any great value.

Hardin: Can you do the camp activities without an overnight stay?

Thomas: No.

Frances Liu: How long is the typical stay?

Thomas: During the school year, weekends only; during the summer, we could anticipate longer stays, but less than a week.

Keye Jones: What do you anticipate is the average capacity?

Thomas: Really the question is, what is the maximum? Across eight campsites, 10-12 youth and two chaperones at each, so maximum 75-80 youth, 10-15 adults.

Frances Liu: Are you saying 10-12 kids and 2 adults in one RV?

Thomas: We're not talking about a family camper or tagalong trailer. One of our partners and donors is Camping World. They would remodel and configure large scale campers as "bunkhouses," with bathrooms, that can sleep 6-8. They would not be fixed on our site, but would be brought in as needed for reserved groups, as you would toilet facilities for an event. The other sites could be used by family campers if the chaperones needed them. Tents would be set up nearby.

Frances Liu: At what intervals would the [RV bunkhouses] be brought in?

Thomas: Only as needed, depending on reservations.

Frances Liu: Are portable toilet facilities allowed under this use?

Thomas: We are not proposing portable toilet facilities, I was just using that as an example.

Hardin: We would have to review such a vehicle/structure to see if it complies with code.

Gary Alden: What are the code requirements for toilet facilities/ amenities?

Hardin: Code requires comfort stations within 350 feet of campsites, to include sinks (handwashing), toilets, and showers. Has to be accessible to road, and to fire and emergency services, and has to meet DHEC code for capacity. Septic Permitting would be deferred to Technical Review and DHEC.

Frances Liu: So the requirement is for facilities to be within 350 feet of sites.

Thomas: This is a Sketch Plan, not the final site plan. Our engineer and architect can revise to meet those requirements. We can provide it if we have a continuance.

Frances Liu: I don't think there is enough information on this plan to make these decisions.

Keye Jones: The recommendations say the plan is "not approvable." Does that mean that we cannot vote to approve?

Hardin: The Board can vote to approve the Special Exception use, but the site plan will still need to be approved [meet code requirements].

Frances Liu: The definition of campground is for travelers and vacationers. If I had a relative come into town, could they call up and reserve a space?

Thomas: We may not have a vacancy.

Frances Liu: But could the public come in and reserve a space?

Thomas: We would put in the rules handbook.

Frances Liu: What is the distinction between a public campground and a private facility?

Hardin: There is no distinction. Most campgrounds are private. If a group reserved the facility, they would have exclusive use. One of our recommendations is for the applicant to provide a draft handbook and business plan that covers rules pertaining to these matters.

Keye Jones: What is going to be your policy regarding use of the lake?

Hardin: The campground does not touch the lake. I would advise against asking that question, there's no way to regulate that.

Francis Liu: One question brought up by the public is, have you secured the sewer permits for the site?

David Cox: The soil engineer's report is approved by DHEC. The site has not yet been surveyed for the exact boundary. Our architect and engineer would be happy to come and answer questions like these. We would love to have an opportunity to sit down with staff and talk through all of these points.

Francis Liu: I'm hearing a lot of words... but the question is, have you secured the sewer permits?

David Cox: Not yet.

Francis Liu: How many parking spaces are there, 50? So if the parking spaces are full, plus the 2 per campsite, then you could have more than 50 trips per day.

Thomas: The code requires 50 parking spots for this facility. We would never have 50 cars.

Francis Liu: Why? If you are having day events, team building events or corporate events, then there is the possibility of 66 cars. The cutoff for the Traffic Impact Analysis is 50.

Thomas: On any given day, but not every day. We have been informed that this is a low-impact use with regard to traffic.

Francis Liu: How will you address the issue of providing additional bathroom facilities?

Thomas: The code allows for us to build an accessory structure to house additional bathhouse.

Beverly Williams: The code requires that "primitive campsites" for tent camping would also have a bathhouse?

Francis Liu: We definitely need to know whether "temporary" facilities are allowed, because we won't have staff to go out and inspect every time there is a weekend event.

Beverly Williams: I want to clarify, my understanding is that there would have to be facilities for the RV sites and also for the tent campsites?

Hardin: I will check on that.

Francis Liu: To clarify, the eight sites shown are all for RVs?

Thomas: That is correct. Diagonally off the bottom right corner of the activity center is where we would propose having the tent sites. So they would definitely be within 350 feet of the facilities there.

Hardin: The requirement is one service building per campground, even if all sites are RV. We reviewed the plan as showing tent sites, not RVs with septic hookups, we saw no utility hookups on the plan, so we had to assume they were tent sites. That's where the comment about 350 feet location came in. If those are RV sites with water and sewer hookups, then there will need to be one additional building to serve the tent sites elsewhere.

Frances Liu: If I may speak for the Board? I think the questions from here on will be what we need to see next time. This plan is very fluid and not all of the information is here.

Thomas: Our detailed site plan would provide the necessary information. I wish we would have been notified that we need to provide the full site plan. We just received a notice that said come for the hearing. My understanding was that we would meet with staff and review this.

Hardin: Staff met with Mr. Cox several times, repeatedly made recommendations, this plan is the product of those conversations. In some instances, you do not need a fully detailed site plan, but we decided to take this through Technical Review because there were so many issues with the plan, we felt that was the best way to answer questions.

Beverly Williams: We went through this last fall, many of the issues are going to be answered by SCDOT and SCDHEC, it's up to us just to say whether we think this use is suitable.

Hardin: [The site] has enough space, it has the potential, but these are the issues that have to be resolved.

Keye Jones asks to make a motion.

Frances Liu: I think because this is a hybrid use that we have not seen before, that's why there are so many questions. It's very difficult to wrap our heads around possible questions.

The actions we can take are:

1. Approval;
2. Denial;
3. Approval with Stipulations and Conditions; or
4. Postpone to next meeting if information is not sufficient. Do we have a motion?

Keye Jones: I move that we postpone the decision for a minimum of one month [to the next meeting]. **Sheresa Ingram:** Second.

[Unintelligible conversation].

Beverly Williams: Do we need to add conditions?

[Sidebar on Rules of Order for amending].

Gary Alden: I move to amend the motion to add the conditions stated by staff in their recommendations, including an amended site plan. **Sheresa Ingram:** Second.

Vote on amendment to Motion: 6:0. Motion to amend is approved unanimously.

Vote on initial Motion to postpone, as amended: 6:0. Motion to postpone is approved unanimously.

6. New Business

a. Board Member of the Year Nomination

Each year County Council asks for nominations for Board Member of the Year from each board and Commission.

Kemesha Lowery nominates Beverly Williams. Seconded by Keye Jones.

Vote: 5:0 (abstention by Beverly Williams). The nomination is approved.

b. Other

Report on Ordinance 2023-1840: Connectivity

Since the last BZA meeting, Council has passed a text amendment (Ordinance 2023-1840) exempting landowners on County and State dead-end roads established prior to 2016 from the road length limit and 20-lot limit. The Wilson family has received approval for their minor subdivision.

7. Adjournment:

With there being no further business, Gary Alden moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Beverly Williams. The motion was approved by unanimous consent. Adjourned at 8:23 PM.



Board of Zoning Appeals Sign In Sheet

Item 5a: SE-2023-0595 David Cox/Spirit 1st Ministries: Campground

Application by David Cox on behalf of Spirit 1st Ministries (property owner Adam Thomas), requesting a Special Exception pursuant to Unified Development Ordinance Section 2.5.3 and 5.5.3, to allow a Campground on a parcel of approximately 354 acres at 2878 Kendelwood Drive (TM # 0042-00-077.00) in the Rural Residential District.

Council Chambers
101 N. Main Street, Lancaster South Carolina
Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Citizens are allowed 3 minutes per person to speak. Everyone speaking before the Board will be required to do so in a civil manner. The Board will not tolerate personal attacks on individual Board Members, County Staff or any person or group. Racial slurs will not be permitted. The Board's number one priority is to conduct business for the citizens of this county.

PLEASE PRINT

1.	Stephanie Wyss
2.	Darrell Catoe
3.	Amanda Roberts
4.	Cole Capps

5. Nicholas Albate

6. Rich MARCELLO

7. Nancy Marcello

8. Francis DeJen

9. David Steel

10. Bill Glassberg

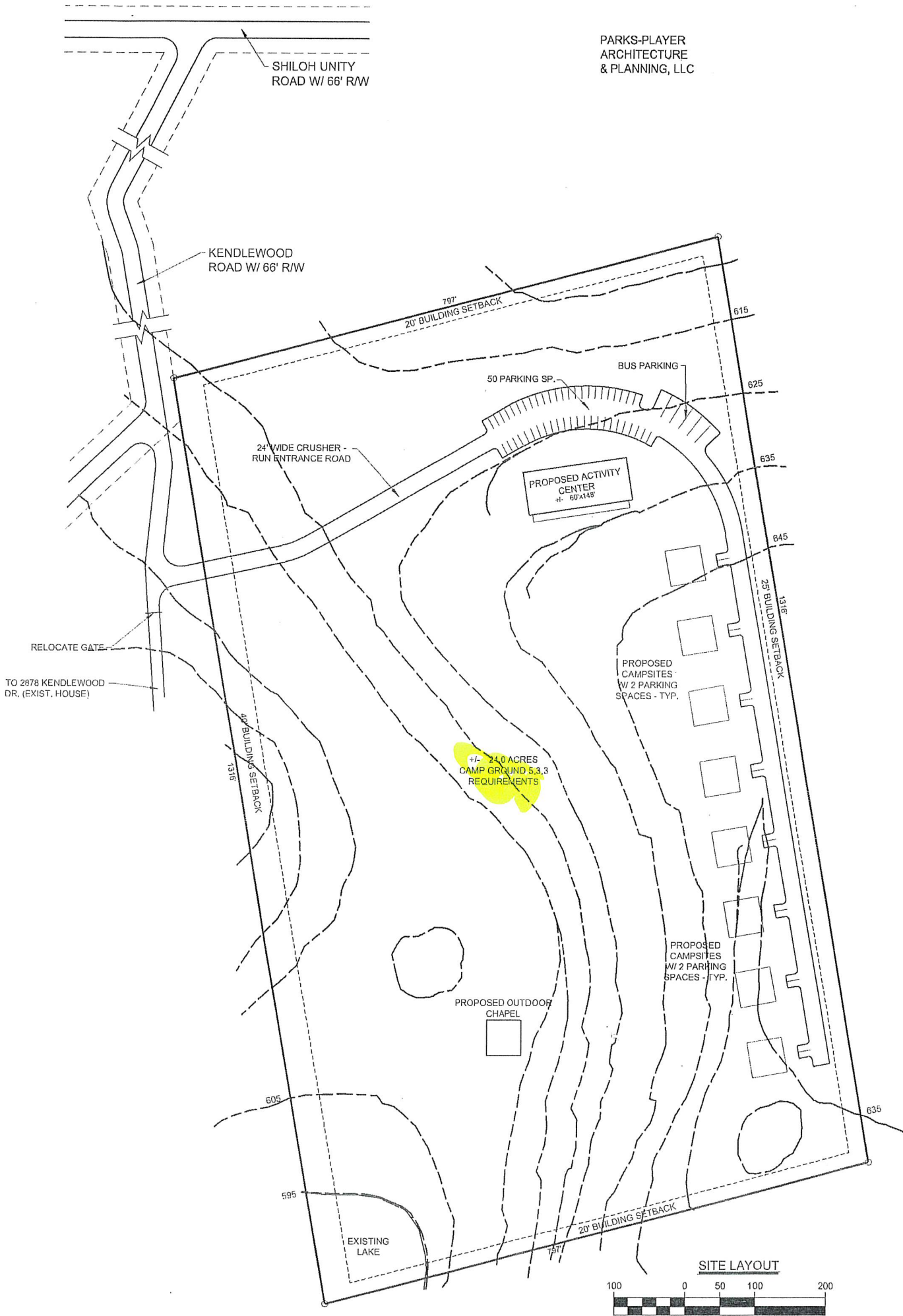
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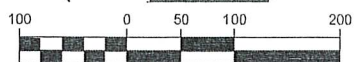
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PRELIMINARY MAP

Purpose for Plot Subdivision of Tax Map No. 0042-00-077.00 to create new parcel

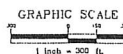
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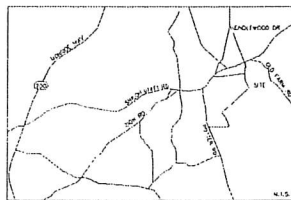
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ROBERT H. LADKEY SURVEYING, INC.

SITE MAP September 20, 2002
 Jurisdiction - Subdivided from - 40 : 500 : 20 : 100 : 25
 Tax Map No. 0042-00-077.00 (Garfield)
 Located approximately 1.5 miles northwest of the town of Lancaster - Lancaster County - South Carolina
 Reference D.E. 1473, PG. 182, P.B. 2007, PG. 823
 A portion of this property is located in Flood Zone A as shown on Flood Map # 0042-00-077.00 & 0042-00-077.00, dated 5/15/2001.



LEGEND:
 Iron Pin Found -
 Iron Pin Set -
 Light Pole -
 Telephone Pedestal -
 Sewer Manhole -
 Storm Drain Box -
 Fire Hydrant -
 Power Pole -
 Colored Paint -
 Overhead utility line -



LOCATION MAP



ARROWHEAD FARM, LLC
2878 KENDLEWOOD DRIVE
TAX MAP NO. 0042-00-077.00
+/- 346 Acres (total)

New parcel to be created, portion of TM # 044-00-077.00, +/- 16 Acres, to be used as a campsite and activity center for a Christian Community.

ACTIVITY CENTER
30 x 132'

CAMPISTES

CAMPISTES

+/- 24 acres

OUTDOOR CHAPEL

ST. MARKS ROAD

ST. MARKS DRIVE

ZONING A
TAX MAP #5537C 01753

ZONING A
TAX MAP #5537C 01650

Erreichte Stufe (2018) des CQ = 70,3
Veränderung Stufe 2018 (Lernjahr)

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New parcel to be created, portion of TM #
0042-00-077.00. +/- 16 Acres. To be used as a
campsite and activity center for a Christian
Campground.

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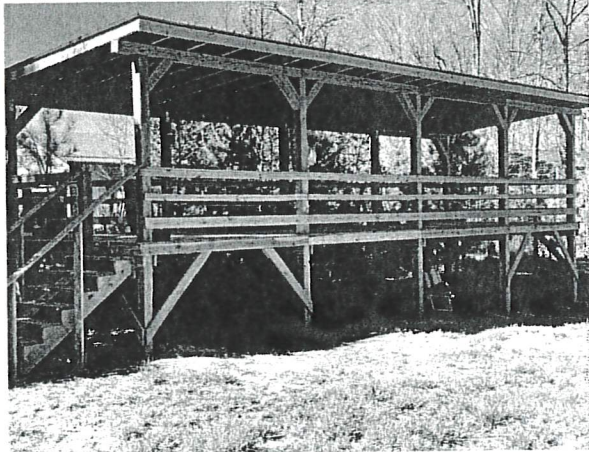


(<http://www.spirit1st.com.dream.website>)

**WELCOME TO CAMP
ENCOUNTER**

CAMP ENCOUNTER

Camp ENCOUNTER allows people to Encounter Creation, Encounter fellowship with each other and Encounter the Creator.



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Creating opportunities for individuals to fellowship

Participate, learn and play that develop life changing experiences.

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CORE VALUES

**Our Core Values can be summarized with
S.W.E.A.T.**

Service ()

We seek to establish a world of good by providing programs that that create a desire to action rather than complacency. "Be doers of the Word, not just hearers." James 1:22

Worship ()

Worship prepares the heart to receive the Word of God. "If only you would prepare your

heart and lift up your hands to him in prayer!" Job 11:13

Evangelism ()

Tell the World of the Good News. "How will they believe in Him of whom they have never heard?" Romans 10:14

Activities ()

Creating opportunities for individuals to fellowship, participate, learn and play that develop life changing experiences. "May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God." Ephesians 3:19

Training ()

We are compelled to teach the next generation of the things to pursue and to avoid. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

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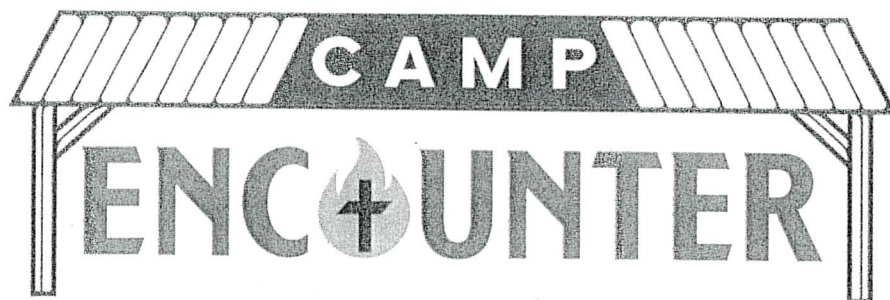
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Spirit 1st Ministries, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, operates Camp ENCOUNTER. Our purpose is to create an environment for visitors to Encounter Creation, Encounter fellowship with each other and Encounter their Creator.

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About Us pages:

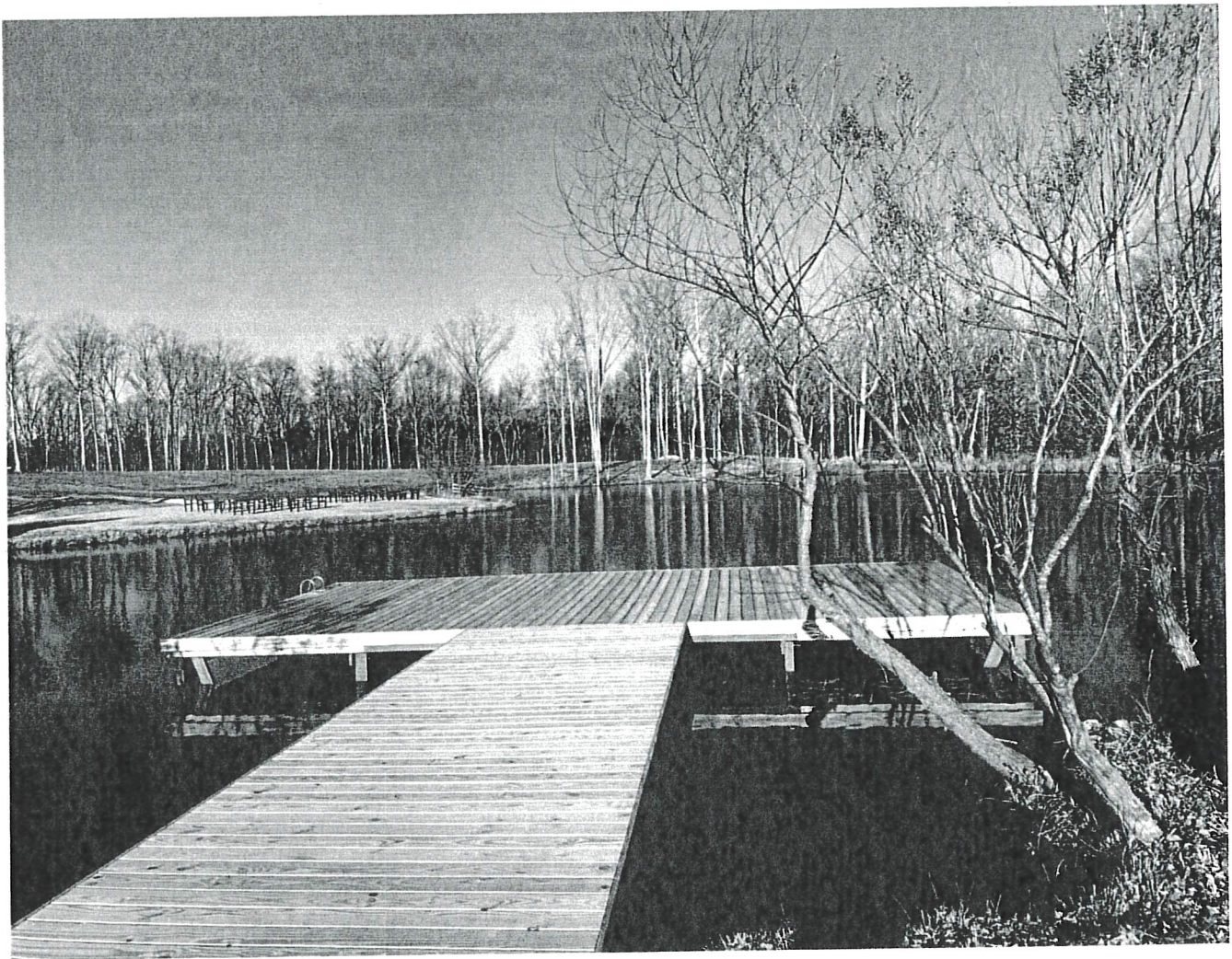
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Who We Serve

- Families
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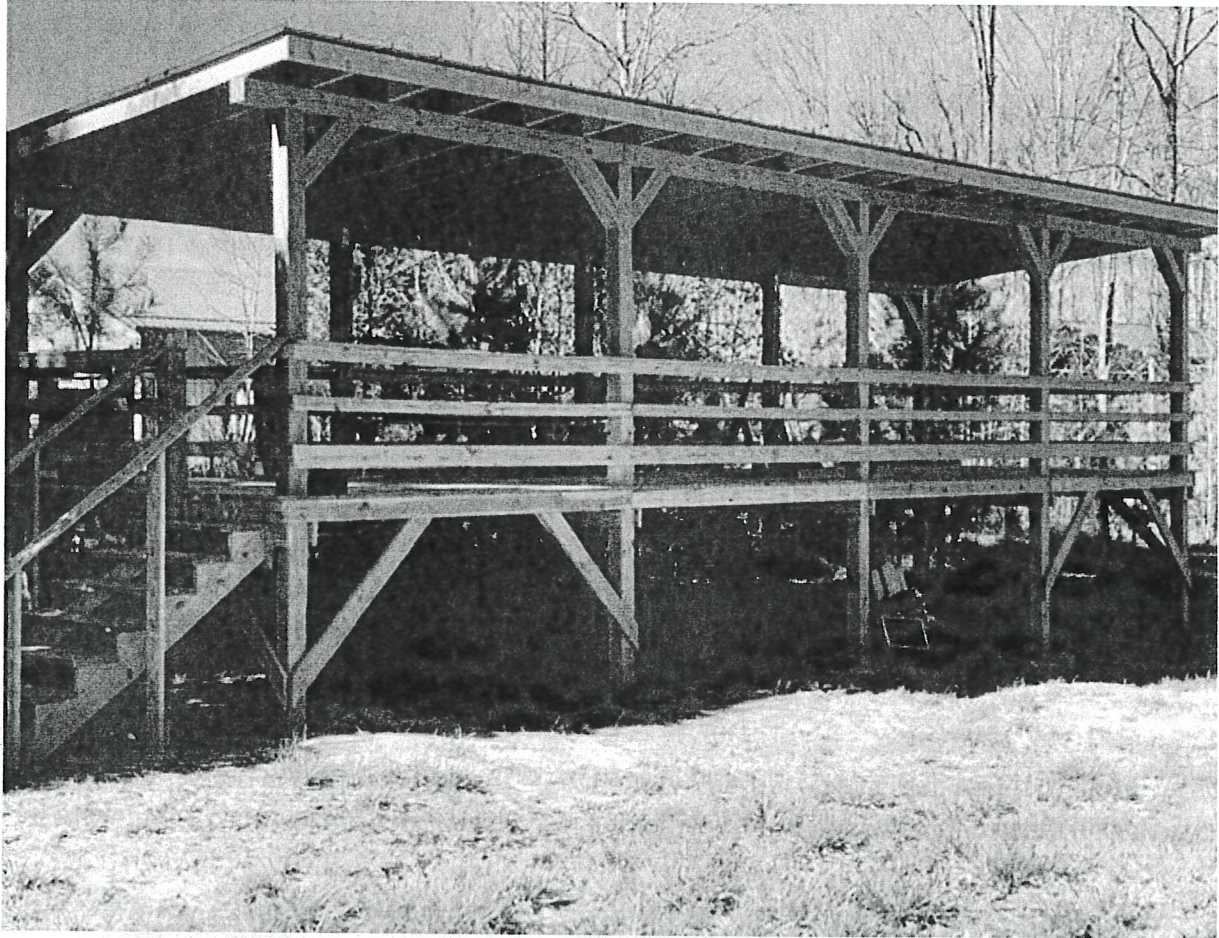


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Our Mission

Camp ENCOUNTER allows people to Encounter Creation, Encounter fellowship with each other and Encounter their Creator.



Our Vision

To know God and to make Him known....
..."don't talk about it.....BE ABOUT IT!"

Our Core Values can be summarized with S.W.E.A.T.

Service

We seek to establish a world of good by providing programs that create a desire to action rather than complacency. "Be doers of the Word, not just hearers." James 1:22

Worship

Worship prepares the heart to receive the Word of God. "If only you would prepare your heart and lift up your hands to him in prayer!" Job 11:13

Evangelism

Tell the World of the Good News. "How will they believe in Him of whom they have never heard?" Romans 10:14

Activities

Creating opportunities for individuals to fellowship, participate, learn and play that develop life changing experiences. "May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God." Ephesians 3:19

Training

We are compelled to teach the next generation of the things to pursue and to avoid.
"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6





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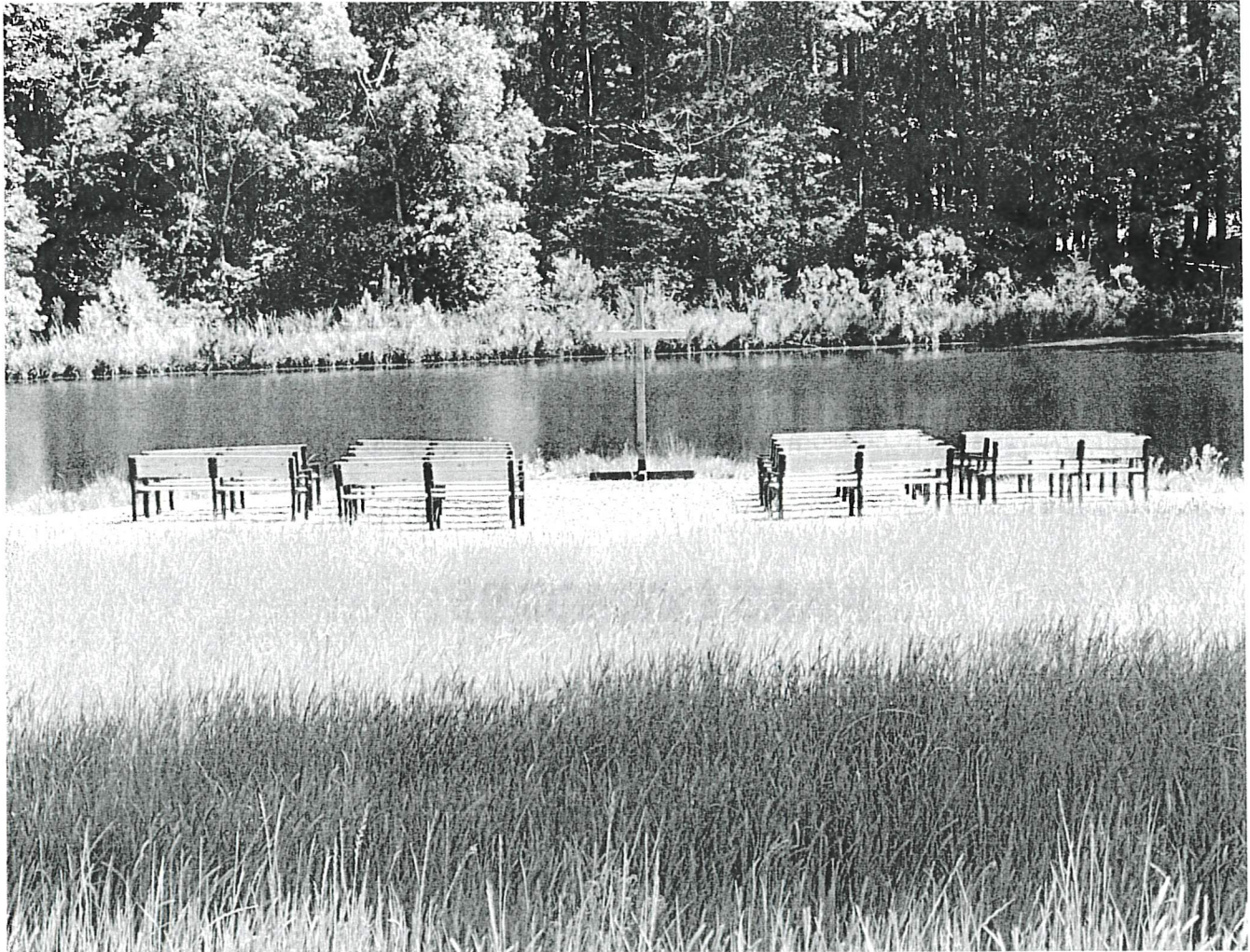
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Pricing

Pricing is based on your group's needs. While there are many factors that include the number of guests, number of nights spent at camp, the quantity of meals served and activities/facilities requested, we will work with you to develop an amazing camp experience so that our price matches your budget, so please request a no-obligation price estimate today!





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Experience Camp pages:

- Amenities
- Outdoor Academy
- What to Bring
- Photo Gallery





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COURSES INCLUDE

- Activity & Worship Center (A/C & bathrooms)
- Overnight Camping
- Cabins offer AC and bathrooms w/ shower
- Primitive campsites are available remote to the rest of the camp
- Registration Center with Canteen



Web of Life



Outdoor Chapel



Low Ropes Course



Canoes & Kayaks



Fishing



Environmental Education



Forest Ecology



Animal Ecology



Ponds & Streams



Garden Connections



Outdoor Living Skills



Dendrology



Orienteering



Geology



Field Botany



Hayride



Stocked Fishing Pond

Recreational activities:



Frisbee Golf



Gaga Court



Pickleball



Basketball



Knockerball



Archery

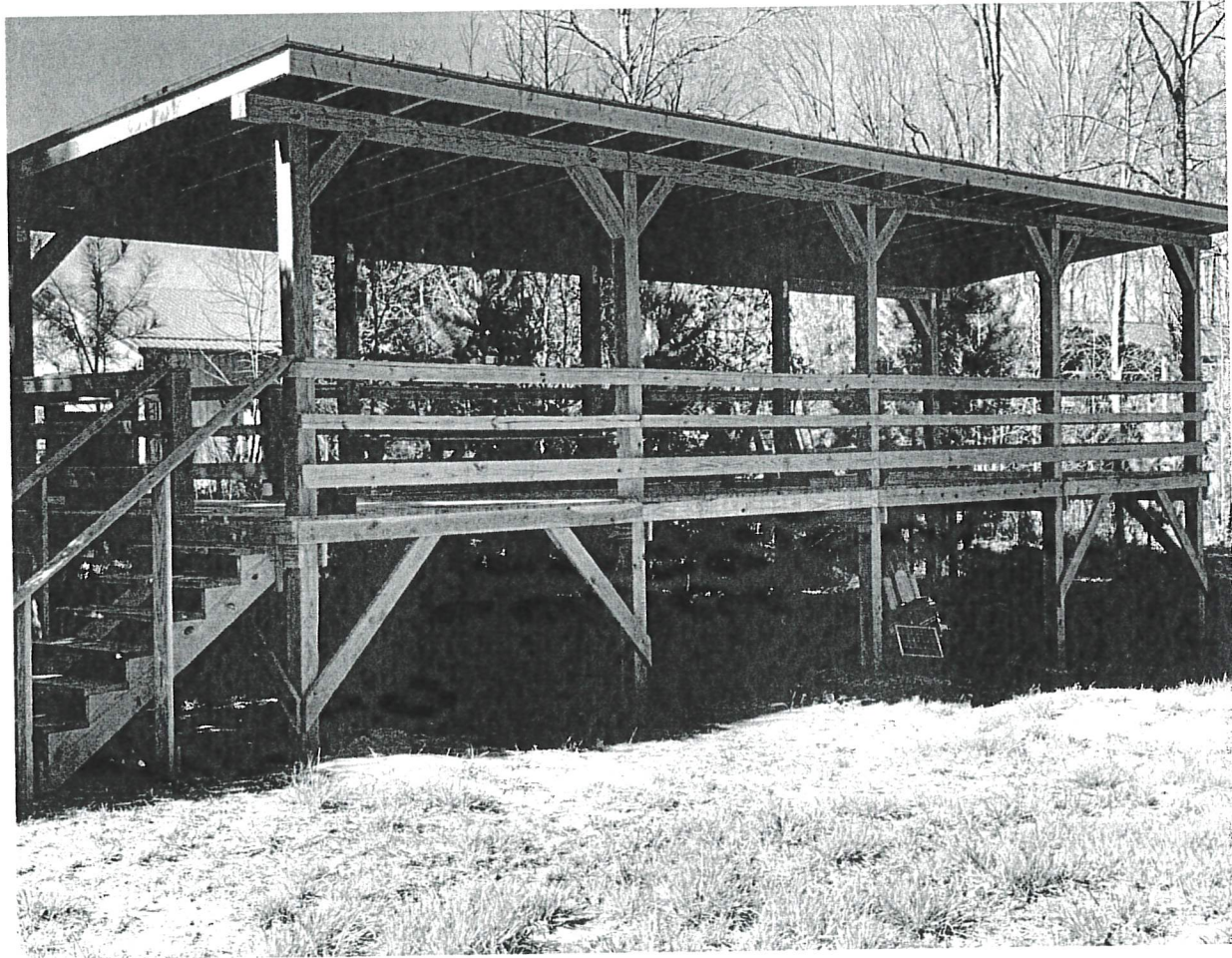


Clay shooting



Bonfires

And Much More...



OVERNIGHT CAMP FACILITIES

DAY CAMP FACILITIES

ACTIVITY CENTER

WORSHIP FACILITY

ENCOUNTER OUTDOOR ACADEMY

The ENCOUNTER Outdoor Academy (EOA) operates nine months of the year, offering field trips for public and private schools. EOA uses the environment to teach and inspire while increasing awareness and stewardship of the outdoors. Our rural setting offers unique ecosystems that students can find in their own backyard or communities. This allows transfer of knowledge to useful application.

With 350 wooded acres as an outdoor classroom, students will participate in 3-5 one hour courses, taking adequate water breaks and lunch break. Our instructors are well-trained and have extensive experience in outdoor education. All instructors have first aid and CPR training.

COURSES INCLUDE



Environmental Education



Forest Ecology



Animal Ecology



Ponds & Streams



Garden Connections



Outdoor Living Skills



Dendrology



Orienteering



Geology



Field Botany



Web of Life



Archery



Low Ropes Course



Canoeing



Fishing



Clay shooting

WHAT TO BRING

- Hangout clothes for camp

- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Camera (not a phone)
- Spending money for snack shack and store
- Sweatshirt for cold evenings
- Close-toed shoes for some activities
- Bathing suit and beach towel
- Bath towel
- Bedding (sheets and blanket or sleeping bag) and pillow
- Messy outfit (that can be thrown out)
- Toiletries
- Medications
- Rain jacket

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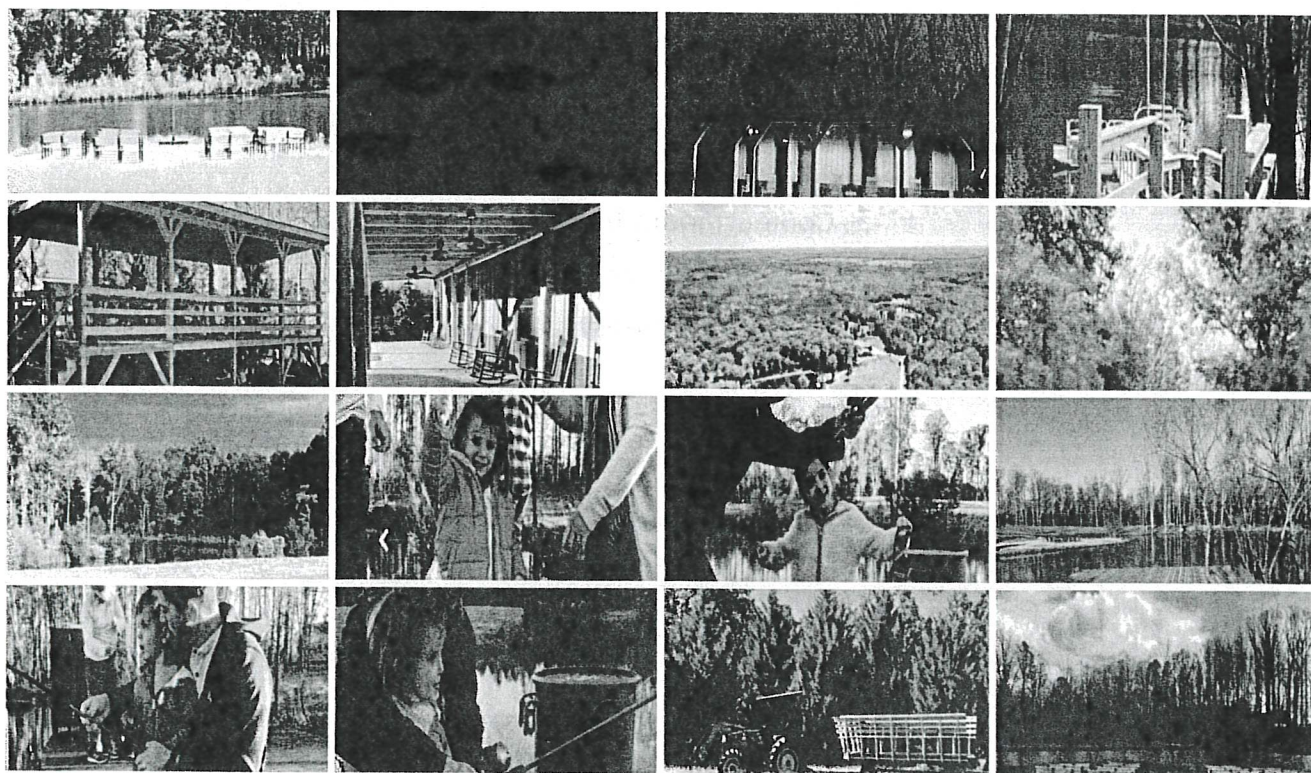
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Photo Gallery





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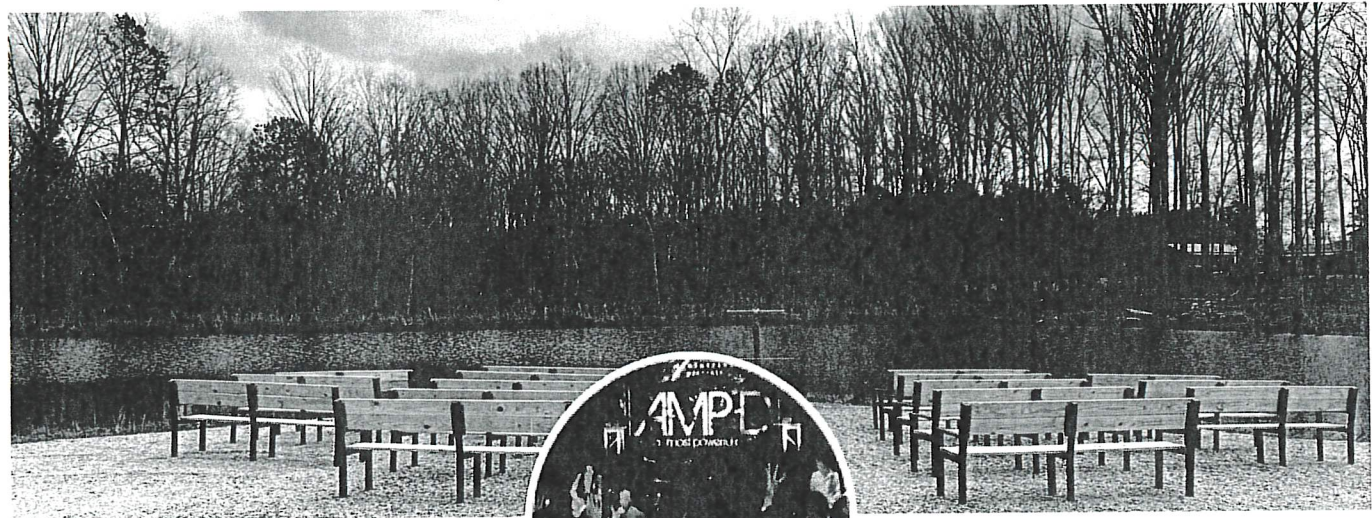
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Male

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All friends

Hometown

Following



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Sandra Montague



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