



# GLISSON

CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

## Village Map



- ① Dining Hall, Prayer Chapel, Store
- ② Staff Lodging & Infirmary
- ③ Village Cabins B4 & B5

- ④ Chapel (Expanded 2019)
- ⑤ Cane Creek Falls
- ⑥ Holland Building (Outpost Preview)

- ⑦ Ivie Lodge (Sparrowwood Program)
- ⑧ Swimming Pool



- \* Other points of interest
- \* Welcome Center
- \* Old Rec Hall (Crafts)
- \* Old Camp Store, now in Dining Hall
- \* Challenge Course
- \* Bob Lanford Leadership Lodge
- \* Lake Hale Waterfront
- \* Bob Cagle Program Center
- \* Old Craft Shack (Now New Cabin)
- \* Squirrel's Nest (Meeting Space)
- \* Jimmy & Julie Moor Program Center
- \* Archery Range
- \* glisson.org

# WELCOME TO GLISSON!

THIS IS A SELF-GUIDED TOUR BEGINNING AT THE DINING HALL. VIEW AS MANY FACILITIES AS YOU'D LIKE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO ASK ANYONE IN A GLISSON STAFF SHIRT. PLEASE BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES.

## 1) DINING HALL, PRAYER CHAPEL, CAMP STORE

Built in 2015, the new Dining Hall seats over 400 people for family-style dining. The porch is the new home of the decades-old tradition of "Singing on the Porch." Located in the lower level of the Dining Hall, campers visit "The Miner's Shack" store with their living group at various times during the week. The store is also open after Closing Celebration at the end of each week. Camper favorites include shirts, water bottles, and snacks. Modeled after the Early Church catacombs, the stone prayer chapel on the lower level is designed for smaller groups to gather in worship together.

## 2) STAFF LODGING & INFIRMARY

Sparrowwood Lodge, previously home of the Sparrowwood program, now houses support staff and the infirmary during the summer. Centrally located in Village camp, our healthcare team is on-site 24 hours-a-day to take care of any camper health needs.

## 3) VILLAGE CABIN (B4 & B5 OPEN TODAY)

In keeping with the gold mining tradition of the Dahlenega area, our cabins include steeply-pitched tin roofs and rough-hewn siding. Campers especially enjoy having 2 bathrooms and 2 showers instead of the old bath houses. The cabins on Boys' Row (B#) are the same as Girls' Row (G#).

## 4) CHAPEL

Originally built as an open-air structure in 1950, the Chapel has long been the spiritual center of Glisson. Coming on the heels of expanded lodging (additional cabins) and dining capacity (new dining hall), a generous friend of Glisson gave the single-largest gift in our history to keep that momentum going and growing. More specifically, the gift was given to allow all of main camp to worship together – something that had been challenging for two decades and increasingly so in recent years as Glisson's summer attendance had increased by nearly 1,000 campers since 2010. The expanded chapel now seats 460 and was dedicated for ministry use May 4th, 2019.

## 5) CANE CREEK FALLS

A constant reminder of God's beautiful Creation, Cane Creek Falls has long been a favorite place of campers and staff alike. Most Village living groups go on creek hikes that conclude at the falls.

## 6) HOLLAND BUILDING (OUTPOST PREVIEW)

The Holland Building is our gym, which is used for a variety of camp activities as well as Closing Celebration. Today it's hosting a preview of our outdoor adventure program, Outpost: staff, info, video, pictures, and optional shuttle to tour our multi-site Outpost campus.

## 7) IVIE LODGE (SPARROWWOOD PROGRAM)

Ivie offers dormitory-style, air-conditioned rooms for Sparrowwood campers. Sparrowwood is a chance for campers with different developmental needs to be accepted for who they are and celebrated for all they have to offer. Focusing on abilities rather than disabilities fosters the shared sense of radical acceptance that helps define the Glisson experience. Campers are not only included in the greater community by being part of Village living groups, they lead the way at can't-miss events like Sparrowwood chapel, dance, and talent show – causing all involved to see we are more alike than we are different.

## 8) SWIMMING POOL

Opened in 2008, our pool replaced the original built in 1969. Besides matching the aesthetics of the rest of camp, the new pool is more environmentally friendly with saltwater sanitation and a solar heating system.

## \* BEV & TUCK JONES WELCOME CENTER

Named for Bishop L. Bevel Jones III and his wife, "Tuck", the Welcome Center is located at camp's main entrance and holds the offices of our year-round staff.

## \* BOB CAGLE PROGRAM CENTER

Named for former Glisson director, Rev. Bob Cagle, this building is modeled after a gold-rush era stamp mill. "The Bob" houses a variety of camp activities, including mini camp and 10-day closing celebrations.

## \* OLD REC HALL

The Old Rec Hall is used for a variety of camp activities. The bottom floor houses many of our arts and crafts while the top floor serves as meeting space for larger groups.

## \* CHALLENGE COURSE

The Challenge Course includes low elements, the Alpine Tower, high elements, a climbing wall (a converted water tower), and two 600-ft tandem zip lines (updated 2019). All Challenge Course events are "challenge-by-choice" activities facilitated by trained Glisson staff. If desired, you can hike the 5-10 minute trail up the mountain to see the elements.

## \* JIMMY & JULIE MOOR PROGRAM CENTER

After 64 years of dedicated food service, our old dining hall was renovated in 2016 as program activity and meeting space and named in honor of former Glisson director, Jimmy, and his wife, Julie. The "Down Under" meeting space located on the lower level was renovated in 2010 and is a frequent "rain plans" location during summer.

## \* LANFORD LEADERSHIP LODGE

Named for former Glisson director, Rev. Bob Lanford, the Leadership Lodge is essentially two Village cabins in one – there's a covered hallway between the two cabins with a large shared screen porch at the end of it.

## \* LAKE HALE WATERFRONT

The Amphitheater seats over 300 campers and staff during Opening Celebration each week. Launched in 2015, waterfront activities have quickly become a camper favorite including two Wet Willie water slides, tandem zip lines, and a 40-foot Blob.