



WILD RIDGE YOUNG LIFE CAMPER DORMS

NICHOLAS COUNTY, WV



SCOPE

New Construction

COST

Confidential

STATUS

Design Phase

Inspired by the authenticity of people and place, and responsive to the dramatic river and ledge features of the landscape, the architectural concept proposed by Silling Architects for these projects takes on a rustic minimalist character meant to sit lightly on the WildRidge Camp property. Simple and regionally contextual building forms, expressively honest detailing, and an intentional, natural weathering of locally familiar materials combine to communicate an iconic sense of place appropriate to the Gauley River Gorge rim.

The building entry portal addresses the ridgeline camp commons area and propels users out above the valley beyond, arriving to enter a glass box lounge space perched in the tree canopy. The simple material palette consists of exposed concrete, oxidized steel, and native hemlock wood harvested during the property's development. Each Camper Dorm will serve 96 young people as they experience the greatest week of their life.