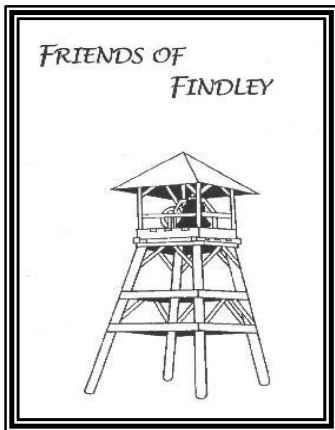




**FRIENDS OF FINDLEY
A SERVICE MINISTRY OF
CAMP FINDLEY**



FINDLEY FRIENDS

...a newsletter of Friends of Findley

"As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me," (John 9:4 NIV).

Friends of Findley Looking Forward to a Full Task List at Camp Findley this Fall

Findley Lake - The Friends of Findley Leadership Team is making many plans for the upcoming work weekend. Over the previous two years, many of the facilities and grounds at Camp Findley have been upgraded, updated, remodeled, and cleaned. Because the Camp Findley Board of Directors has been engaging in more day-to-day operations at Camp, we are moving forward with additional plans to continue the growth.

As we come together for the Fall Work Weekend, **October 16-18, 2009**, we will be working on some exciting new projects. We have much work to do and need as many hands as possible to move these projects along.

The Facilities Team has developed a list of projects:

- Apply sealer on decks and summer well building, Upper Pavilion, and Barn siding

- Paint interior of RV Shower House
- Install lighting, ceiling, fascia, gutters, and downspouts in Lower Pavilion
- Replace roof on winter well
- Rebuild Treehouse
- Take down Davis Cottage
- Smith House – replace drywall by shower and paint bathroom

• Much more...

In addition, we will be raking leaves, cutting and stacking firewood, cleaning buildings, and getting the camp ready for the winter and spring retreat seasons.

If you, your family, youth group, or church are interested in coming out to serve the Lord at Camp Findley in this vital ministry, contact us. Our website address is www.campfindley.org, phone number is (716) 769-7146, or email friends@campfindley.org. Registration forms can be found on the website—click on Friends of Findley on the Upcoming Events. See you at Camp!



Putting in the new Lifeguard Dock at Camp Findley this Spring

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Why summer camp?

by Dick Davidson

The note quoted here is an actual note to a camp counselor from a camper. The camper had attended tent camp, held at Camp Findley from June 28 - July 3, 2009. The short note speaks volumes!

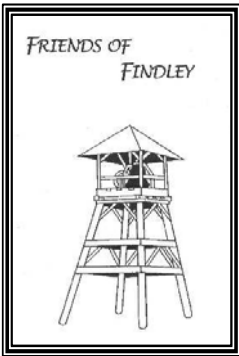
"I had tons of fun at tent camp this summer! I'm definitely coming back next year. I'm totally gonna keep in touch. Here's my email:....."

Let's review some facts:

1. That week was cooler than usual; high temperatures

each day were in the 60's with lows at night in the 40's.

2. It not only rained every day, but it rained a lot! The camp experienced about 4.5 inches of rain during the week.
3. There were wet sleeping bags and clothes that needed to be dried in the camp drier almost every day.
4. Many towels were used to dry wet spots in the tents each day.
5. The campers hiked in the rain, played games in the rain, and cooked meals in the rain.
6. The evening campfire and songs were frequently cut short because of rain.



Spring Work Weekend Wrap-Up (May 15-17, 2009)

The Spring 2009 Work Weekend was the ninth and largest Spring work weekend yet! Over 150 children, youth, and adults came to Camp Findley to work, worship, and fellowship for this incredible service ministry. Some of the highlights were:

- Worshipping in Carsonville Chapel
- Rebuilding the Bell Tower
- Praise Music and Prayer
- Remodeling Carsonville Chapel
- Food!
- Friends who love Camp Findley
- Volunteers in the Kitchen
- Building a new Playground
- Working hard and getting things done
- Being in God's place

Thank you to everyone who came and worked so hard for the ministry of Camp Findley and the Lord. It takes many people, prayers, and financial support to make Friends of Findley a blessing to Camp Findley, the staff, and the Board of Directors.

If you want more information about the Friends of Findley, we're on the web at www.campfindley.org/friends.

Thank you! See you at Camp!



New Bell Tower Roof Construction

Why summer camp? *continued from page 1*

7. With all this, the campers did not have their cell phones, iPods, or other electronic devices to use during the week. (Think of all the twitter about weather that was prevented!)

All in all, it was not what the leaders had really planned for the week. Schedule and activities were revised. However, a strong bond developed within the campers, possibly because of the common experience of cold and wet. The campers still had four Bible study exposures each day, one with a small study group, two with all of the camp, and one individual reflective study. The group of 29 teens from grade 6 through 12 learned how to live in the wet outdoors, how to help each other, and live as a Christian during those six days.

The note that is quoted above reveals what teens really appreciate in a camping experience. It's not warmth and weather, not "tweeting" their friends, or other "pleasures" that are associated with vacation, but rather the experience of actually living with other people and acting in a Christ-like manner. It was a chance to live the way that we understand Jesus would have expected us to live.

Our summer camps provide this experience for hundreds of youth each summer.

Prayer Chain

As we prepare for the future, God asks us to come to Him...

(Please add these to your prayers this month)

Pray:

- For one another as Friends of Findley
- For the Camp Findley building plans
- For who we hire to help us build
- For Bishop Matthews
- For our churches and leadership
- For our Camp Findley Board of Directors
- For camp staff and volunteers
- For those who come to Camp Findley
- Friends of Findley – that it may grow in its ministry.

Check out the Wish List... Camp Findley has a Wish List that gets updated regularly. On that list are items that the Office and Summer Staff need for implementation of the ministry of Camp Findley. Please consider sending Camp Findley one or more items on the Wish List. It can be found at campfindley.org or by calling the Camp Findley office (716-769-7146). Thank you!

Financial Support for 2009

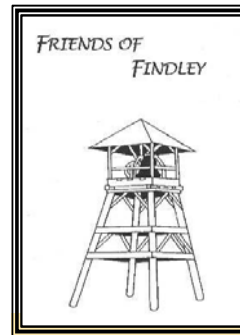
God is so good! Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! The Leadership Team of Friends of Findley would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your involvement in Friends of Findley over the past year. We are writing to ask you to once again support this ministry of service to Camp Findley for 2009. Your support takes many different forms, from working at the work weekends, praying for this ministry, and monetary support. Camp Findley is blessed to have such faithful and generous people with which we can be in ministry.

The purpose of this announcement is to ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this ministry with a monetary gift. In other places, opportunities for prayer and time to work will be presented for you to support. The goal for the funds raised through your

annual pledge is to support the food, lodging, and project materials that are used during the Friends of Findley work weekends. Please consider a gift to our Lord and those served through the ministry of Friends of Findley and Camp Findley. Please continue to pray regularly for this ministry and the life-changing work of Jesus Christ in Christian camping.

A Response Card has been included at the bottom of this page that you can use to respond and give us your input.

Thank you, Friend, and we'll see you at Camp!



Come be a weekend retreat host/ hostess!
For more information, go to www.campfindley.org

Camp Findley offers year round camps and retreats. Come join us for a weekend getaway or a summer vacation!

Volunteer Information

Any gift is tax deductible and all food and lodging are provided during the work weekends at Camp Findley.

If you have any questions, or would like someone from the Leadership Team to speak at your

church, please don't hesitate to call the Camp Findley office at (716) 769-7146 or e-mail to Steven Taylor at steve@campfindley.org. Thank you for your support and dedication to Camp Findley.

Friends of Findley Annual Pledge

The people that are served at the ministries of Camp Findley and Friends of Findley depend on your generous support and willingness to lend a hand.

Please consider a monthly gift to help advance the ministry of Camp Findley and continue to reach people, from young to old, for Jesus Christ.

I/We pledge our commitment to the people served and reached by the ministries of Camp Findley and Friends of Findley through this monetary gift...

___ \$5/mo (\$60/yr) ___ \$10/mo (\$120/yr) ___ \$20/mo (\$240/yr)
 ___ \$50/mo (\$600/yr) ___ \$100/mo (\$1,200/yr) Other: ___ \$ _____/yr

All gifts are fully income tax deductible and based on the calendar year.
Please return this form with your check made payable to:

Camp Findley – Friends of Findley
 2334 Sunnyside Road
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***Camp Findley is always
in need of rough-cut
lumber. If you have any
lumber you would like to
donate, please call the
Camp to make
arrangements.***

Friends of Findley Mission...

The Leadership Team of Friends of Findley would like to welcome you to an exciting opportunity of Christian Service. Friends of Findley is a service organization committed to the vision of growth and service to Camp Findley. It supports the Camp through prayer, financial support, and equally as important, the support of our physical gifts and talents.

Camp Findley has been for over thirty-five years an important ministry of the Western New York Conference and it's camping history goes well beyond that. A walk about the grounds on a warm summer evening listening to the sounds of children and youth singing praise songs or a walk in the woods on a January day, reveals that the Lord is truly present in this place.

Friends of Findley has two work weekends per year that involve capital im-

provements at the Camp, general maintenance of buildings and grounds, fellowship, and worship, with great food and lodging provided.

Projects have included four new camper cabins, a horse corral and pole barn, spring and fall cleaning, hiking and horse riding trail maintenance, remodeling projects, prayer garden with gazebo, and many others. Projects of all skill levels are available during the work weekends.

Leadership Team

Chairman – Steven Taylor

Secretary – Joyce Nichols

At-Large Members:

Mark Gillings

Pat Conti

Mark Summers

Don Blakeslee

Cameron Lienhart

Larry Baird – Dist. Superintendent

Larry Wiliford – CCRM Team Leader

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