

**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).

Camp Findley on Solid Ground

When hikers trek through the woods at Camp Findley, through streams and sometimes mud, reaching solid ground allows the hiker to look ahead and trek on. For the operations at Camp Findley in 2008, our trek brought us to solid ground! Reaching solid ground, however, is not the end of the challenges for the Camp Findley Board of Directors. It is a place where we can take a breath and look to the future. When the Camp Findley Board of Directors agreed to begin day-to-day operation of Camp Findley in January 2008, our prayers and hopes were that God would work through us to save the ministries at Camp Findley. Due to financial challenges at Camp Findley, many options were being discussed, including closure and sale. A passionate group of people responded faithfully to the opportunity to change the operation at Camp Findley and continue the ministry.



Camp Findley Board of Directors

nal budget spending was \$249,649 for 2008, plus \$169,070 in capital improvement spending for Weaver Hall, Carsonville Chapel, and other buildings at Camp Findley. An important thing to also remember is that Camp Findley received less than \$10,000 in direct shared ministry money from the Western New York Conference, as opposed to over \$60,000 in past years. In 2008, we celebrate the fact that extra mile giving by individuals, churches, and organizations was \$120,834, which was used for operation and capital improvements! This is an incredible testimony to the faithful support that Camp Findley receives from the people of Western New York, Northwestern Pennsylvania, and Northern Ohio. To God be the glory!

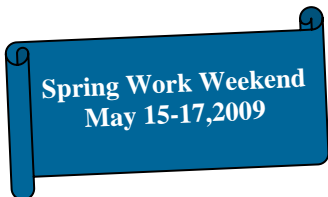
For 2009, we have a new set of data for income and expenditures, which has given us the ability to develop a more accurate ministry spending plan. The great news is our projected and actual retreat business in 2009 is substantially higher than, and will soon eclipse, the usage from 2008. We are very excited about the 2009 summer camp ministry and are gearing up for all the adults, youth, and children who will come to camp this summer. Our staff is recruiting the best counselors, nurses, chaplains, and support personnel in Western New York. Additional resources are needed for the operation of Camp Findley in 2009, since 25% of our income comes from donations.

Come join in ministry this year at Friends of Findley and throughout the year. See you at Camp!

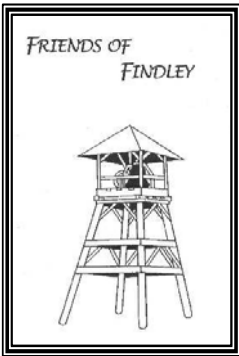
2008 was a growing year for Camp Findley in many ways. When we set our ministry spending plan in the fall 2007, we had to make educated estimates about the income and spending for 2008. We had a ministry budget for 2008 of \$242,647. Throughout the year, we had steady income and steady expenditures. In addition, we underwent a major renovation project of Weaver Hall, which houses the dining area, snack bar, and program space (formerly The Blue Room). This was made possible by the Capital Stewardship Campaign in 2001-2004. As of December 31, 2008, we had an operating deficit of only \$4,800, as compared to over \$30,000 in 2007. The expenditures for 2008 were \$418,719. Fi-

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Friends of Findley is asking for financial donations for 2009 to support the on-going work of this ministry. See page 3 for more details and your chance to give. Thanks!



Spring Work Weekend Plans (May 15-17, 2009)

If you've been looking for a way to help out and want to spend the weekend at beautiful Camp Findley, we have just the event for you! Friends of Findley would like to invite you to come be a part of this exciting service ministry. Friends of Findley is a volunteer ministry that provides helping hands for projects and cleaning at Camp Findley in preparation for the coming summer camping season. The dates for the **Spring Work Weekend will be May 15 – 17, 2009 (Friday evening to Sunday after dinner).**



Time for work and play...

Projects include maintenance of the hiking trails, cleaning buildings, staining decks and cabins, painting, landscaping, carpentry work, building remodeling, and much more. We plan to replace the roof on the Bell

Tower, continue work on Carsonville Chapel, and get everything ready for summer camp 2009.

More information, registration forms, and answers to questions can be obtained by emailing Steven Taylor (steve@campfindley.org), on the website (www.campfindley.org) or by contacting the Camp office anytime at (716) 769-7146. We'll see you there!

Camp Findley provides the lodging for the weekend, along with food (free will offering accepted at each meal). Two work sessions on Saturday and one on Sunday will get you involved in the many projects that need to be completed before June. In addition to the work, we'll have free time to explore the Camp, devotions on Friday night, entertainment and fellowship on Saturday night, and worship on Sunday at camp.

If you have a group from your church that would like to come, download information and a registration form at www.campfindley.org (under Ministry Opportunities/Friends of Findley), or call the Camp office to make arrangements. Youth groups are encouraged to participate, but make sure you bring at least one adult for every four youth and be ready to work.

FLOWERS NEEDED FOR FLOWER BEDS

Please bring a *flat of your favorite annual or perennial flowers or a bag of red cedar mulch* to donate to the flower beds and make Camp Findley beautiful! Flowers can be any color, any size, and any type. These can be purchased at any home and garden center or home improvement store. Bring them with you when you come to the Spring Work Weekend (5/2-4) and leave them under the Bell Tower. Thanks!

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 Staff
- For the Camp Findley master plans
- For Bishop Matthews
- For our churches and leadership
- For our Camp Findley Board of Directors
- For camp staff hiring (Summer 2009)
- For the campers
- Friends of Findley – that it may grow in its ministry.

Financial Support for 2009

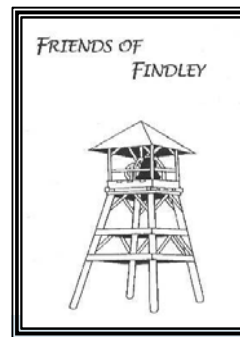
God is so good! Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! The Leadership Team of Friends of Findley would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your involvement in Friends of Findley over the past year. We are writing to ask you to once again support this ministry of service to Camp Findley 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

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.

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

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:

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'Lil Help Please?

***Check out the Camp's
Wish List on
campfindley.org for
ways to help out with a
few extras for this
summer. Thanks!***

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 forty years an important ministry of the Western New York Conference and its 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 trail maintenance, remodeling projects, prayer garden and 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

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH A FRIEND!

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