

**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 Thriving to Serve by Pastor Jim Pegan

Camp Findley continued to successfully partner with local congregations, families, youth groups and other not-for-profit organizations to offer excellent camping and retreat opportunities in 2009. In a year of economic challenges the overall ministry at Camp Findley actually expanded as individuals and groups came away to this special place for times of relaxation, inspiration, education and refreshing encounters with the living Christ. The Camp Findley family is expanding as people of all ages have been discovering or re-discovering this jewel of a resource tucked away in the southwest corner of the new Upper New York Area.



The Bell Tower at Camp Findley

People in local church leadership are beginning to understand the value of our conference camping and retreat facilities as valuable resources for leadership development, church planning, ministry networking and introducing children and youth to God's creation as we all seek to "re-think" what it means to be God's Church. It is not uncommon to receive testimonies from people that have spent time at Camp Findley indicating that God had used their time at Camp Findley to facilitate significant breakthroughs for themselves or for their groups.

Camp Findley has benefited from a committed, Spirit-filled and faithful staff.

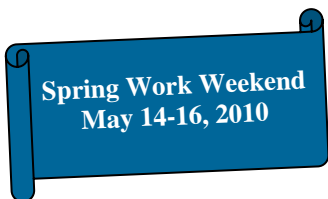
Marcy Park, our Coordinator of Guest Services, has been successfully revitalizing and expanding Camp Findley's retreat ministry. Summer Camp Director Aliechia Post has put together a great summer camp program as well as a staff of excited and talented future leaders. Roger Smith has been serving up delicious meals as our new Kitchen Manager. We recently welcomed Steve Haines as our new Head of Maintenance and Facilities. This team is a great blessing and has the potential to take Camp Findley to new heights.

The Friends of Findley family has continued to grow in its ministry at Camp Findley under the leadership of Pastor Steve Taylor and the Friends of Findley Leadership Team. This group of servants gathers at Camp Findley each spring and fall to tackle a variety of projects at the facility. When they aren't working, they are enjoying times of fellowship, recreation, worship and re-connecting with brothers and sisters in the faith.

The Camp Findley Board of Directors is convinced that God has preserved these sites for such a time as this as we collectively seek to make disciples and re-think what it means to be the United Methodist Church. We covet your prayers as we continue to serve the people of our new conference.

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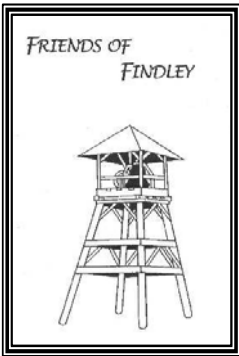
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Friends of Findley is asking for financial donations for 2010 to support the on-going work of this ministry. See page 3 for more details and your chance to give. Thanks!

Meet the Haines'...

The Camp Findley Board of Directors would like to extend a warm welcome to the Haines Family, our newest addition to the Camp Findley family. Steve Haines was hired as the Director of Maintenance and Facilities in January 2010. Steve comes to us from Little Valley, NY where formerly worked as a contractor and commercial sales representative for Lowes. His wife, Jackie, and daughter Makali will be moving to Camp Findley at the end of the 2010 school year. Steve enjoys woodworking, hunting/fishing, hiking, and anything outdoors. Steve is excited to be following a calling into this ministry position. Come to the work weekend to get to know the Haines' and be ready to welcome them to Camp Findley.



Spring Work Weekend Plans (May 14-16, 2010)

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



Wow! Great Work!

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 14-16, 2010 (Friday evening to Sunday after dinner).**

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.

Projects include maintenance of the hiking trails, new electric at the waterfront, building a new Treehouse, cleaning buildings, staining decks and cabins, painting, landscaping, carpentry work, building remodeling,

and much more. We plan to continue work on Carsonville Chapel, and get everything ready for summer camp 2010. We have projects for every skill level and every age. Childcare will be available for the little ones.

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

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 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 and the Upper NY Annual Conference
- For our churches and leadership
- For our Camp Findley Board of Directors
- For camp staff hiring (Summer 2010)
- For the campers
- Friends of Findley – that it may grow in its ministry.

Financial Support for 2010

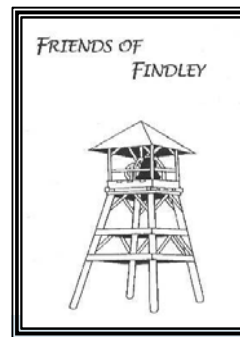
God is so good! Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! The Leadership Team of Friends of Findley would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your involvement in Friends of Findley over the past year. We are writing to ask you to once again support this ministry of service to Camp Findley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

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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