

## Remembering our roots...

### ...Building a new future.

A special session of the former Erie Conference (EUB) was held February 4, 1936 at the Findley Lake Church. The unanimous vote approved the purchase of the Gallup farm, the location of the present Camp. The first Bible Conference at this location was held July 13-24, 1936. Volunteer labor was fast in coming to convert the old barn into the former Tabernacle.



Over 100 people and adults knelt at the altar for conversion at the first Bible Conference. Funds to purchase the camp came from the sale of the Sugar Grove (Pa.) Training School that had begun in 1880 to train aspiring ministers of the former United Brethren in Christ.

The Camp Findley Board of Directors is building upon our rich past and moving forward with a new future. Our goals continue to be: Discipleship, Evangelism, Worship, and Fellowship.

## The Benefits...

- Camp Findley continues to be a United Methodist Ministry
- Children, youth, and adults continue to grow as Christians during summer camp and on retreat
- Family Bible Camp and Discipleship/Leadership training continue and increase
- New vision is realized for ministry opportunities and volunteer possibilities
- A new hands-on Board of Directors will be responsible for the daily operations of Camp Findley



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# Camp Findley

**New Opportunities...**

**New Vision...**

**New Possibilities...**



...a United Methodist ministry  
of the Western New York Conference...

## The Opportunity...

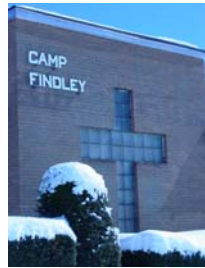
Camp Findley has been offering Christian camping and retreat opportunities to the people of Western New York and Western Pennsylvania for over 70 years. For several generations, this holy ground has been used to call people of all ages into a deeper relationship with Christ and God's beautiful creation. The WNY Conference celebrates the fact that thousands of men, women and children have had life-transforming experiences at Camp and look forward to continuing this ministry.

As the WNY Conference explores ways of being good stewards of conference finances, Camp Findley will be operated under a new structure and with a fresh vision. The Camp Findley Board of Directors has been working with our Camps, Conferences and Retreats Ministries Team (CCRM) to continue the camping and retreat ministries in a way that will increase the use of Camp Findley, while incorporating an increased level of volunteerism. Standing on the foundation laid by past generations, the Camp is launching into a new era of possibility!



## The Vision...

The new hands-on Board of Directors will take over operations at Camp Findley on January 1, 2008. This board will have a formal working relationship with our CCRM and the WNY Conference, yet have the flexibility to design and offer ministries that are unique to Camp Findley.



The Camp will continue to offer summer camps for children and youth, and year-round retreats for people of all ages, but there is vision for much more. We will offer opportunities for you to join regional worship services, concerts, Christian seminars and workshops, community outreach, development of a Christian campground, extended sabbaticals for pastors, church leaders and missionaries, and maybe even the development of an on-site worshipping community.

There is currently no program funding for Camp Findley in the 2008 Conference ministry spending plan. To ensure the Camp can operate for the first few months of 2008, the Camp Findley Board of Directors has successfully raised \$50,000 from individuals and churches in the region. Thank you!!!

**This is an amazing opportunity to participate in a ministry that has so many possibilities!**

**Enclosed is a *Response Card* on which your input would be appreciated as this plan moves forward to realize all that God has in store for Camp Findley!**

## How can I help?

**3** areas of ministry involvement for me:

1. **My prayers** - Please covenant daily to lift up in your prayers the camp, campers, leaders, and volunteers who are involved in ministry. Pray for their effectiveness, their strength, and their wisdom as they use their gifts to impact the kingdom of God.



2. **My time** - The support for this ministry is found within the passionate heart of the volunteer. There is no greater way to im-

act the kingdom of God than to create lasting relationships with campers and retreat visitors. Camp Findley needs you to succeed! Please pray about how to use your God-given gifts to bless the ministry at the camp in the near future.

3. **My presence** - Camp Findley is located on beautiful Findley Lake, in your backyard and is ready to host your year-round retreat group and summer campers. New lower retreat rates are projected in 2008 and our staff and volunteers are ready to host your retreat or get-away. We can provide a full menu of meals or you can prepare your own for your group. We have trails for hiking, the waterfront, a challenge course, and more. Program rooms are available for your meetings. Several cottages are also available for your smaller gatherings of 6-10 people. See you at Camp!