

# Retreat Handbook



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**Welcome to CAMP PINNACLE!**  
**We are nestled in the heart of the**  
**Helderberg Mountains.**

Included in this packet is an outline  
of offered services and facilities.

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# OUR MISSION



## **Our Motto**

*"Helping people walk in God's paths"*

## **Our Mission**

"The aim and purpose of Camp Pinnacle has always been the same; to lift up Jesus Christ as the power of God for salvation, to develop Christian character in young people and to give them a happy and wholesome vacation."

*Miss Lucy Jones, The Long Road to Pinnacle 1947*

## **Our Vision**

Our vision is to establish Camp Pinnacle as a prominent place of ministry in the Kingdom of God, a special place to experience the "fruit of the Spirit," effectively reaching the lost and training leaders in the Capital region, the greater Northeast and beyond.

## **Our Purpose**

God has strategically placed Camp Pinnacle's 880-acre facility at the top of the scenic Helderberg Mountains, overlooking the Capital District of New York State to impact many people for Christ.

The purpose of Pinnacle Ministries is to build the Kingdom of God by preaching the gospel, making disciples, enhancing the ministry of the local church by partnering with them and other ministries.

We accomplish this through summer camps, year-round retreats, conferences and other opportunities God makes available to introduce people to Jesus, promoting a closer relationship and service with God.

We are always growing in our knowledge of Christ through the study and application of God's Word, the Bible. Everyone associated with Camp Pinnacle embodies the message of Jesus Christ so that the good news is seen in word and deed. In every interaction we always speak the truth in the love of Christ.

## **Our Bible Verse**

*"Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord... He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in his paths." Isaiah 2:3*

## **Our Credentials**

God started this ministry in 1898 and its need is greater today than ever. We were incorporated in 1915 and are a registered 501c3 organization. We are a member in good standing with the Christian Camp and Conference Association.

## **Our Message is Jesus**

God loves us so very much and wants to restore us back to Himself!

# **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Things to remember when you come visit us:

1. No smoking, vaping, alcohol or drug usage on camp property. If we find alcohol or drugs in your possession while you are on campus or in your room after you leave, you will not be allowed to return.
2. Users may only use those areas of the facilities that have been reserved.
3. Please do not enter any pens with live animals without one of OUR staff members with you. The animals are tame, but accidents do happen and we like to prevent them.
4. Camp equipment must be returned to original placement, unless arranged otherwise prior to the event.
5. Sex specific changing areas, restrooms and showers are to be used by members of the designated biological sex only. Family bathrooms are available in snack shop.
6. Abusive or foul language and violent behavior are strictly prohibited. Any person exhibiting such behavior will be required to leave the premises.
7. Please tidy your room after you leave, fold blankets if provided and strip your bed. Double check your room for any items left behind before check-out. This includes under your bed, bathrooms, and common areas. Often times these are the places we find most left items.
8. We do have quiet time here at Camp from 11pm to 7am. Please be kind and considerate of those around you. If you have activities planned for later in the night, please let our Director or Office Manager know ahead of time so we can plan accordingly.

Have fun and we hope you enjoy your stay here on God's Mountain!

# Our Statement of Faith

- We believe in the Divine inspiration of the Bible, that the books from Genesis to Revelation are without error, and that they are the infallible authoritative Word of God. 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Revelation 22:18-19
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Psalm 90:2; John 3:16; Matthew 6:9-15; Genesis 1:1-3; John 14:10,16-17; 15:26; Matthew 28:19
- We believe in the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return to reign in power and glory. Matthew 1:23; 25:31-46; John 1:1-2; Hebrews 7:24-25, 9:24; Romans 3:24-25, 4:25; Ephesians 1:7; Philippians 2:5-11; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Luke 2:29-35; Acts 10:36, Romans 6:23
- We believe in the fall of man, his moral depravity, and the necessity of the new birth. Genesis 1:27, 3:1-6; Romans 3:10-12, 5:12; 1 John 1:8-10; Hebrews. 9:27; Job 14:5
- We believe in the substitutionary atonement through the shed blood of Christ, in justification by faith, and in regeneration by the Holy Spirit. This is God's provision for the salvation of lost and sinful men from the penalty and power of sin. John 1:12; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Acts 2:37-38; Romans 3:23, 5:8, 8:15-17, 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life. John 14:26, 16:8-11; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:11,28; Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:7-12, 5:18; 1 John 2:20, 2:26-27
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: they that are saved unto eternal life, and they that are lost unto eternal punishment. Ephesians 1:13-14; Philippians 1:6, 2:13; Romans 5, 6, 8:28-39
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:10; Acts 4:32
- We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. Genesis 1:26-27
- We believe the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe that marriage between one man and one woman, for life, uniquely reflects Christ's relationship with His Church. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, cohabitation, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, or use of pornography) is outside of God's design for humanity. We understand these actions to be sinful and offensive to God. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture, nor the doctrines of Camp Pinnacle. Genesis 2:18-25; Ephesians 5:21-33; 1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31
- We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. Psalm 139, John 3:16

# Our Staff



Stephen Flach  
Executive Director



Sarah & Brian Powell  
Summer Camp Directors



Bill & Denise Passmore  
Chef and Assistant



Janet Tanis  
Retreat Director



Domenic Cecconic  
Administrative  
Support



Tracey Jackson  
Equine Director



Bob & Linda VanNatten



Jerry Parent  
Maintenance



Joe Stocking  
Maintenance



Rich Bartley  
Maintenance



Lisa and Bill West  
Administration/  
Maintenance



Martha Davis  
Camp Registrar



Barney Yuhas  
Mechanic



Angel Barton  
Maintenance

# Dining and Meetings



Stevens Dining Hall

Stevens Hall has a seating capacity of 185 people and can be used for meals as well as meetings.



Stevens Hall, also called the Dining Hall, is known for its delicious buffet style food. Our Chef is on staff year round and constantly creating amazing dishes. Our Dining Hall also provides a Snack Shop just down the stairs with a fireplace, foosball table, pool table, snacks and more. This extra room seats 40 people.

## Bessie Wood Lounge

The **Bessie Wood Lounge** seats up to 60 people and has its own bathrooms. This room also offers a kitchenette with coffee. Bessie Wood is conveniently located directly off of Stevens Hall, our Dining Hall and kitchen. This is a cozy meeting room and can be set up with music and a projector.





Tabernacle



The **Tabernacle** is a rustic meeting space designed for worship with our sound system set up and vaulted ceilings. It offers a small breakout room and a large fireplace for heating. The "Tab" has a seating capacity of 160 people.



Gymnasium

The **Gymnasium**, in addition to being used for indoor basketball, offers volleyball and rock-wall climbing. It can also be used as a large meeting space with a seating capacity of 325.

On the 2nd floor of the gym complex we have a loft that can be used as a smaller meeting space.



Gym Loft



Christie Gardens

# Rustic Lodging Options



Pine Ridge

**Pine Ridge Campus** offers bunkhouse style rooms with a separate building for bathrooms and showers. This campus allows you a little more privacy for a business or family event. Enjoy our rustic view with a path that takes you directly up to our Sunset Overlook.

There are seven cabins that sleep 10 people and one cabin that sleeps 8. On our Pine Ridge Campus we offer a large indoor field house which can be used for games as well as meetings. This field house also offers a kitchenette with cabinets and an outdoor sink.

Pine Ridge Campus sleeps 78 people and has seating for up to 200.



PR Field House

Our **White Birch Campus** is directly across the road from Camp Pinnacle's Main Campus. It's only a short walk to Old Rim which has a lovely view of Albany. From there you can also see our horse pasture and the sunrises are breathtaking on this side of campus.

We offer two different types of living quarters at White Birch. First being our Rustic dorms which have a total of 6 cabins and 10 beds in each. The restroom and showers for these cabins are a separate facility located just outside the building. The second style is our indoor dorms which offers 6 rooms that sleep ten in each. We also have a lounge for groups and an extra room for staff that sleeps 10. Bathrooms and showers are located directly inside the building.

White Birch Campus also provides a small field house seating 200 with rooms for rainy day games and gatherings. Behind the fieldhouse is a fire pit with rustic log benches. An outdoor stage, perfect for a worship service or talent show is located on the playing field closeby.



White Birch Bunkhouse

White Birch sleeps 60 in the rustic bunkhouse and 78 in the dorm-style building. Seating capacity for the field house is 200 people.



White Birch Dorm



WB Field House

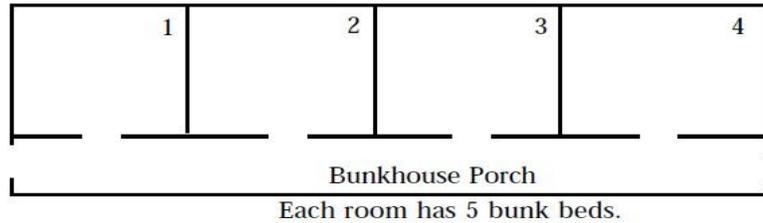


# Lodging and Grounds

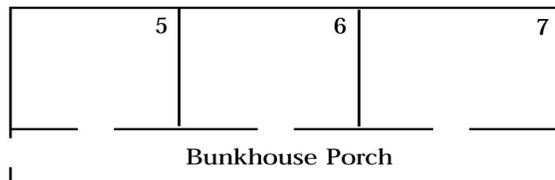
## Pine Ridge Accomodations Floor Plan & Housing List



Pine Ridge Bunkhouse 1

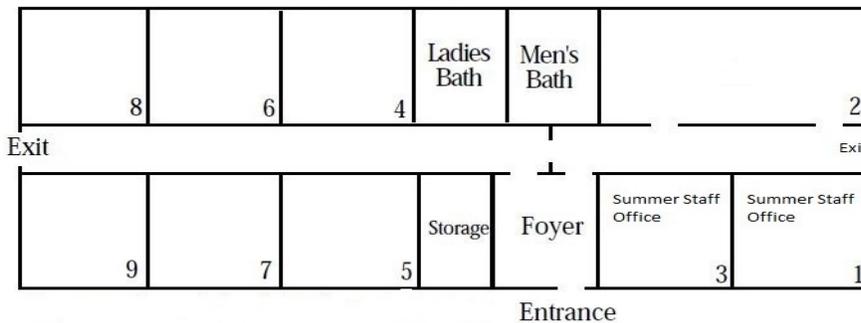


Pine Ridge Bunkhouse 2

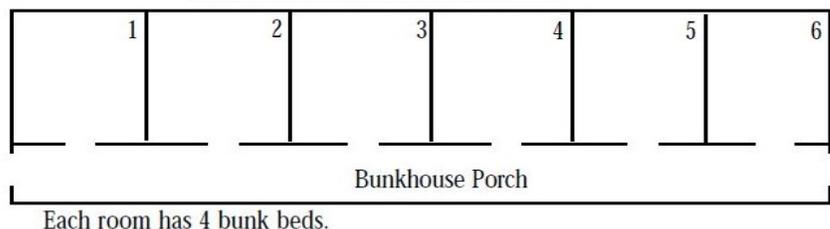


These two bunkhouses share a shower/bathroom facility located between the two housing units.

White Birch Lodge



White Birch Bunkhouse



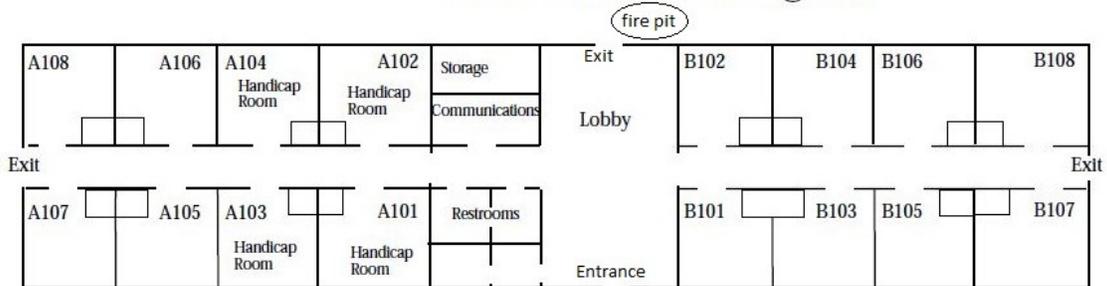
# McFate Lodge



McFate Lodge

**McFate Lodge** is our finest facility, settled perfectly between the trees and just a short walk to the dining hall or gym. This lodge has two wings with 8 rooms on either side. There is a large common room dividing them. This cozy lounge with a 50 person capacity has a gas fireplace, kitchenette and comfortable chairs ideal for an intimate retreat. Four of the rooms are fully handicap accessible. Each room contains one queen size bed and one set of bunk beds giving for a family friendly, hotel-style feel. McFate Lodge sleeps 64 people.

## McFate Lodge Floor Plan & Housing List

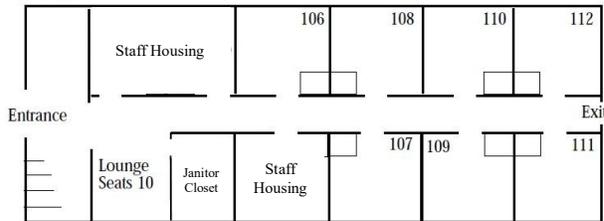


McFate Lounge

## Mekeel Lodge Accomodations

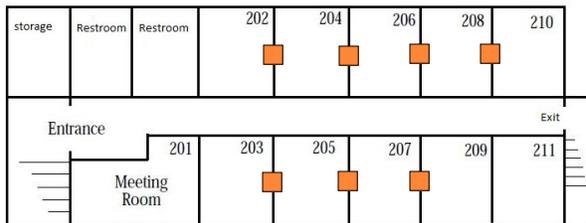
# Mekeel Lodge

### 1st Floor



111/112 have double beds and bunks, 106-110 have 4 double bunkbeds and private baths.

### 2nd Floor



■ = Adjoining rooms



**Mekeel Lodge** is our largest lodging area. This is a two story building with 8 hotel style rooms (capacity 64 bunks) on the first floor. Each room has a private bathroom. The first floor also has a common area which is a cozy place to relax or conduct a small meeting.

The upper floor of Mekeel has a similar sleeping layout with dorm style rooms, but has two common bathrooms at the end of the hall. There is a large common room which accommodates up to 40 people for a comfortable lounging and meeting space or game night.

The sleeping capacity in Mekeel Lodge is 144 people.



Mekeel Lodge

# Camp Pinnacle Activities



Paintball



High/Low Ropes



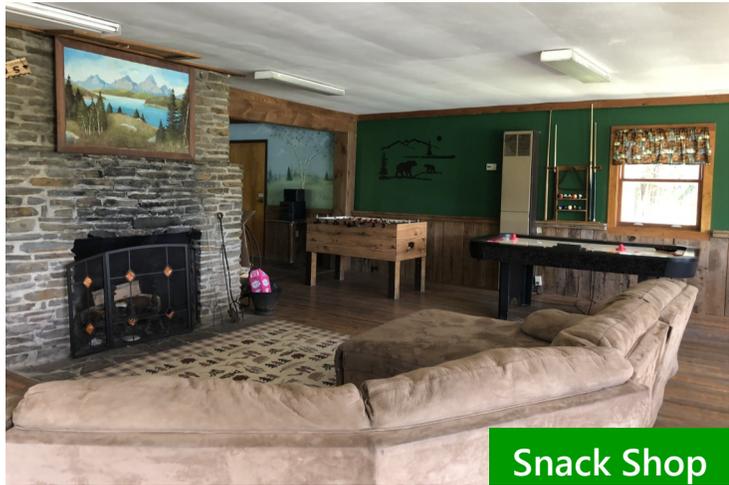
Indoor Rock-wall

We offer a variety of activities including; fishing, horse-back riding, swimming, paintball, ropes challenge course, soccer, rock-wall, volleyball, canoeing, archery, hiking and outdoor spaces for writing and crafts!

## Recreational Spaces



**Snack Shop** is located down stairs from the Dining Room. It is stocked with snacks, pool and ping pong, café tables and foosball. In cooler months a roaring fire makes a perfect setting for hanging out or prayer and small groups meetings.



Snack Shop

## Sacred Spaces



Prayer Rim

**Prayer Rim** is a ten minute hike past the White Birch dorm. A great place for a campfire prayer gathering.

**Summer Dining or "The Ark"** is located directly off the Snack Shop. This is a large open meeting room seating 97 people. It is best used in summer as there are many windows. It can also be heated for periods of time in the winter months.



Summer Dining ~ "The Ark"

**Sunset** is a ten minute hike from main Camp. A beautiful place for a youth and family gatherings.



Sunset

# Our Location

We are located approximately 30 minutes (18 miles) from Albany International Airport, I-87 and I-90. In the Helderberg Mountains, just 20 minutes from Albany, we are centrally located in beautiful Upstate New York.

Feel free to contact us for directions.

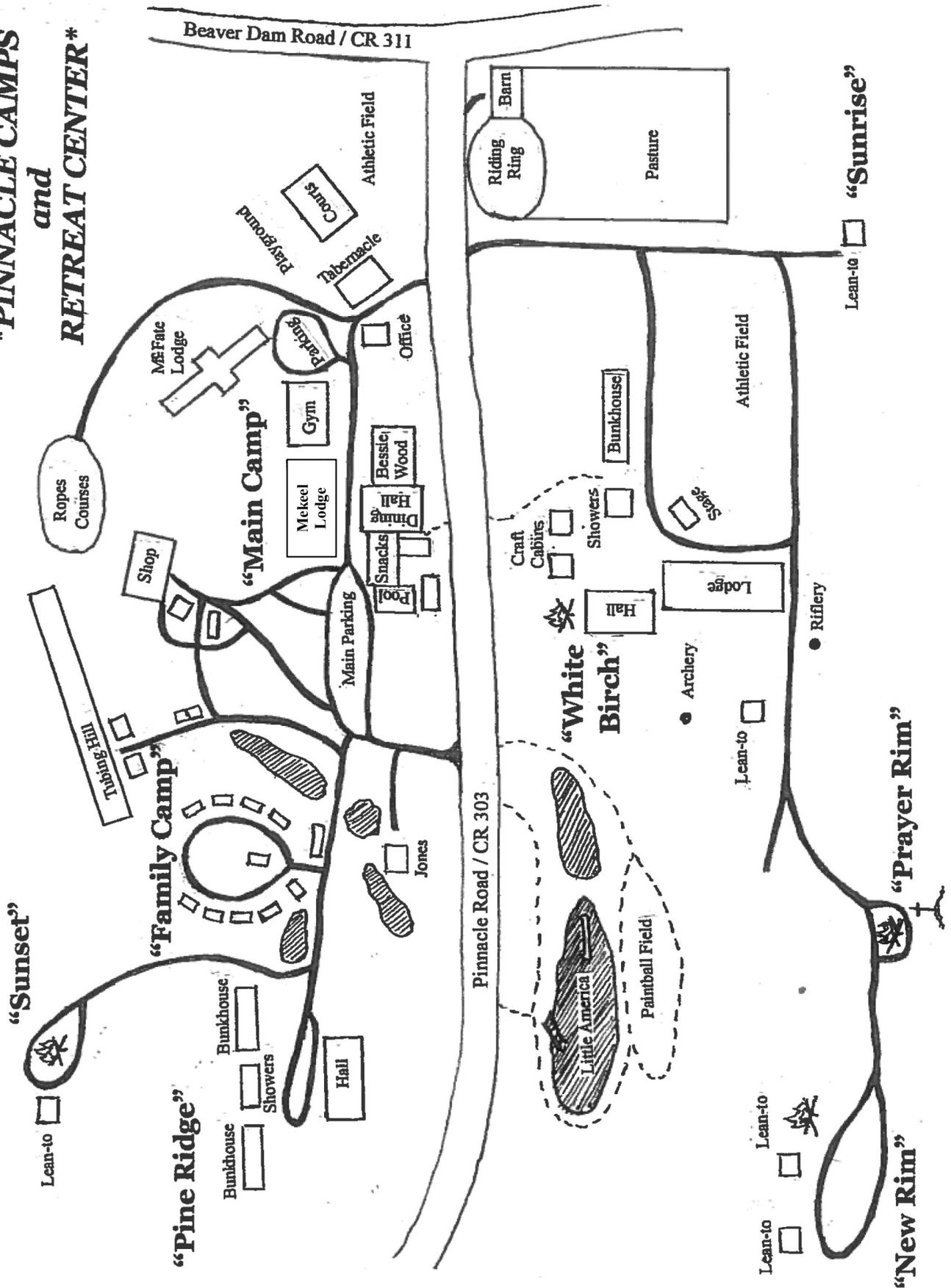
Our address:

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Voorheesville, NY 12186



# Maps and Directions

## \*PINNACLE CAMPS and RETREAT CENTER\*



**From 155 & 20 in Guilderland**

SR-155 (south-west) 3.9 miles  
At traffic circle take first exit onto State Route 85A 3.8 miles  
Turn right (west) onto SR-85 west.9 miles  
Turn right (south) onto SR-157 "Thacher Park Rd." .9 miles  
Turn left (south - west) onto CR-311 "Beaver Dam Rd." 1.6 miles  
Turn left (south - west) onto CR-303 "Pinnacle Rd." .5 miles  
ARRIVE Camp Pinnacle Main Entrance on RIGHT

**From Albany International Airport**

Leave the Airport following signs for SR-155 (south-west) 9.6 miles  
\*Watch for a Left turn to stay on SR-155 after approximately 1.5 miles  
At traffic circle take first exit onto State Route 85A .3.8 miles  
Turn right (west) onto SR-85 west.9 miles  
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**From Interstate 87 traveling NORTH as from the Catskills & New York City**

Leave the Thruway at exit 21B  
Turn right (north) onto US-9W 6.9 miles  
Turn left (north-west) onto CR-101 3.6 miles  
Turn left onto SR-396 "Bridge St." 7.9 miles  
\*Name changes to CR-301 at 1.9 miles  
Turn left (west) onto SR-443 "Delaware Tpk." 3.9 miles  
\*SR-443 becomes SR-443 & SR-85 at 1.9 miles  
Turn right (west) onto SR-443 "Helderberg Trail" .3 miles  
Turn right (north) onto CR-303 "Pinnacle Rd." 3.0 miles  
ARRIVE Camp Pinnacle Main Entrance on LEFT

**From Interstate 87 traveling SOUTH as from Saratoga Springs & Canada**

At exit 1 Turn left onto ramp to merge onto I-90 east 1.4 miles  
At exit 4 Turn right onto ramp onto SR-85 toward Voorheesville 12.1 miles  
Turn right (south) onto SR-157 "Thacher Park Rd." .9 miles  
Turn left (south - west) onto CR-311 "Beaver Dam Rd." 1.6 miles  
Turn left (south - west) onto CR-303 "Pinnacle Rd." .5 miles  
ARRIVE Camp Pinnacle Main Entrance on RIGHT

**From Interstate 90**

At exit 4 Turn right onto ramp onto SR-85 toward Voorheesville 12.1 miles  
Turn right (south) onto SR-157 "Thacher Park Rd." .9 miles  
Turn left (south - west) onto CR-311 "Beaver Dam Rd." 1.6 miles  
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## **Camp Pinnacle – Facility Usage with Lodging - Standard of Conduct Agreement**

Camp Pinnacle’s purpose is to share Christ's message, encourage growth, and support the ministry of the local church. We accomplish this through summer camps, year-round retreats, and conferences promoting growth in Christ and practical service.

Camp Pinnacle’s facilities were provided by God’s goodness and the sacrificial generosity of its supporters. All Camp property is consecrated and set apart to be used exclusively to glorify God and edify the Body of Christ (Col. 3:17). Therefore although the facilities are not generally open to the public, the Camp makes its facilities available to approved groups on a case-by-case basis as a witness to its faith, in a spirit of Christian charity, and as a means of demonstrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ in practice. The Camp’s facilities may not be used for activities that contradict, or are inconsistent with, the Camp’s beliefs, as summarized in the Camp’s Statement of faith.

### **Facility Use Guidelines**

1. Users may only enter and use those areas of the facilities that have been reserved.
2. Food and beverages may be eaten in the dining room or designated picnic areas. Event attendees are asked to clear their tables and place trash in cans provided.
3. Camp equipment must be returned to original placement, unless arranged otherwise prior to the event.
4. Turn off all lights upon departure.
5. Sex-specific changing areas, restrooms, and showers are to be used by members of the designated biological sex only. Family bathrooms are available in the Snack Shop.
6. Group leaders are required to designate lodging assignments in accordance with our Statement of Faith. No biological boys are allowed in biological girls’ rooms or vice versa.
7. We ask all guests to refrain from fornication and sexual activity outside of the marriage covenant. This includes heterosexual and homosexual activity, pornography, and adultery.
8. Abusive or foul language, violent behavior, and drugs, smoking, vaping or alcohol are strictly prohibited on Camp premises. Any person exhibiting such behavior will be required to leave the premises.

I understand that I will be responsible for any damages to the Camp facilities resulting from this proposed use of facilities. I understand that the Camp believes disputes are to be worked out between parties pursuant to Matthew 18 and 1 Corinthians 6, without recourse to the courts. Accordingly, I agree to attempt resolution of any disputes through Christian mediation.

**By signing below, I acknowledge that Camp Pinnacle is a faith-based Christian camp. As such, it teaches and operates in accordance with its sincerely held religious beliefs, as summarized in its Statement of Faith. I agree to respect these guidelines and to refrain from behaving in ways that are not consistent with these guidelines. I will communicate these guidelines to our group and take responsibility for keeping all members of our group accountable to abide by the guidelines.**

Group Leader Print Name	Sign Name Here	Date
_____	_____	_____
Camp Official Print Name	Sign Name Here	Date
_____	_____	_____

*Camp Pinnacle* is an ideal place for retreats and conferences. We have three separate campuses, 40 buildings and accommodations for over 300 people to sleep, eat, meet and play until your heart is content. God's creation is breathtaking here on the mountain. You are welcome to open your heart to Him while enjoying a variety of activities and team building exercises.

We host a number of enriching conference and family activities yearly.

Our Conferences and Events

- Ladies' Spring Refresher
- Ladies' Fall Retreat
- Men's Retreats
- Fall Festival
- Couples Getaway
- Live Nativity

Please visit our website at [www.camppinnacle.org](http://www.camppinnacle.org) or find us on Instagram or FACEBOOK.

To schedule a tour, contact Janet in the office.  
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