

Krislund Camp and Conference Center
Krislund: A Ministry to All Ages (www.krislund.org)

In 1962 the Presbyteries of Huntingdon and Northumberland elected members of a task force to search for suitable land for the development of a camp and conference center.

A 437 acre tract between the two presbyteries was found in Little Sugar Valley, which is located in the Nittany Mountains. A Director of Development was called, and began working November 1, 1963. Initial studies indicated that further land needed to be purchased in order for viable development to occur. Fortunately key properties could be obtained and development planning began in earnest.

In 1965 programs Krislund began an eight-week program with a staff comprised equally of volunteer pastors, laity, and paid college age adults. In 1967 an Olympic-size pool was constructed, a covered wagon unit was created to meet the program and housing needs of eighth and ninth graders.

Fourth and fifth graders continued to use the cabin unit, and two additional tent platforms were added to increase the bed capacity of the sixth and seventh grade unit. Krislund's capacity had now doubled to 108 campers a week. Ten canoes were also purchased at this time and two trailers were built to enable their transport for senior high trips to the Adirondacks and Canada. This was also the first year that the in-camp program was run by an all paid college staff.

Before the 1970 summer season began a new and larger kitchen and dining facility were constructed. After negotiations with the two northern Presbyteries, Carlisle Presbytery joined in a purchase of service agreement in 1973. The addition of their 318 campers increased the first and subsequent summer season from eight to nine weeks. The 1973 summer total of campers was 1,120. This remained the capacity until recently.

By the end of 2003 1,500 acres were added to the camp. Recently the Retreat Center has been updated with more dining room space and modern kitchen. The longhouses are being winterized for year-round use. Krislund continues its tradition of growth and improvements in order to meet the needs of campers and off-season groups. Only time will tell what Krislund will be in the next twenty years, but it will certainly continue, through the continued efforts of pastors, congregations, parents, campers, and staff, to be "Christ's Land." To keep informed of Krislund's activities send your email to info@krislund.org or call 814-422-8878.



Scripture: All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone, who belongs to God, may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NRSV)

Let us pray:

God of Creation, Thank you for Krislund Camp and it's ministry. Open our hearts and minds to the Spirit's leading and to your vision for our camp ministry. Hear our prayers for the camp's directors, staff, and volunteers, as they transform lives through your love, compassion, and grace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Please pray for: camp ministry