

Beacon Lodge...

is situated 583 beautiful acres, and is a camp for children and adults with special needs including blindness, deafness, and many other physical and mental challenges. It is nestled in the natural woodlands along the Juniata River of Central Pennsylvania just two miles west of Newton Hamilton, near Mount Union. Beacon Lodge was established in 1948 as a summer camp for blind residents of Pennsylvania. It has grown into a favorite retreat for many people with disabilities as well as a conference center for special groups, an educational facility for families, a rental camp for group retreats, and more. The goals of the camp were and are to present a well-rounded program adaptable to all campers and others, regardless of age, race, creed or color.

Camp is divided into two main sections; the **Adult Camp** and the **Children's Village**. Each camp is run separately, with some of the recreational facilities shared by both. Both camps have their own dining facility and health center. Most cabin facilities are air-conditioned and include their own private bathroom. While at camp, most of the camper's



time will be spent outdoors, but we want to be sure our campers are able to rest comfortably so that they are able to have fun during their camp stay.



Children's Village

Our Mission...

is to provide all individuals with special needs, the opportunity to enjoy a camping experience encompassing recreational, educational, and personal adjustment. Special emphasis is placed on stimulating interests and appreciation for recreation and learning, and to encourage attempting new challenges. The camp also serves as a reference center for Pennsylvania Residents for support services in their local area.



Beacon Lodge Camp shall pursue its mission:

- By providing opportunities for understanding and appreciation through an awareness of natural surroundings.
- By encouraging the camper to participate in and share the responsibilities of a democratic society.
- By helping the camper realize that he/she has significant place in the social pattern.
- By fostering in him/her the desire to participate in ALL camp activities.
- By developing in him/her a sense of responsibility and respect for others.
- By enabling the camper to learn accepted ways of competing and cooperating with others.
- By stimulating in each camper greater self-reliance, resourcefulness and initiative.
- By helping the camper learn new skills and to explore his/her own capabilities.
- By aiding the camper on the road to self realization, self fulfillment, and personal identity.

Pennsylvania Lion and Past international Director Harold Ott of Boalsburg sands picnic tables at Beacon Lodge



A Special Services Camp for Children & Adults



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