FRIENDS OF HINDS PRESENTS
CAMP WILLIAM HINDS:
PANTHER POND

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Six Year Old Boy Struck Down By Auto And Killed
Son of Charles B. Hinds Was Playing in Vaughan Street When Hit

William B. Hinds 1918-1925
The Property

• Site was selected on June 5th 1927
• Berry Farm located on the northern end of Panther Pond
• 125 acres of woodlands and open fields
• Half mile frontage on Panther Pond
• One mile frontage on Tenny River
• Property Cost $8,200
• With buildings and materials initial investment of $25,000
• In the mid 30’s property across Tenny River was purchased
• Senior Camp opened in 1938
• 12 lean-tos for 24 campers
• Also Leader’s Cabin, Rec Hall, and Latrine
• Designed for Scouts 14 years of age or older
• Special program
To access Senior Camp Scouts needed:
• First a rowboat
• Then the Queen Mary
• Finally the Tenny Belle (Shown here)
• Bridge wasn’t built until 1967
Current Tenny River Bridge
• In 1947 “Justanold House” was purchased.
• It would be converted into a Training Center and housing for the camp ranger.
MAJOR CAMP BUILDINGS
• Camp was purchased on June 5th and opened for the first time on June 25th.
• In those 20 days the first dining hall was erected.
• It was 45’ x 24’ and seated 75 Scouts.
• The kitchen was at one end.
• Window areas were screened in.
• Campers constructed shutters later.
• In 1928 an ell was added for the kitchen
• Seating capacity of the main building went from 75 to 125
• It was used for a dining hall for just 4 years
• When the new dining hall was announced in the 1931 brochure, it also stated "The old mess hall will be converted into a nature museum where Scouts under expert leadership can study plant and animal life and make their collections."

• Until 1951 this building was the craftshop. Then came the big blizzard of 1952 and the weight of the snow caved in the roof.
1928: The second building erected on the Camp Hinds property was the Recreation Hall.
Only building from the first five years still standing.
provided space for camp offices, trading post, recreation activities and rainy day programs.
• The Recreation building is a low rambling structure 70’x50’ with a wide covered piazza on three sides.
• Here on rainy days the Scouts gather to play games, read and write letters.
• A massive field stone fireplace heaped high with blazing logs radiates warmth and cheerfulness.
• Pool tables, a library of some 500 boys' books, a piano, and a radio provide ample recreation for the boys.
• A New Dining Hall built in 1931.
• The main dining room is 72’ long and 33’ wide.
• The dining hall was enlarged by 32 feet, adding sixteen more tables to the capacity in 1962.
• The old kitchen was torn down and a new kitchen was opened for the 1990 season.
• The fireplace was also added making the dining hall useful for evening campfires and programs.
• The Dining Hall was named after Johnny Ring in 1992.
• Ring Dining Hall was used until 2017.
Dining Hall - 1931
Current Dining Hall
Opened in 2017
• Original Plan called for tents for 35 Scouts
• In 1927 there was one campsite locate near the current council ring
• Had row of 8 Army tents on wooden platforms
• Each tent slept 8 – Patrol Leader and 7 Scouts
• Each person had a metal army cot and a straw mattress
• Within a couple of years, more space was needed
• A second site was built in the area where Ring Hall sits today
• The sites were referred to as Site A and Site B
• By 1930 there were four campsites
• Sites were given Indian names
• We can only find documentation of Pawnee Campsite
• In 1931 Pawnee was closed to make room for a new dining hall
• Four Sites were named for American Heroes and Explorers: Lindbergh, Byrd, MacMillan, and Peary
Original Campsite - 1927
Lindbergh Campsite
MacMillan Campsite
Peary Campsite
Currently we have 14 Troop Sites.
Each site has capacity between 8 and 52 Scouts.
Tents are 2-man tents with wooden platforms and folding cots.
9 campsites on the “main side” and 5 sites on the “Tenny Side.”
1927 PROGRAM

- Eight weeks of camp. Four two-week sessions.
- Cost $7.00 per week. $1.00 reservation fee required to hold your space.
- Week runs from Saturday to Saturday in 1927.
- By 1930 the week was from Tuesday to Tuesday.
Lakeside Council Ring
Rec Hall is off to left & MacMillan Campsite is behind
Lakeside Council Ring

Rec Hall is in rear & MacMillan Campsite is off to the right
CHIPMUNK POINT - BOATING
Rowboats, Canoes, and Cutters
WATERFRONT
In 1938 Paul Siple, a nationally-known scientist, was the Nature Director, and he took on the project of building this terrarium to provide a spot where aquatic life could be sheltered and studied.
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