

Living Waters Camp and Conference Center
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Fifty five year ago the Penn West Conference purchased property in Bedford County to be used as a facility for outdoor ministry. Today Living Waters continues to serve the members of our conference, the Central Atlantic Conference and other denominations in our area. Many people think that Living Waters only provides summer camps for children and youth. However, Living Waters hosts many events including retreats - by churches and other groups, meetings, reunions, weddings, and conferences. The largest conference is the Presbyterian Trinity Youth Conference.

This summer we will again be hosting the Pennsylvania Lumber Jack Competition. This will be held on August 9-11 and will also be televised. Last year this event brought over 400 people to Living Waters and promises to be bigger this year. Of course, an event this size takes many volunteers and if you might be interested in donating some time please contact the camp office.

As the camp ages our facilities are always in need of repair. Our biggest challenge is the cost to repair and improve our buildings. Several churches have made donations or have taken on a particular project. This year the lodge will get new doors and there will be upgrades to the pioneer pavilion. If your congregation would like to sponsor a project or volunteer for a work day, please contact Joni Hufford. In the near future we must replace the hogans in the pioneer area and make a decision on the future of the white house. Currently we cannot use the white house due to its condition. It is estimated that it will cost about \$100,000.00 for a complete renovation. The alternative is to tear it down and replace with a modern retreat house. The Board of Directors is at a stalemate on the future of this building.

The Living Waters Camp and Conference Center is operated by a twelve member board. Eight members of the board are from the Penn West Conference and four from other denominations. Each member serves a four year term and can serve two terms. Current board members are Penn West Conference representatives: Rev. Jay Shaffer – President, Larry Hay – Vice President, Chelsea Neatrou – Secretary, Doug Walker – Treasurer, Karren Addleman, Jeff Brumbaugh, and Don Kelly, Non UCC board members are Tina Harbaugh, (Methodist), David Worst, (Lutheran), Sherri Foor, (Independent) and Erin Brouse, (Independent). As you see there is one vacancy on the board and new board members will be elected at the end of June. Terms begin on July 1 of each year. If you are interested on serving on the board please contact Rev. Jay Shaffer.

Finally, we cannot thank Joni Hufford enough for her many years of service to Living Waters as the Executive Director. She handles the scheduling and the day to day operations. Her husband Rob is a valuable part of the maintenance team and donates many hours to be sure all things are running properly. A facility of this size takes many volunteers. If you cannot actually come to the camp you can help by sponsoring children and youth from your community to attend camp. Scholarship money is available from several donors inspired by outdoor ministry.

Submitted by,
Rev. Jay E. Shaffer, Board President