

Our History

Camp Marshall features over 250 acres of unspoiled land along with 20(+/-) additional acres on state land managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, bordering Thompson Pond. For more than 50 years, it has been nestled in the rolling hills of Spencer, Massachusetts, just west of Worcester. Camp Marshall is a non profit organization and is governed by its Board of Directors.

Camp Marshall was originally built as a Civilian Conservation Corps Camp in the mid 1930's. The director's lodge, the arts and crafts building and the recently demolished smiley hall are the original buildings. The past 50 years 4-H has been using Camp Marshall for programs. The first 25 year lease was given by the state in 1948 for a residential camp program. The sleeping cabins were built during the 1950's by towns sponsoring 4-H clubs, with each club raising money and materials for a cabin. The property that now makes up the center property was acquired over the 20 year period of the 50's and 60's. A combination of purchases and donations has resulted in the present 278 acres, 20 acres of this land being leased from the Department of Conservation and Recreation. This includes the horse camp and Buck Hill Conservation Center. In the early 1960's, 4-H offered two, one-week horse camp sessions during the summer. The original building, a steel barn, was an open sided, clear span building with movable stalls for the horses. As the program grew, wings were built for the additional stalls. In the early 1970's, Wells Williams Arena and the stalls south of the arena were built for expanded horse and livestock shows. The steel barn was converted to its present condition and named Andrews Hall.

Our facility offers a large commercial kitchen with dining hall, large function hall, and numerous outbuildings for indoor activities. Rustic cabins provide sleeping accommodations for up to 150 people. In addition, athletic fields, a basketball court, and 2 shooting areas are provided for outdoor activities. Our scenic waterfront is the perfect setting for swimming and boating. Miles of wooded hiking trails make our facility unique. The facility features 4 large riding rings, an indoor arena, and a hunt course. Our stables can accommodate up to 65 horses. Spacious fields and miles of riding trails make this site ideal for any horse related activities.

Camp Marshall today is " Not just a summer camp anymore" We currently are open year round and offer a variety of Programs, events, along with facility rentals for weddings and other events, along with partnering with many different user groups. We have a year round equine program, a youth equestrian team, Programming for girl and boy scout groups, school vacation camps and after school programs, and outdoor educational field trips.

The Staff at Camp Marshall are very pleased with the growth of the organization to share this wonderful outdoor educational facility with so many others throughout the year.