



Pinecliff Camp and Retreat Center
4142 East Chalk Creek Road
Coalville, Utah 84017

SOME PINECLIFF HISTORY

The Pine Cliff Inn was a family-owned business located 18 miles east of Coalville, Utah in the foothills of the Uinta Mountains. The property contained 44 acres of land with an old Inn, an old house, a barn, a corral and five small cabins. The old Inn with its 2-foot-thick walls was built in the 1800's and was being operated as a bar and dance hall at the time.

The property was purchased in 1963 by the Rocky Mountain Conference of the Methodist Church and the Intermountain Convention of the United Church of Christ (UCC). The Utah Protestant Camps Foundation was thus formed and managed the camp until 1996. The foundation took possession of the property on August 1, 1963 for a purchase price of \$35,500. The first group to occupy the camp was the Methodist Youth Fellowship group of the First Methodist Church of Ogden, UT on August 2-3, 1963.



The corral was torn down and was hauled away and the barn was converted into a canteen with a storage-workshop area and the upstairs was made into a bunkhouse with 10 beds. A new 100 ft well was drilled, a new septic system was installed, and a new bathhouse and lavatory was built. The bathroom shower facility is the only building built by contractors and used to have the nickname "The Taj Mahal."

A new kitchen was added to the old dining hall by the Job Corp in the 1975-1976 timeframe. The main dining hall has been remodeled three times since.

Christ Chapel was paid for by Christ UMC of Salt Lake City, UT, and it was built by Christ UMC of Salt Lake City, Hilltop UMC of Sandy, UT, and Plymouth Park UMC of Irving, TX. It was dedicated by Al Simmons (Retired Rocky Mountain Conference Director of Camping) on May 22, 2004.



Several new cabins have been built over the years with a lot of sweat equity and a labor of love. They are as follows:

Hill Chapel Cabin - Built by Airmen at Hill Field

UCC Provo Cabin - Built by the United Church of Christ of Provo, UT

Kelly's Cabin - Built by the Grandparents of a young man who died in his youth

2 Methodist Men's Cabins - Built by the Methodist Men from the FUMC of Salt Lake City, UT and the FUMC of Ogden, UT (1965)

Double Cabin - Built by a Youth Group from Iowa and the Camp Board

Bunkhouse Cabin – Built by Darryl Pilgreen with monies received in memory of Wayne Whipple and Harold Thompson

Hilltop Cabin - Built by the Hilltop UMC of Sandy, UT

2 Cabins with ramps and ramps on the Bathhouse - Built by a Youth Group from Plymouth Park United Methodist Church of Irving, TX



One of the old cabins still exists today, however, it is currently being used as a lawn tractor shed.

REORGANIZATION

The Methodist Church merged with the Evangelical United Brethren of Christ in 1968 to become the United Methodist Church (UMC).

In October 1995 the Rocky Mountain Conference of the UMC purchased the share from the UCC at a cost of \$37,500 and became sole owners of Pine Cliff. A new Board was formed in 1996 to replace the foundation and oversee the Camp. The name was then changed to Pinecliff Camp and Retreat Center to better convey its purpose and function. On May 31, 1997 Bishop Mary Ann Swenson re-consecrated the Camp to the service of God.

Pinecliff has 102 beds. The old barn serves as a workshop and storage with the loft converted for sleeping space. There is a manager's cabin, infirmary, chapel and a bath house with separate showers and facilities for men and women. An area was developed in recent years for an RV park for families and for volunteer workers. Of the 44 acres, approximately 20 acres across the road is undeveloped.

The camp is used May-October by many groups and churches.

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