

# Camp Tekoa

A Christian Camp in the Heart of the Adirondacks

In 2010, Donald and Caroline Naysmith of Charlotte, North Carolina and Whitaker Lake in Speculator, NY, acquired the former 4-H Camp property and saw it as an opportunity to save an important part of Lake Pleasant, NY history and at the same time provide a facility for great camping experiences.

The Naysmiths's completed repair and restoration of the historic facility in 2013 and their vision for "Camp Tekoa", a Christian camp focused on ministering to individuals with special needs, girls, boys and families was realized when the camp opened for the 2014 camping season.

Camp Tekoa existed to minister to girls, boys and families including those with special needs and financial hardships. Services and resources were provided in a Christian centered setting with the objective of meeting needs, teaching skills and developing character through programs that were both interesting and stimulating.

In 2015 they ran three 7 day overnight programs, a Boys Camp, a Girls Camp, and a Family camp. They also offered a week long day camp program, Camp "Sheri", that was dedicated in memory of Sheri Naysmith for persons who are developmentally delayed, physically handicapped or intellectually handicapped and their care providers.

In the fall of 2015 the Naysmiths offered the opportunity to Jim Tavares, owner of Camp Sacandaga LLC, to lease the facility to establish a new summer camp program.