

Legendary View ...Happy Campers... Oswegatchie Magic

The Test Kitchen and Food Science Classroom at Oswegatchie



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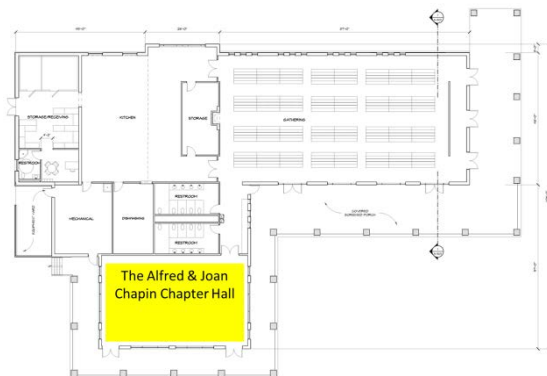
NY FFA Chapter Members,

On July 18, 1946 the New York FFA Foundation board of directors finalized the purchase of your beloved Oswegatchie Camp. Since 1946 Oswegatchie has been the official Adirondack home of the NY FFA. The initial purchase price of Oswegatchie was \$32,000. This debt was paid off by 1954 through generous pledges and contributions by NY FFA Chapters.

In 2017 the New York FFA Foundation was awarded a \$2,000,000 grant to replace our kitchen and dining hall. In order to build what we need, the FFA Foundation is kicking off a capital campaign to raise funds to support this project. The projected cost of the project is \$3.3 million dollars. The project will include a test kitchen, food science classroom/lab, dining hall for up to 300, fireplace, and screened porch overlooking Long Pond. Sources of funds will include private contributions, support from corporations, grants, and even FFA Chapters and Alumni.

We need your help!

Mr. Alfred Chapin retired from teaching agriculture in 1992 from New Berlin Central School, now referred to as Unadilla Valley. Al and his family have offered to match up to \$100,000 in FFA Chapter donations and pledges toward this project. We are reaching out to you, our FFA members in NY, to make a minimum 5 year pledge of \$1000 to help us reach this goal. (See the pledge chart below to see what your pledge could look like). All chapters who make the pledge to contribute will be eternally recognized on a wall inside the Al & Joan Chapin FFA Chapter Hall. This is a 100 person multi-purpose room off from the main dining room.



We are asking that your chapter discuss your involvement and plan to make a pledge between July 1 and September 30, 2018. As of June 7, 2018 just over eight FFA Chapters have pledge a total of \$30,000. The range of the pledges is between \$1,000 and \$8,000. For those who make their decisions prior to summer camp, you can announce your pledge during the Thursday banquet.

Thank you for your consideration of this most important cause. Your support will insure that the Camp O spirit carries on for many more generations.

With kind regards,

Todd Lighthall, Executive Director
New York FFA Foundation, Inc.