



THE DINING HALL: WHERE CONNECTIONS ARE MADE THE ELLIS DINING HALL EXPANSION & RENOVATION...

Think back on some of your earliest school or camp memories... what's one room you remember vividly? As humans we are social creatures, and we build memories and relationships (even as adults) across a table. It's a tradition that has been around for centuries.

YMCA Camp Ocoee is no different. Walls, tables, chairs and meals aren't the only things in the dining hall... there's laughter, songs, conversation, sense of family, friendships, traditions and connections that never leave one's memory. The camp table is a place where conversation flows freely, unbound by technology.

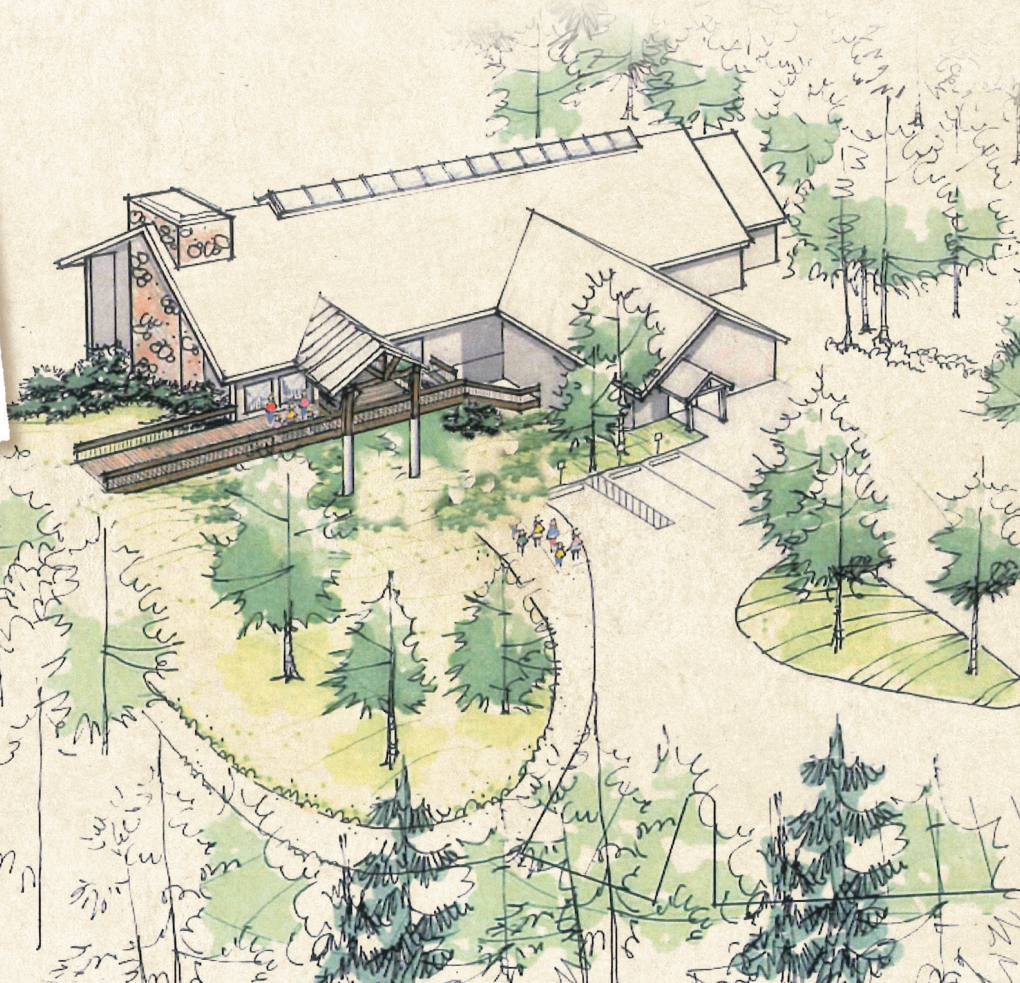
Camp is about relationships and it's those relationships that make the experience immersive and distinct. It's the relationships that separate summer camp from the rest of the year. And the foundation of those connections happens more often than not, in the dining hall.

The Project:

- Bathrooms on the main dining level
- Additional parking
- Renovated kitchen
- Renovated lower level
- New lighting and central heat/air
- Paved road leading to the Ellis Dining Hall
- ADA handicap-accessible entrance

The Impact:

Immeasurable. A larger, more up to date dining hall means more connections, and the ability to accommodate those who need handicap access. By cultivating our growth, we scatter even more seeds of camp memories and connections.



"Love is the answer,
and you know that for sure;
Love is a flower,
you've got to let it grow."

– John Lennon