



Speers Dining Hall, detail plan and section at arrivals court



View of the lake from the Speers Dining Hall



Eljabar Lodge, detail plan and section at Council Ring

Camp Speers - Eljabar YMCA

The Camp Speers-Eljabar YMCA mission—to promote values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility through understanding the natural world—dovetails with the mission of Viridian Landscape Studio.

VLS is working with the camp to develop sites and landscapes for a new Multi-purpose Building and Dining Hall. Each building is carefully placed within the matrix of the Appalachian oak/hickory forest to preserve and restore natural features while responding to basic camp needs of circulation, gathering, play, and maintenance. Special outdoor spaces include arrival/gathering areas, a council ring, an amphitheater, and dual purpose 'green' parking areas/play fields. The project incorporates simple, local and durable materials. The model for construction, site preservation and landscape restoration created by this project will become the template for future projects. It will ensure that the

basic resources of place, which enrich the camp experience, are preserved for future generations. Ecological stormwater management have also been integrated into this project design.

Location: Dingman's Ferry, Pennsylvania

Client: Camp Speers

Size: 450 acres

Cost: \$3 million

Status: Completed 2003