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Carl Lindner IV and his brother Christopher Lindner gained a passion for the outdoors at an early age. They remember adventurous family vacations, hunting and fishing with their father, Carl III and cousin Craig. Thus, to Carl and Chris, it seemed natural that their first business venture should be centered around what they were passionate about: God's creation and the great outdoors.

Like their grandfather and father, Carl and Chris also wanted to lead with their Christian beliefs and values. Carl asserts that the most important thing his father gave him was a Christian upbringing, which fueled his faith and belief in God. Those beliefs and values are certainly at the forefront of the mission at Seraphim Ranch. "The goal of the Ranch is to bring together faith driven men and families to build lasting relationships while experiencing the awe and beauty of God's creation," explains Carl. The Lindner brothers named the ranch Seraphim to indicate how nature gives evidence to the glory of God, much like Seraphim angels exist to praise and glorify God.

The development of the ranch has been in process for several years. In 2008, the brothers hired Cincinnati native, Dan Griffin, a real-estate lawyer, developer, and close friend of Carl and Chris. "Dan's Christian faith and passion for sportsman activities made him an invaluable choice to join us," Chris states.

Around that same time, the Lindner brothers met Chad and Lear McCoy, who have a similar passion for the outdoors. Chad and Lear also had years of experience helping manage their father's business, the McCoy Lumber Company. The four brothers formed a strategic alliance to facilitate a plan for the Ranch. The lumber used to build the lodges and cabins came from trees taken off the Adams County property and were milled by the McCoy's.

Seraphim Ranch is one hour east of Cincinnati, in Adams County. The spectacular 9,000 acre resort offers an unparalleled private experience with nature. The accommodations include Brush Creek Lodge, Poplar Flat Lodge, and three cabins nestled into the landscape. The setting of Brush Creek Lodge is reminiscent of the Colorado Rockies. The Lodge itself is 6,000 square feet of pure luxury, which can only truly be appreciated by a personal visit. It has large family rooms on the first floor and lower level, a sauna, a steam room, a massage therapy room, an outdoor whirlpool, multiple indoor and outdoor fireplaces, private locker rooms, bedrooms, kitchen, and a round dining table to ensure dinner guests connect with each other. The design for Brush Creek Lodge was derived from memories of fantastic family vacations to incredible destination spots.

Even though the amenities of the Lodge outdo many five - star hotels, most members feel the best part of staying there is the inexplicable calmness which resonates at Brush Creek Lodge. Glenn Price, a member from Nashville, Tennessee, relates that this peaceful atmosphere has nurtured some extremely healing conversations among his extended family. He feels that Brush Creek Lodge at Seraphim is a great place to build and restore relationships, while sharing adventures as a family.

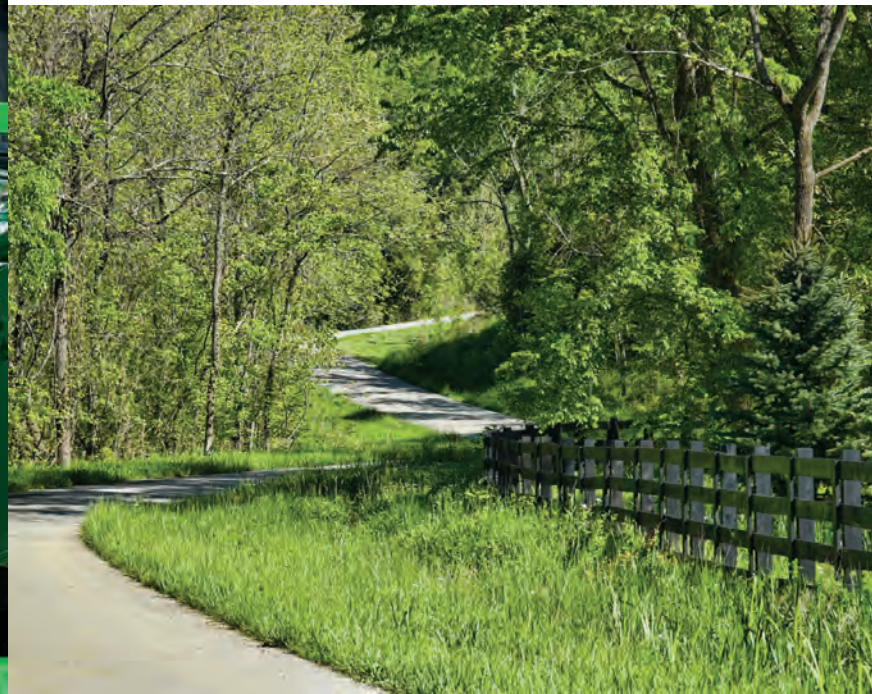
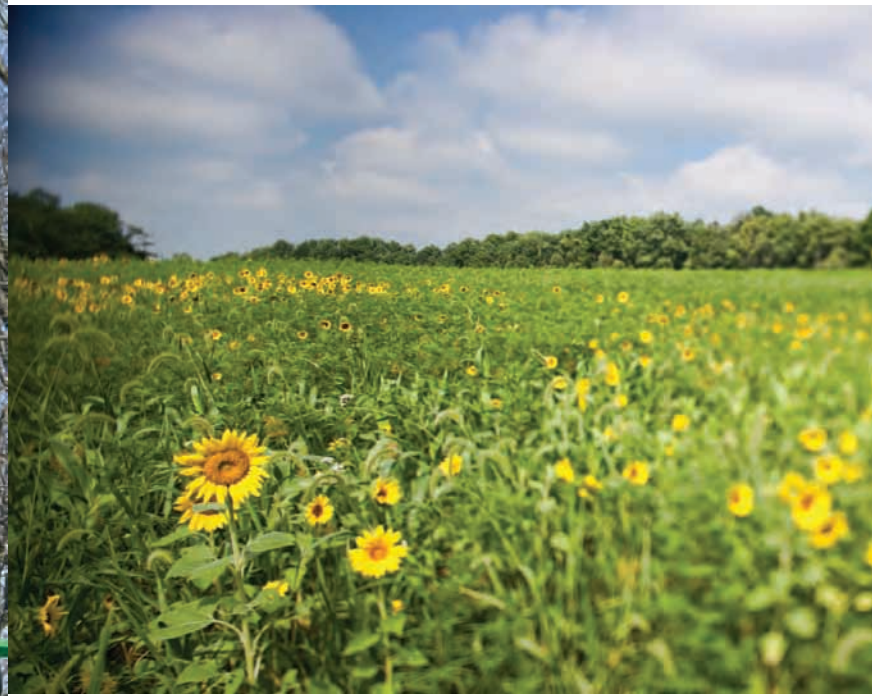
As members anticipate the kind of weekend they hope to experience, they can choose among a number of services; they may have a seven course meal with Chefs Blake Maier and Joe Anderson, a massage from massage therapist Mica Richey, or enjoy long walks with the family. The ranch staff loves to serve its guests.

The other lodge, slightly more rustic, is Poplar Flat Lodge, overlooking the Ohio River Valley where the views span 30 miles or more. This lodge accommodates up to 10 overnight guests and has indoor and outdoor fireplaces with a back veranda that has spectacular vistas. Poplar Flat is also the home of the ranch's newest facility, a venue which can entertain groups of up to 250 people. This beautiful locale has already been reserved for two weddings in the spring/summer of 2012.

Other structures on the property include the McCoy, Peach Mountain, and Sunshine Cabins, each unique to the experience a guest desires. All of the accommodations were designed to build memorable adventures and to ensure the guests would find a sense of connection with the outdoors. The interiors and exteriors of all the ranch facilities display an array of wood types cut and milled in Adams County by the McCoy's. Knotty alder, wainscot, cherry lockers and doors, white oak flooring, curly maple ceilings and floors, cedar posts, and the list goes on and on. Many vendors provided unique pieces to amplify the grandeur of the Ranch. For example, Hyde Park Lumber provided the real bark siding found at Brush Creek Lodge.

And, of course, at Seraphim Ranch members can enjoy the finest types of hunting, including: whitetail deer (bow and gun), Eastern turkey, upland game birds (Quail, Pheasant Chukar, and Hungarian Partridge), dove, grouse, and duck.

The facilities have 3D archery courses and one of the most spectacular five stand day shooting pavilions in the country. The Ranch also has a complete Kennel operation, where Russell Stallard (formerly with the King Ranch and Quail Ridge club) trains and houses over 20 bird dogs and retrievers. "We are truly blessed to have owners sensitive to the fine details necessary to deliver a quality operation," said Mr. Stallard.



Pictured Below, Left to Right: Chad McCoy, Carl H. Lindner IV, Lear McCoy, Christopher D. Lindner



Carl H. Lindner IV



Chef Joe Anderson and Chef Blake Maier



Carl H. Lindner IV's
LIFE QUOTES

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Leviticus 19:11

Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

"Imitation is the surest form of flattery and failure"
-Miyamoto Musashi

On site field dressing, processing, and taxidermy services are also available. In addition to these services the Ranch offers fishing, fly fishing, canoeing, camping, hiking, spring morel mushroom hunting, bird watching, and any other outdoor experience the members and guests want to enjoy.

“We have always followed our mission to help others experience God’s creation, so we tailor every outing to the needs and interests of members and their guests. Our entire staff thrives on serving others,” Griffin states. Member Shawn Kelley has made the ranch a spiritual weekend getaway for his family and also enjoys team-building outings with the Northwestern Mutual team, which Shawn leads as Managing Partner.

For the past several years, Seraphim Ranch and the McCoys have hosted the Wheeling Sportsman Event, offering disabled men and women of all ages a weekend of white tail deer hunting. Many residents, local Adams County businesses, and the Ohio department of Natural Resources participate in making this event a success. The Ranch hosts a prehunt dinner on a Friday in October with two days of guided deer hunting to follow. The Lindner and McCoy brothers feel that this event is the most satisfying of all their activities at the Ranch. Griffin states, “the 2012 event will be held at Poplar Flat. Carl, Chris, and the staff are currently devising plans for future events in addition to the Wheeling Sportsman Event, including fundraisers for faith based organizations.”

“We want to continue to grow Seraphim Ranch, create a retreat setting for our members, and make a positive mark in the community while keeping our Christian faith at the forefront,” says Carl.

Comments from the members guest books at the lodges offer proof that the Seraphim Ranch has succeeded with its goals and mission statements. The bonding that is expressed by families, fathers and sons, mothers and daughters is truly priceless. If asked, Carl and Chris would tell you that there is a lot more in store for the Seraphim Ranch and the work has just begun. We will continue to grow in our faith and serve our members in their quest to “experience Gods creation.” ❖

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“I’d like to thank my late Grandfather, Carl H. Lindner Jr., without whom none of this would be possible. I love you, you are dearly missed”

-Carl H. Lindner IV

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Russell Stallard



Dan Griffin