

CAMP WALDEN

CASE STUDY



SPORTS + RECREATION
APPLICATIONS



LOCATION

Diamond Point, NY

MARKET SECTOR

Sports

APPLICATION

**Covered
Basketball Courts**

SIZE

80 ft x 120 ft (96,000 sq ft)

SPECIAL FEATURES

**Pier foundation and hanging
loads that include four
retractable basketball hoops
and large industrial fans**

INSTALLATION

Legacy in-house crews



A LEGACY OF CARE MEETS A LEGACY OF INNOVATION

Tucked away in the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York, Camp Walden has been a summer home for over 500 campers and 300 staff members each season since 1931. Known for its high-end facilities and deep commitment to “taking great care of children,” the camp’s directors sought to elevate their athletic offerings with a new kind of space—one that could bring their community together year-round.

“We’ve always prided ourselves on the care and experience we provide,” said the camp’s co-owner and director, Mark Bernstein. “For years, we knew we needed a space where kids could play, gather, and connect—rain or shine.”





THE VISION: A MULTI-PURPOSE SPACE FOR CONNECTION

The project goal was clear: create a covered, multi-purpose athletic facility that could serve as more than just a basketball court. “We wanted something that could be used for pep rallies, evening programs, even DJ nights,” he explained. “The idea was to have a place that brought camp together.”

The final design delivered just that. The 80-by-120-foot covered court now features six basketball hoops, scoreboards, two large projection screens, and seating for up to 700 people. “It’s a place where we host everything—from sports games to camp-wide events. It’s much more than we imagined.”

CHOOSING LEGACY: A ONE-STOP PARTNER

When it came time to choose a builder, the directors were intentional about avoiding the complexity of managing multiple contractors. “We wanted a company that both built and erected the building,” he said. “We didn’t want to deal with subcontractors or the headaches that come with them.”

After seeing tension fabric buildings at other camps, Camp Walden’s leadership began exploring options, but most didn’t fit the look or quality they envisioned. “I didn’t like the look of the others,” he admitted. “Legacy was more unique and different.”

The decision to partner with Legacy Building Solutions was driven by that distinction—and the company’s single-source approach. “Legacy being both the manufacturer and installer made all the difference,” he said. “They were easy to work with and responsive every step of the way.”

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES: FROM FOUNDATION TO FUNCTIONALITY

Like many projects in the Adirondacks, site conditions presented challenges. “Creating open, flat space here isn’t easy,” he recalled. “The foundation ended up costing twice as much as the building itself.”

Despite these hurdles, the Legacy team’s expertise helped Camp Walden bring their vision to life efficiently and on schedule. The structure’s EpoxxiShield™ frame finish and ExxoTec™ Elite fabric provided durability, while features like industrial fans, LED lighting, and mesh ventilation created a bright, airy environment.

“The airflow is amazing,” said the director. “Even on hot days, it’s comfortable. And when it rains, the kids still have a place to go.”

UNEXPECTED BENEFITS: MORE THAN JUST A GYM

The building’s impact extended beyond sports. “The energy in the building was unexpected,” he reflected. “It’s hard to describe—but it just brought everyone together. It’s become a gathering spot that unites the entire camp.”

What started as a project for athletics became a centerpiece of community life—a place for laughter, cheers, and shared memories.

BUILDING A LEGACY TOGETHER

Camp Walden’s new facility stands as a testament to what happens when passion, purpose, and partnership come together.

“Legacy did a great job, and I’m very happy with the way they do business,” he said. “If another camp called me to ask for a reference, I’d be happy to share our experience. This building has changed the way we run camp.”