

Rock Eagle 4-H Dining Hall

University of Georgia

LOCATION:
Eatonton, Georgia

CLIENT:
University of Georgia

PROJECT DATA:
executive dining room
banquet dining room
full commercial kitchen
administrative areas
outdoor plaza

37,000 sf total

SERVICES:
Programming
Interior Design
Architectural Design
Construction Administration

COST:
\$7,700,000

DATE OF COMPLETION:
2008



Rock Eagle Dining Hall is a 37,000 square foot facility including dining for 1200 campers, an executive dining room, a banquet dining room, full commercial kitchen, administrative areas, and an outdoor plaza.

The new building serves as the central gathering space for the entire campus. The building creates a quiet presence on the site, respectful of the wooded campground through the use of natural materials and a transparency between the built and natural environments.

The one-story building is designed as a low horizontal structure. Exterior materials include a combination of split face and ground face concrete block with cultured stone and copper siding accents to reflect the natural setting of the building. The dining hall has a sloped roof that provides a large open space on the interior with clerestory windows bringing natural light into the center of the space. A glass enclosed circulation spine on the exterior of the dining hall provides views to the lake to the south and controlled access to the dining hall. This elevation also presents the building's public face to the main entrance road. A entrance lobby on the east end of the dining hall makes a dramatic space for display of 4-H memorabilia and is marked by a stone tower element reminiscent of a bell tower signifying the building entrance to campers coming from all areas of the site. The kitchen and support portions of the building, including building service areas and loading docks on the west end of the building, are hidden behind the dining hall and separated by the serving areas and dish drop-off.

