

Yes, I want to join this campaign and be a "Friend of Mechuwana!"

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I want to help, so I intend to:

Pledge \$10* \$25 other _____

per month.
Total pledge per year is \$_____.

I would like to be billed:

Monthly for 10 months

Quarterly

Once a year

*\$10 per month pledge is the basic membership.

We ask that you make this pledge for each year over the next five years. That would be a total gift of \$500 over five years (we only bill for 10 months out of the year).

Please send your first payment along with this form to:

Friends of Mechuwana
PO Box 277, Winthrop, ME 04364

(Please make check payable to "Mechuwana.")
Thank you!

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Remember the times you had here,
Remember when you're away,
Remember the friends you made here...



Join us and help build memories for generations to come.

Friends of Mechuwana

Help secure the gift that was given to us in nearly sixty years ago - for the youth of today and for generations to come.



Camp Mechuwana
PO Box 277
Winthrop, ME 04364
(207) 377-2924
www.mechuwana.org

Together we've come a long way in our first half-century. The next half will be both exciting and challenging.



We offer an ever-widening variety of programs to meet the needs of children, youth and adults. New and challenging demands are being made on our facilities.

All this brings with it funding challenges. The New England Annual Conference is facing similar challenges, so we must become even more self-sufficient.

We need to update our facilities to match ambitious program goals for all users.



A well-funded permanent endowment will help assure that Mechuwana will continue to thrive and be a special Spirit-finding place for new generations.

Earnings will be used for capital improvements, camp scholarships, and the maintenance of current facilities. The principal of the fund will not be used.

Contributors benefit by knowing that they have made a practical, permanent impact on a place and ministry that belongs to God and serves people of all ages.

Another child will discover the wonder and joy of new friends.

Youth will find themselves and each other.

Commitments to Christ will be made and strengthened.

Discipline and devotion will help us reach our goal.

With your gift of \$100 or more, you will receive regular updates regarding camp news and events.

Our goal is to raise \$500,000 for our permanent endowment so that camp will be here for our children and grandchildren for many years to come.

Thankful for the Past - Securing the Future



But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. - 2 Corinthians 4:7

Please give your prayerful consideration to making a gift.



What has Mechuwana meant to you?

This is a question that we asked many Mechuwana alumni and here is what they had to say:



Mechuwana has been sacred space for the Ives family for four generations. I was a child dragged there by my counseling parents and then went back every year, Jane and I courted at Mechuwana and there I decided to enter ordained ministry. Having heard the call to "remember" I have "come back someday" as waterfront staff, counselor, committee member, director, and also as parent and grandparent of campers. Mechuwana is my spiritual home. – *Bishop Cliff Ives*

Mechuwana is a sacred place: sacred because it radiates the beauty of God's Creation, but sacred especially because for generations, children, teenagers, and young adults have encountered Christ here. There is a powerful spirit of love and joy at Mechuwana that exists almost nowhere else I've been, and it's that spirit – the Holy Spirit – that has transformed lives for almost 60 years. I want my children and grandchildren to experience those gifts. – *Rev. Allen Ewing Merrill*

There are few places and people that are able to reach out to today's youth and actually receive a hand in return. Mechuwana is that place for so many people including myself. A place filled with people who understand the magic of reaching out, and saying I care. My life would be unbelievably different if at age eight Mechuwana hadn't reached its hand out to me. – *Ashley Lacognata*



Mechuwana has been my home when I didn't really know what a home was supposed to be. It has been a place that I can escape to when troubles have me down. It is where I have grown to be the person I am today, Camp is my hope and joy. – *Cliff Pettitt*

What does Mechuwana mean to you? Please consider joining the Friends of Mechuwana monthly giving program in order to help build our permanent endowment. It is what you can do today to ensure that your children and grandchildren can "remember the friends they made here" and will be able to "come back someday."

Mechuwana has been an integral part of the lives of thousands of people. We hope that you will become a part of this important program – created to ensure the vitality of this ministry for years to come.

Friends of Mechuwana – a way to give back to the camp that has given us all so much.

In order to become part of this program, please fill out the enclosed form or visit www.mechuwana.org to learn more. We hope to raise \$500,000 for our permanent endowment, secure the future of the gift that was given to us sixty years ago, and let others experience the camp that has meant so much to so many.

Mechuwana integrates a restless spirit of Christian *mission* with intentional holy *community*, and so exemplifies the Church at its best. It is a place where "grace happens." My family and many others have experienced this transforming ministry for three generations or more. It is essential that we pass on this legacy for the good of the Body of Christ, the New England United Methodist movement, and the hurting world of which we are a part. – *The Rev. Dr. Thom Blackstone*



Mechuwana has provided me with an experience that has enriched my mind, body and soul. It has allowed me to come into my own as a human being and learn what I truly value. The beauty of nature that the camp presents combined with the community of its members make Mechuwana so incredibly unique. – *Mike Griswold*

My dad, as a layman, worked with those who visioned a Methodist camp in Maine. 1948 saw my brother and I among the first campers. 1956 saw my husband and I at a Young Adult Weekend a few days after our wedding; the 60's saw him as a dean; the 70's saw our children as campers; the 80's, 90's and 00's saw them as leaders and their children as campers. 2007 will see a daughter and a granddaughter still among the leaders and another granddaughter experiencing her first music camp as well as she, her sister, and their niece (the fifth generation) at day camp. The vision of our fathers has reached down through the generations. What then shall we do to honor and keep that "vision" alive? – *Beverly Merrill*



Eight years ago I became a part of the Mechuwana family. The love and support that I receive from this family has helped shape me into the woman I am today. I know that I am stronger emotionally, intellectually and by all means spiritually because of a dual investment, mine in Mechuwana and Mechuwana's in me. – *Cara Anderman*

