

MECHUWANA

Summer Camp 2022



Hello,

Let me start by lifting up all of the summer camps across Maine and the US that have been forced to close their doors permanently because of the financial hardship of the last two years. There are many camping communities grieving at this time.

I want to express my gratitude and deepest thanks to the Mechuwana family who stepped up to ensure that we remain open and ready to welcome back campers, volunteers, and staff this summer. With God's constant guidance, we are on our way out of this tremendously difficult time and are ready to make more camp memories with you this summer.

I think it is safe to say that the last two years have been a challenge for us all. I am proud to say we have taken on these new unique challenges in ways that only Mechuwana could. When a door was shut, with the help of hundreds of you, and a strong faith, we opened new doors. When there was a huge need to feed families in our communities, we fed them. When people needed shelter, we provided it. When childcare was desperately needed, we were able to provide a day camp for more than 300 children in 2021. We feel we are now able to take another step and open another door, as **we once again prepare to provide an overnight camping experience.**

This will be no easy task. It will take all of us to pull this off. But we are confident that with God's help and our dedicated volunteer staff, we can do it! Things will be a little different, but it will still be Mechuwana.

One of our biggest challenges is that the cost of doing camp has skyrocketed: insurance costs, utility costs, and food costs have gone up for camp as they have for everyone. On top of this, the extra cost that COVID brings, including the loss of tens of thousands of dollars from retreat groups that had to cancel their events at camp, has greatly compounded our financial situation. To address this, we have had to substantially increase the cost of our programs. But, we want everyone to know that thanks to hundreds of people, churches, and organizations that have given so generously to our camp scholarship program, we will **never** turn anyone away from camp for financial reasons.

WE ARE BACK.

WE ARE EXCITED.

AND WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE THE GREATEST CAMP FAMILY ON EARTH.

See you this summer!

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Norman Thombs, Executive Director

Are you a monthly donor to Mechuwana? If so, thank you! If you haven't yet signed up, please consider joining more than 175 individuals and families who are part of our monthly giving program.

Your support, for as little as \$5 a month, can ensure that Mechuwana is around for many years to come.

Learn more and sign up today at www.mechuwana.org. Thank you!

2022 Summer Schedule

Dates	Area	Camp Name	2021-22 Grade	Camp #	Cost
June 26-30	Lakeside	Middle School/Senior High Night Camp	6-12	10	\$450
July 3-8	Retreat Buildings	Middle School/Senior High Creative Arts	6-12	11	\$475
July 4-8	Lakeside	Specialty Day Camp – Fabric & Friends	5-8	2A	\$175
July 11-14	Lakeside	Adult Special Needs	See write-up	(already full)	\$450
July 17-22	Lakeside	Elementary (Plus) Music Theatre	3-7	12	\$475
July 17-20	Village	Mom/Child #A	See write-up	13	\$300/\$85
July 24-29	Lakeside	Elementary Cabin	3-6	14	\$475
July 24-27	Village	Uniquely Us	See write-up	15	\$300/\$85
July 31-Aug 5	Lakeside	Middle School/Senior High Music Theatre	6-12	16	\$475
July 31-Aug 3	Village	Mom/Child #B	See write-up	17	\$300/\$85

Mechuwana Day Camp for Children Ages 5-11

Schedule for each week is 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Day Camp offers boating, swimming, story time, arts & crafts, and more. Cost per week of Day Camp is \$175. Call or email the office for a Day Camp brochure. Snacks provided by camp. Please supply lunch for your child(ren).

Week #1: June 27-July 1

Week #2: July 4-8

Week #3: July 11-15

Week #4: July 18-22

Week #5: July 25-29

Week #6: August 1-5

Specialty Day Camp: FABRIC AND FRIENDS #2A

For campers finishing Grades 5-8

Come and learn to sew or improve those skills that you already have. We have an experienced staff of sewers ready to teach you basic sewing skills and more. We'll be sewing something for missions and to take home. You'll be helping others in need, and you'll go home and show your friends what you can do with your new skills! There will be more fun at camp doing other camp activities.

Dates: July 4-8

Limit: 8

Leader: Pastor Elizabeth Bailey-Mitchell

Fee: \$175

Summer Overnight Camps 2022

NIGHT CAMP #10

For campers finishing Grades 6-12

Night Camp is back! Do you love staying up late and sleeping in each morning? Come to camp to enjoy all of your favorite activities like boating, swimming, arts 'n crafts, and games — but at night instead of during the day! Get your registration in soon — this camp fills up quickly!

Dates: June 26-30

Limit: 36 campers

Leaders: Jordan Shaw & Jarod Richmond

Fee: \$450

MIDDLE SCHOOL/SENIOR HIGH CREATIVE ARTS #11

For campers finishing Grades 6-12

Join us in the Mechuwana Yurt for our 36th season. Experienced instructors provide unique opportunities in a supportive atmosphere to develop our God-given creativity doing arts not commonly found in school. Along with boating, swimming, campfires, and night walks, options may include: synchronized swimming, origami, kirigami, Ukrainian egg painting, quilling, silk screening, beading, Scherenschnitte, drawing, calligraphy, sewing, stamping, candle making, creative writing, and dancing. There will be a gallery Friday afternoon.

Dates: July 3-8

Limit: 14 campers

Leaders: Rev. Linda Campbell-Marshall,
Pastor Jen Curran, & Joan Farrar

Fee: \$475

ADULT SPECIAL NEEDS CAMP

There will be Adult Special Needs Camp this summer! When we had to make the tough decision two years ago not to run summer camp, our Adult Special Needs Camp was already full. We gave those campers the option of having us hold the funds they had already paid us in the hopes we would have camp again soon. So many campers took us up on that offer that **we are already full for this summer.** (2022)

Due to COVID guidelines, we are only able to offer camp to 40 campers this year. *This is fewer campers than were registered and accepted for 2020.* We will do our usual camp activities — boating, swimming, arts 'n crafts, worship, kickball, and a dance. Camp will start on Sunday, and we will end our time together on Thursday after lunch with our talent show. We are looking forward to seeing everyone. It is our sincere hope that we can return to a more normal

summer in 2023.

Dates: July 11-14 Limit: **already full**
Leaders: Pastor Dan Ames Cost: \$450
& Martha Ames



ELEMENTARY (PLUS) MUSIC THEATRE #12

For campers finishing Grades 3-7

Last year, we celebrated with the revival of a musical from 10 years ago. Now another year has passed, and we'll be reviving another show! This year Elementary (Plus) Music Theatre Camp will present "The Machine (The Reboot)." It's a story about a crazy professor and his/her assistants who build a machine that can turn people from what they are into what they want to be. There are some funny neighborhood characters, a team of news reporters, and even an inspector from the Environmental Protection Agency. In the end, they all learn an important lesson that the power to change comes from within each one of us and not from a machine. Come to Elementary (Plus) Music Theatre Camp and you will be part of this revival show with acting, singing, dancing, and more. And of course, there will be all of the usual camp stuff like swimming, boating, arts and crafts, and lots of special activities planned just for us. Come to Elementary Music (Plus) Theatre Camp and be part of "The Machine (The Reboot). Performance at 6:30 p.m. will conclude our wonderful week together.

Dates: July 17-22 Limit: 36 Campers
Leader: Rev. Laura Church Cost \$475

MOM/CHILD (Session A) #13

Moms come and bring your children **ages 4-9** for a half-week of sharing quality time without the pressures of school, jobs, or home routines. Share cabins with other moms, kids, and youth leaders. Activities include swimming, boating, crafts, worship, music, games, and fellowship. There are two sessions of Mom/Child camp this year, but they fill quickly – register today!

Dates: July 17-20 Limit: 10 moms/20 children
Leaders: Kate Damon & Laura Damon-Therault
Cost: \$300 for 1 mom and 2 children, \$85 for each additional child

ELEMENTARY CABIN CAMP #14

For campers finishing Grades 3-6

This week is time for campers to see all that Mechuwana has to offer. Enjoy boating, swimming and nightly campfires with songs and stories which are always a big hit - especially when we make s'mores! Each day you will also get to choose from some of the following activities: science projects, puppet making, sewing, sports, painting, games, nature hikes, boating adventures, and so much

more! Join us on these adventures - lifelong friendships and memories are waiting for you at the lakeside cabins. Pick up: Friday, July 29th between 4:30 - 6:00 at the Lodge.

Dates: July 24-29 Limit: 36 campers
Leaders: Todd McKinley & Amy Story Cost: \$475

UNIQUELY US #15

Whatever constitutes your family, you are invited to join us as we explore how we can create a supportive camp community. Come for a few days of fun and fellowship as we participate in camp activities such as boating, swimming, arts and crafts, nature study, worship, and campfires. We will do things as a large group but also have time for activities in small groups and families as well. This is all about creating quality time together. Families welcome.

Dates: July 24-27 Limit 10 adults /20 children
Leaders: Shana & Josh Curtis
Cost: \$300 per adult & 2 children \$85 for each additional person



MIDDLE SCHOOL/SENIOR HIGH MUSIC THEATRE #16

For campers finishing Grades 6-12

Campers will have opportunities for participation in acting, singing, dancing, directing, writing, and technical assistance. Led by professional performance artists and a team of seasoned theatre experts, cabin counselors, and Bible teachers, this camp will focus on a full-scale musical theatre performance by the campers. This camp is a lot of fun and hard work, which will end with a performance Friday evening.

Campers will still have time to meet new friends and unite with old friends while getting the opportunity to participate in a full range of activities and worship experiences.

Camp week will end with a **Performances in Asbury Theatre are Friday, August 5th at 6:30 pm**

Dates: July 31-August 5 Limit: 36 Campers
Leaders: Bonnie Marden, Fee: \$475
Cynthia Blanchard, & Kwamena Blankson

MOM/CHILD (Session B) #17

Moms come and bring your children **ages 4-9** for a half-week of sharing quality time without the pressures of school, jobs, or home routines. Share cabins with other moms, kids, and youth leaders. Activities include swimming, boating, crafts, worship, music, games, and fellowship. There are two sessions of Mom/Child camp this year, but they fill quickly – register today!

Dates: July 31-August 3 Limit: 10 moms/2 children
Leaders: Amy Story & Beth Wallace
Cost: \$300 for 1 mom and 2 children. \$85 for each additional child

How to Register

1. Choose a camp experience. Select your choice(s) of week(s) to attend. Write your choice(s) in the area of the registration form showing three event lines. **Beneath these lines, please put in your choice(s) for alternate camps in case your first choice(s) is/are full.** Please make a copy of the registration form for yourself.
2. **Send in a \$50 nonrefundable registration fee** for each camp chosen with your registration. The remainder of the cost is due three weeks prior to your camp week unless you have made other arrangements with the camp registrar.
3. Talk with your church/agency to see if they have camp scholarships available. If they do, please supply that information to us on the registration form. **If payments are being made on your behalf, please be sure they include your name and the name of the camp program you are attending on any check or paperwork.**
4. Camp fees, **except registration fees**, are refundable for nonparticipants who **notify the camp registrar at least three weeks before the camp begins.**
5. Confirmation packets will be mailed to campers in early April (first round). ***Please open immediately.*** **The health history form needs to be filled out, signed, and sent back to camp as soon as possible.** **Because of new COVID regulations, we CANNOT accept any medical paperwork on the registration day for your camp. It must be turned in in advance.**

Arrival and Check-in for Camps

Arrival and check-ins for most camps is on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We will contact you before you arrive at camp with special instructions about the day of registration.

Mechuwana Camperships

We believe that no camper should be denied the opportunity to come to Mechuwana for financial reasons. Over the years, local churches have worked hard to provide financial assistance for their campers. Mechuwana also supports that effort with camperships for families in financial need. If you need assistance to send someone to camp, please contact us at the camp office to ask for a scholarship application.

Credit Card Payments Accepted

We accept payment via Visa/Mastercard/Discover. To pay by credit card, please call Carol at the camp office anytime Tuesday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Contact Us

Phone: (207) 377-2924

Fax: (207) 377-4388

Email: mechuwana@fairpoint.net **Website:** www.mechuwana.org

Mailing Address: PO Box 277, Winthrop, ME 04364-0277

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement

For all other FNS nutrition assistance programs, State or local agencies, and their subrecipients, must post the following Nondiscrimination Statement:

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#), found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov

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Support Camp Mechuwana One Can or Bottle at a Time



CLYNK helps turn your recyclable cans and bottles into cash for Camp Mechuwana. This has been one of the most successful fundraisers Mechuwana has ever done. We provide the stickered CLYNK bags. Then you fill them with your returnable bottles and cans and return the bag to a participating Hannaford store (most Hannaford stores in Maine have the CLYNK program). This program provides an average of \$3,000 each year to camp.

Mechuwana's Mission Statement

It is the purpose of Camp Mechuwana to complement the local church ministry by providing a unique Christian setting for persons of all ages for personal growth and experiences, which enhance one's relationship to God, neighbors, and the natural world.

Cover artwork: The pen and ink artwork on the cover are by longtime camp counselor Cecily MacKinnon of Patten. Cecily counseled Jr./Sr. High Creative Arts for many years, served on the Mechuwana Site Committee, and was an enthusiastic supporter of camp's ministry. She passed away in November 2017, and her presence at camp is greatly missed.

Brochure photos by Beth Comeau and Bethany Wallace.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Age _____ 2021-22 School Grade _____ Sex F ___ M ___

Mailing Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Signature _____

Church or Sponsoring Agency _____ If your church or sponsoring agency is providing a campership/funding for your chosen camp, please supply the following (please print):

Name of Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Name of Church or Agency _____

Mailing Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

I am registering myself/my child/someone else for the following camps:

Event Name _____ Camp # _____ Date _____

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Event Name _____ Camp # _____ Date _____

If the above camps are full, please substitute the following camps:

Event Name _____ Camp # _____ Date _____

Event Name _____ Camp # _____ Date _____

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Camp Schol. _____ Church Schol. _____ Credit _____ Agency Payment _____

Reg. Fee Pd. _____ Add'l Pd. _____ Balance Due _____ PAID IN FULL _____

If you are an adult filling out the above information for Mom/Child or Uniquely Us: please remember to fill out a registration form or additional sheet of paper for each child attending as well as the adult attending camp with them.

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