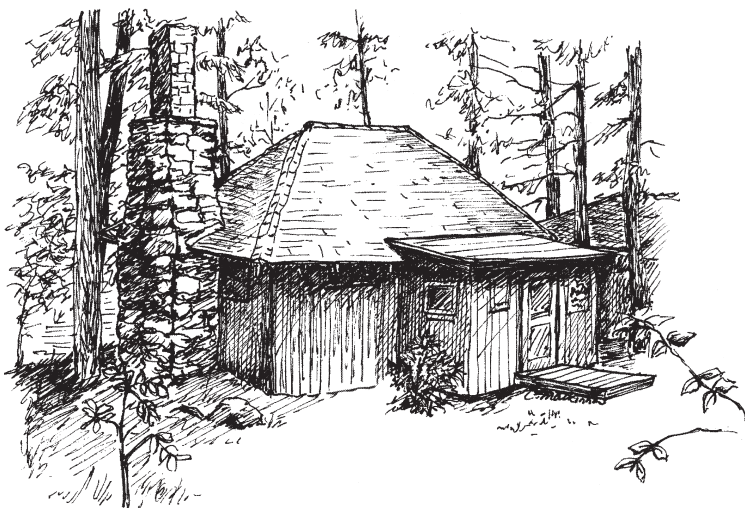
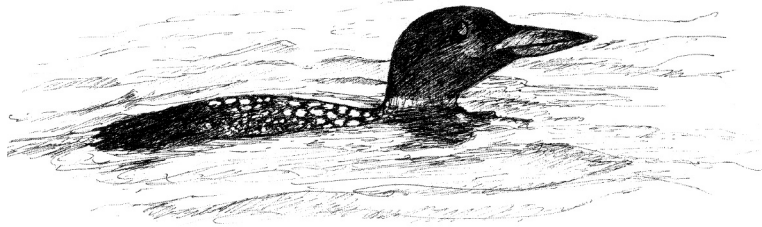


MECHUWANA

Summer Camp 2024



Hello,

We want to continue to express our gratitude to you, the Mechuwana family, as we continue to emerge from the difficulty of the last four years. We are moving in a positive direction thanks to our monthly donors and increasing numbers of retreats and events during the fall, winter, and spring. We will continue to expand our summer program as finances and staffing allow.

Camp Prices

As we move into 2024, we continue to face financial challenges including: higher payroll costs, insurance costs, and increased prices for food, utilities, and more. We are meeting the challenges head on and have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our Mechuwana family. Unfortunately, we did have to raise the price of camps again this summer to help us cover some of those financial challenges.

Scholarships Available

Please know that Mechuwana will continue its long history of meeting your family's scholarship needs to attend camp. We will turn no camper away for financial reasons and will work with every situation, so no one is denied a week of camp. If you would like to request financial assistance, please contact the camp office by phone or email. We also offer volunteer credit for parents/guardians or grandparents of campers. Volunteers must meet certain criteria to fill this role. Please contact the office if you would like to know more about this program.



Monthly Donor Program

Are you a monthly donor to Mechuwana? If so, thank you! If you haven't yet signed up, please consider joining more than 200 individuals and families who are part of our monthly giving program. Your support, for as little as \$5 a month, can ensure that camp is around for many years to come. Learn more and sign up at www.mechuwana.org. Thank you!

Spring Youth Leadership Event & Rally

If you are currently in Grades 8 through 12, we invite you to join us at Mechuwana to take part in a very special youth event on March 16-17, 2024. On March 16 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., we will explore what it means to be a leader. You will take part in fun activities and work in small and large groups as we explore the many styles of leadership. During this time, we will talk about how you can put those skills to work as a Youth Leader during the summer. After 3:00, anyone who wishes can stay for a fun overnight where we will take part in traditional Mechuwana Youth Rally activities like a dance, pizza party, fun games, campfires, and so much more! Pick up on Sunday the 17th is at 10:00 a.m. Use this brochure's registration form to register for this spring event, too. The event is free, but we will need to know when you register if you will be staying overnight.

Norman Thombs, Executive Director

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.

2024 Summer Camps & Spring & Fall Retreats

Dates	Area	Camp Name	2023-24 Grade*	Camp #	Cost
March 16-17	Retreat	Youth Leadership Retreat & Rally	8-12	9	FREE
June 23-27	Lakeside	Elementary Creative Arts	4-6	10	\$500
June 23-26	Village	First Timers	2-4	11	\$475
June 30-July 3	Lakeside	Middle School/Senior High Night Camp	6-12	12	\$475
July 7-11	Lakeside	Adult Special Needs	See write-up	13	\$500
July 14-19	Lakeside	Elementary/Middle School Music Theatre	3-8	14	\$525
July 14-17	Village	Mom/Child (Session A)	See write-up	15	\$330/\$95
July 21-25	Lakeside	Middle School/Senior High Creative Arts	6-12	16	\$500
July 21-24	Village	Uniquely Us	See write-up	17	\$330/\$95
July 28-31	Village	Mom/Child (Session B)	See write-up	18	\$330/\$95
July 28-Aug 1	Outpost	Elementary Outpost	4-6	19	\$500
July 28-Aug 3	Lakeside	Middle School/Senior High Music Theatre	6-12	20	\$535
April 18-21	Retreat	Adult Maker's (Crafter's) Retreat (Session A)	See write-up	21	\$145
October 17-20	Retreat	Adult Maker's (Crafter's) Retreat (Session B)	See write-up	22	\$145

* Please note that grade/age limits for each camp will be strictly enforced.

Mechuwana Day Camp for Children Ages 5-12

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. The cost per child per week of Day Camp is \$200. Call or email the office for a Day Camp brochure. Snacks provided by camp. Please supply lunch for your child(ren).

Week #1: June 24-28

Week #2: July 1-5

Week #3: July 8-12

Week #4: July 15-19

Week #5: July 22-26

Week #6: July 29-August 2

Summer Overnight Camps 2024

ELEMENTARY CREATIVE ARTS #10

For campers finishing Grades 4-6

Come and join us at Elementary Creative Arts camp where you will get to try many creative arts in a fun and supportive environment. Sewing, drawing, painting, wood burning, scrapbooking, puppet making, quilting, are some of the choices you will have fun with. You will also take part in all of the other fun things we do at camp, like swimming, boating, campfires, and more. We sing, play games, and enjoy being together at Mechuwana! We hope you will join us!

Dates: June 23-27

Limit: 36 campers

Leaders: Amy Story & Morgan Huckey

Fee: \$500



FIRST TIMERS CAMP #11

For campers finishing Grades 2-4

So you were too young to come to camp and have wanted to follow in your sister's or brother's footsteps? NOW it is your time to have fun at camp since you are completing Grade 2, 3, or 4 this spring! You will enjoy activities like campfires, boating, arts and crafts, swimming, nature walks, Christian studies, singing, and much more!

Dates: June 23-26

Limit: 30 campers

Leaders: Todd McKinley &

Fee: \$475

Rev. Michele St. Cyr

MIDDLE SCHOOL/SENIOR HIGH NIGHT CAMP #12

For campers finishing Grades 6-12

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 30-July 3

Limit: 36 campers

Leaders: Jarod Richmond & Dylan Thombs

Fee: \$475

2024 Spring & Fall Retreats

YOUTH LEADERSHIP RETREAT & RALLY #9 for youth in Grades 8-12

You are invited to join us for a very special youth event as we explore what it means to be a leader. You will take part in fun activities and work in small and large groups as we explore the many styles of leadership. During this time, we will talk about how you can put those skills to work as a Youth Leader during the summer. After 3:00, anyone who wishes can stay for a fun overnight where we will take part in traditional Mechuwana Youth Rally activities like a dance, pizza party, fun games, campfires, and so much more! Use this brochure's registration form to register for this spring event, too. The event is free, but we will need to know when you register if you will be staying overnight. Pick up on March 17 is 10:00 a.m.

Dates: March 16-27

Limit: 60 youth

Leaders: Mechuwana Staff Fee: FREE (please note on your registration whether or not you will be staying overnight)

ADULT MAKER'S (CRAFTER'S) RETREATS #21 & #22

Come to Mechuwana and relax with others who enjoy sewing, crochet, knitting, scrapbooking/stamping, embroider, or other "maker" crafts. Bring your UFOs (unfinished objects) or learn a new skill. Beginners welcome. We have makers eager to teach their favorite craft. There will also be time for worship and walks in the woods. Come for the whole retreat, or just a day or two. Housing will be in the retreat buildings, with meals provided at the Commons. For both sessions, check-in is at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday leaving after breakfast on Sunday.

Dates: April 18-21 (Session A) #21

Limit: 40 adults per session

Leader: Pastor Elizabeth Bailey-Mitchell

October 17-20 (Session B) #22

Fee: \$145 per session

How to Register

1. Choose a camp or retreat 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 (not applicable for spring youth weekend). 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 COVID regulations, we CANNOT accept any medical paperwork on the registration day for your camp—it must be turned in in advance.** (Health forms can also be found at mechuwana.org)

Arrival and Check-in for Camps

Arrival and check-in for all camps is on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pick up for most camps is on Thursday. Mom/Child, First Timers, and Uniquely Us camps leave on Wednesday morning. Pick up for Elementary/Middle School Music Theatre camp is Friday evening after the camp's performance. Pick up for Middle School/Senior High Music Theatre camp is Saturday morning after the camp's performance.

Upon arrival for your camp, registration check-in will be in front of Memorial Chapel, except for Adult Special Needs Camp, which will have registration check-in in front of the Dining Commons.

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/AmEx. 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.

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, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, which can be obtained online at: www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:** U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250-9410;
2. **fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (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 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.

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.

Brochure photographs by Amy Story and Tina Taylor

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Age _____ 2023-24 School Grade _____ Sex _____

Mailing Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Signature _____

Adult Special Needs Camper's Caregiver Phone: _____ (cell) _____ (home)

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 summer camps:

Event Name _____ Camp # _____ Date _____

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I am registering myself/my child for the spring Youth weekend and/or the Adult Makers' Retreat:

Event Name _____ Camp # _____ Date _____

Event Name _____ Camp # _____ Date _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

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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