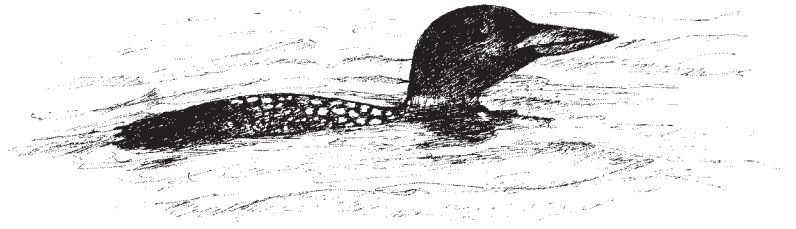


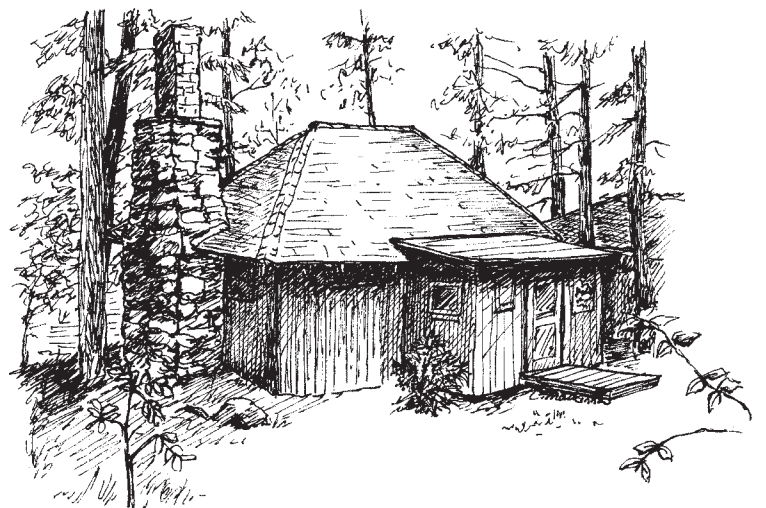
# MECHUWANA

## Summer Camp 2023

Celebrating 75 years of ministry



1948-2023



Hello,

I want to express my gratitude and deepest thanks to the Mechuwana family again as we emerge from the uncertainty of the last three years. We are slowly, inch by inch, moving in a positive direction, hosting more retreat groups and expanding our summer program as finances allow.

### **Camp Prices**

As we move into 2023, we are faced with new financial challenges including: higher payroll costs, insurance costs, and the rising cost of—well, almost everything. Again, 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 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.

### **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](http://www.mechuwana.org). Thank you!

### **Celebrate 75 Years of Mechuwana**

Speaking of long history—guess who is turning 75 this year? MECHUWANA! **Please set aside the afternoon of Sunday, September 10, 2023, as we will gather to celebrate 75 years of ministry** on Lower Narrows Pond in Winthrop, Maine.

See you this summer!

*Norm*

Norman Thombs, Executive Director

# 2023 Summer Schedule

Dates	Area	Camp Name	2022-23 Grade*	Camp #	Cost
June 25-29	Village	Elementary Creative Arts	4-6	10	\$475
June 25-29	Lakeside	Middle School/Senior High Creative Arts	6-12	11	\$475
July 5-8	Lakeside	Middle School/Senior High Night Camp	6-12	12	\$450
July 9-13	Lakeside	Adult Special Needs	See write-up	13	\$475
July 16-21	Lakeside	Elementary/Middle School Music Theatre	3-8	14	\$500
July 16-19	Village	Mom/Child (Session A)	See write-up	15	\$320/\$90
July 23-27	Lakeside	Elementary Cabin	3-4	16	\$475
July 23-26	Village	Uniquely Us	See write-up	17	\$320/\$90
July 30-Aug 4	Lakeside	Middle School/Senior High Music Theatre	6-12	18	\$500
July 30-Aug 2	Village	Mom/Child (Session B)	See write-up	19	\$320/\$90
July 30-Aug 3	Outpost	Elementary Outpost	4-6	20	\$475
October 19-22	Retreat	Adult Maker's (Crafter's) Retreat	See write-up	21	\$135

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

## 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 \$180. Call or email the office for a Day Camp brochure.

**Week #1:** June 26-30

**Week #2:** July 3-7

**Week #3:** July 10-14

**Week #4:** July 17-21

**Week #5:** July 24-28

**Week #6:** July 31-August 4

## Summer Overnight Camps 2023

### 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 25-29

Limit: 24 campers

Leaders: Amy Story & Morgan Huckey

Fee: \$475

### MIDDLE SCHOOL/SENIOR HIGH CREATIVE ARTS #11

#### For campers finishing Grades 6-12

Join us lakeside for our 37th 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: 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 Thursday afternoon.

Dates: June 25-29

Limit: 36 campers

Leaders: Rev. Linda Campbell-Marshall,

Fee: \$475

Jen Curran, & Catharine Mosley



### 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: July 5-8

Limit: 36 campers

Leaders: Jarod Richmond & Jordan Shaw

Fee: \$450



## ADULT MAKER'S (CRAFTER'S) RETREAT #21

Come to camp 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. Check-in is at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, leaving after lunch on Sunday.

Dates: October 19-22

Limit: 40 adults

Leader: Pastor Elizabeth Bailey-Mitchell

Fee: \$135

## 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 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 except Night Camp is on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pick up for most camps is on Thursday. Mom/Child and Uniquely Us camps leave on Wednesday morning. Pick up for both music theatre camps is Friday evening after each camp's performance.

**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/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.

## Contact Us

**Phone:** (207) 377-2924

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

**Fax:** (207) 377-4388

**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:

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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](http://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  
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1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250-9410;
2. **fax:** (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:** [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto: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.

# REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ 2022-23 School Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Sex F \_\_\_ M \_\_\_

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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### 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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