

Medical Information

We would suggest that each group obtain a medical information and release form from the parents or guardians of each youth who participates. Should there be any unusual situations that need attention, please let our staff know. Mechuwana has complete nursing coverage 24-hours-a-day, with advanced medical care nearby. First-aid kits are readily available throughout the camp. A recent tetanus shot is recommended.

Costs

The cost per person is \$265.00. This includes \$215 for room and board and \$50 for materials for work projects.

A deposit of \$100.00 is required following confirmation of your requested week. The remaining balance due is appreciated two weeks in advance of your arrival. If this presents a problem, please let us know.

Application

To apply, please complete the attached application and mail or e-mail it to Camp Mechuwana. (See contact information below)

Again, thank you for your interest in the Mechuwana Mission Camp. Please call or write if more information is needed. We hope to see you here at Mechuwana!

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The Mission Camp At Mechuwana



**Use us, O Lord,
to change the world.**

**Mechuwana
The United Methodist Camp of Maine**

Introduction

Greetings to you in the name of Christ! Thank you for your interest in the Mechuwana Mission Camp. The mission camp program is part of Camp Mechuwana, the United Methodist Camp located on Lower Narrows Pond in Winthrop, Maine.

The following information will assist you as you begin to think about a mission camp experience at Mechuwana. Please read it thoroughly and share it with those involved in your planning. We are delighted in your interest in our program.

A Unique Setting

The Mission Camp is, as stated above, one part of a large camping program at Mechuwana. Operating concurrently with other weekly sessions for children, youth, and adults, it offers benefits to both the mission teams and the camp at large. While here, mission campers become part of the camp family: dinning together, enjoying the activities, and interacting with the campers. There is no need for mission teams to provide and prepare their own meals. Teams report this to be a great benefit. The greatest benefit is the interaction between mission teams, campers, and camp staff. We learn from one another about what it means to be in mission in the name of Christ.

Who Should Apply

Mechuwana Mission Camp welcomes both youth and adults. We accept youth fellowships, young adult groups, adult groups and intergenerational groups. We ask that youth groups provide one adult for every five youth. We are able to accommodate groups of different sizes and encourage smaller groups to apply as more than one group can use the mission facilities at one time.

Accommodations

Mission's groups will stay in various areas of the camp (Retreat Buildings, Sports Village, KK, & and the Village). All locations have shower/bathroom facilities as well as meeting space and campfire area

Meals

Meals will be provided by the camp and served in the commons. In addition, an evening snack will be provided if needed. Lunch will often consist of a picnic lunch prepared and taken to the work site. (Wednesday is a day off for the mission camp. Upon arrival, please let us know which meals you will need that day.)

Work Schedule

The normal work schedule consists of four days of work and one day (Wednesday) for exploring and visiting some of the many wonderful things to see and do here in Maine. Work hours are normally from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with a break for lunch.

Other Activities

Evenings are yours for exploring the camp. We will make swimming and or boating available if requested. You are invited to share in a campfire on Thursday evening with the entire camp and staff. Should you have songs, skits, or stories to share, please let us know! In addition, many of the camp programs, which run concurrently, offer programs, plays, and sporting activities to which mission campers are often invited.

Projects

The projects vary from season to season. In recent years, past mission campers have worked at local food banks, many home improvement projects. Built the new chapel at Mechuwana and a new year round retreat building. We have painted and re-roofed houses, demolished old buildings, and constructed new ones. Participants also have the opportunity to take part in our Nursing home Ministry as well as two clothing ministries. Skills needed range from painting and basic carpentry to specialized crafts such as plumbing and sheet-rocking. Above all, enthusiasm and willingness to work together are the greatest skills needed at Mission Camp. A skills inventory worksheet will be sent to you following registration.

Another important contribution of Mission Camp is the connection to the summer camp program. For many children who come to camp, this is their first experience in a faith-centered environment. Many come from households at or below the poverty line. And still others find Mechuwana to be their sanctuary from the struggles in their world. It is vitally important that we keep the cost of camp as low as possible to allow as many children as possible to attend. This would not happen were it not for the dedication and labor of mission campers and other volunteers who have helped us add so much to our facility over the years.

In addition, we also provide weekly support to the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn. This facility serves as a clearing house for donated food for Maine and parts of New Hampshire and Vermont. They rely on volunteers such as work groups from Mechuwana to sort and box food for inspection.

Any group willing to lead a vacation Bible school for a rural church in the area, please let us know. This is an important mission as well.

Spiritual Growth

As we go out into the world and work for the sake of others in the name of Christ, it is vitally important that our spirits are renewed each day as we grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Each group is encouraged to engage in daily study and worship. Assistance is available with this if requested.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not allowed in any building at Mechuwana. Use of alcohol or drugs is prohibited.