

Special Times

News from Camp Mowana, home of Hoppy's Cave and beautiful Fleming Falls.

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From the Director...

I've found over the years that there's no better way to describe the "Mowana experience" each summer than in the words of the campers themselves. So here goes...

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You

"This was our son's first year at camp. He had such a great time, and is already looking forward to next year!"

"Camp was the most fun I have had all summer!"

"Thanks for the

campership that you gave me. I was in Trailblazers, and despite all of the rain, I had loads of fun! I hope to come back next year."

"Camp was fun, fun, fun, fun, fun, fun!"

"I love camp and I would let anyone who has not been to camp know about it!"

"It was awesome! The counselors were very friendly and great. I had a fantastic time!"

"I just want to say that I am definitely coming back!"

"I love Camp Mowana! It is my favorite week of the summer."

"Despite the rain, the staff was innovative and encouraging, and made camp a welcome place!"

"Camp Mowana rocks!"

"This was our daughter's first year to stay a full week and she loved it. We are thrilled to have a facility like Mowana that offers so many programs!"

"The staff were all caring, helpful, fun, kind, supportive, and always there when you needed them."

Mowana was once again blessed this summer with an exceptional staff of young adults, a wonderful group of volunteers, and an excellent program. It was, as the campers would say, "an awesome summer!"

Never, ever doubt the ability of God to work in and through the Christian camp experience in ways that really *do* change lives in amazing and surprising ways! Thank you for your partnership in helping to make it all possible this past summer!

Eric Kretzmann, Director

Fall Festival and Benefit Auction



Be sure to set aside Sunday afternoon, **October 19**, for Mowana's fourth annual **Fall Festival and Benefit Auction**. This is a perfect opportunity to bring the entire family to Mowana to enjoy autumn at its festive best! Enjoy traditional and bluegrass music, great food, hayrides and crafts. The benefit auction will feature handmade quilts, fine handcrafts, original artwork, camping equipment, theme baskets, homemade baked goods and much more! There will also be pony rides and pumpkin-carving for the kids. All proceeds will go to benefit summer camperships. In addition, there will be opportunity to tour the new Fleming Falls Retreat Center. Come out and enjoy the fun! Admission is free. Food and activities are all at reasonable prices. The festival will run from 12:30 – 5:30 pm, rain or shine, with the benefit auction starting at 3:30 pm. Call Mowana at 419-589-7406 for more information.



Family Camp a Hit!

As word spreads, more and more individuals and families are experiencing the joys of Family Camp at Mowana! This past summer Mowana expanded its Family Camp offerings from two weeks in 2002 to three weeks this year, resulting in a 50% increase in the total number of family campers! Family Camp at Mowana is housed in the new Fleming Falls Retreat Center, and offers a balance between multiple program options and unstructured free time. "Our vacation at Mowana was just what we needed. It was such a joy to not just substitute one hectic routine for another!" wrote one family. Why not join us for Family Camp at Mowana next summer? If you have ever longed for an opportunity for your family to really grow together in the faith, then Family Camp at Mowana could be just what you're looking for! Give us a call at 419-589-7406 for more information.



Camp Mowana Summer 2003 Memories

Opportunities Expand

Is your local elementary school looking for a great place to do outdoor education? Mowana's Outdoor Learning Experience (M.O.L.E.) offers a wide variety of quality, tailor-made outdoor education curriculums suitable for either residential or day programs. Mowana represents an excellent, affordable option for outdoor education! Give Mike Hughes a call at 419-589-7406 for more information.

Is your business or local civic organization looking for comfortable meeting facilities and good food in a beautiful, natural setting for its next conference or workshop? Mowana's new Fleming Falls Retreat Center offers the perfect setting for week-day meetings and seminars. We offer a special mid-week conference package. Give us a call at 419-589-7406 for details.



Christmas Candlelight Dinners

Enjoy a relaxing Candlelight Dinner in the new Fleming Falls Retreat Center! You will be able to choose between several main entrees for your group as part of a complete dinner, to be served in our comfortable new lodge, appropriately decorated for the season! Relax this year and enjoy a great holiday meal at beautiful Camp Mowana. Luncheons or dinners for groups of 15-50 are available during December by reservation.

Upcoming Special Events at Mowana

Fall Colors Journey

Monday, October 6 – Monday, October 13

Fall Festival and Benefit Auction

Sunday, October 19

Elderhostel

Sunday, October 26 – Friday, October 31

'There Is a Season' Adult Day Retreat

Thursday, November 6

'Give Me a Break!' Youth & Family Minister's Retreat

Tuesday, November 18 – Thursday, November 20

'Preparing the Way' Family Advent Retreat

Friday, December 5 – Sunday, December 7

Senior High Ski Retreats

Friday, January 2 – Sunday, January 4

Friday, January 16 – Sunday, January 18

'Diving Deep' Women's Spirituality Retreat

Friday, February 6 – Sunday, February 8

'Come to the Table' First Communion Retreats

'What's in a Name?' Confirmation Retreats

Sign up soon! Multiple dates are available during the Winter and Spring of 2004.

