

# 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's a sample cabin report from the newspaper for Creative Arts Camp:

*"Camp...new friends, old friends, silly songs, strange 'theme meals' and lots of fun.*

*Don't forget all the dirt, bugs, and the strange noises you swear you heard at night. But I love it here. See, you're having fun and growing closer to God. What could be better? You can express yourself any way you want – dance, painting, drawing, acting, creative writing, you name it, they can probably work it out for you... Just in my cabin alone we have five people drawing/painting, two dancing, two weaving, one leatherworking, and one doing photography. Cabin action is one-on-one time with your cabin. Take hikes, go canoeing, have rock talks, make cabin bracelets... Chapel is a message explained and given full understanding of what we're supposed to do as Christians... I could go on and on. It's just fun all day! Sure, there's dirt and bugs.*

*Yea, showers aren't too plentiful. Right, there aren't CD players, radios or gameboys. But isn't camp about roughing it a little bit and living differently for six days? That's what I'd like to think, and that's why I love camp."*

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*



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## Fall Festival and Benefit Auction

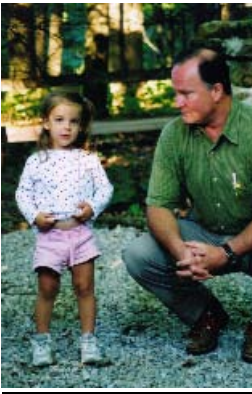


Be sure to set aside *Sunday afternoon, October 17*, for Mowana's fifth annual **Fall Festival and Benefit Auction**. This is a perfect opportunity to bring the entire family to Mowana to enjoy autumn at its festive best! Enjoy traditional and bluegrass music, great food, hayrides, crafts and more. The 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, face painting and pumpkin-carving for the kids. All proceeds will go to benefit summer camperships. 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-Inn at Mowana a Hit!

As word spreads, more and more individuals and families are experiencing the joys of Family Camping at Mowana! This past summer Mowana offered its 'Family Camp-Inn' program for two full weeks and one week-end during July. 'Family Camp-Inn' at Mowana is housed in the comfortable, 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-Inn' at Mowana next summer? If *you* have ever longed for an opportunity for your family to enjoy a stress-free vacation and really grow together in the faith, then 'Family Camp-Inn' at Mowana



# Summer 2004

## 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. Call Mowana at 419-589-7406 for more information and reservations.

## Upcoming Special Events at Mowana

### *Fall Colors Journey*

Monday, October 4 – Monday, October 11

### *Fall Festival and Benefit Auction*

Sunday, October 17

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

Thursday, November 18 – Friday, November 19

### *'Preparing the Way' Family Advent Retreat*

Friday, December 3 – Sunday, December 5

### *'Arctic Blast' Senior High Winter Retreat*

Friday, January 14 – Sunday, January 16

### *'Diving Deep' Women's Spirituality Retreat*

Friday, February 4 – Sunday, February 6

### *'Come to the Table' First Communion Retreats*

### *'The Journey of Faith' Confirmation Retreats*

Sign up soon! Multiple dates are available during the Winter and Spring of 2005.

## Wanted!

Mowana is in *desperate* need of a donation of a **four-wheel drive pick-up truck**, in good condition, that we can use for snowplowing and hayrides. Can you help?

We could also use donations of the following:

- new vacuum cleaner
- letter-folding machine
- any tools, but especially a router
- portable generator
- any sports equipment, but especially adult size baseball gloves
- large blackboard or whiteboard on a stand
- any arts and crafts supplies

