

# Special Times

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

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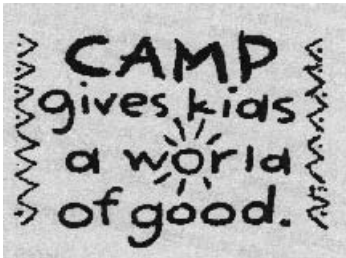
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## From the Director...



I've had opportunity to do a good bit of shopping over the last few weeks as we continue to finish-up the furnishing and equipping of the new Fleming Falls Retreat Center. Which has really been neat, since we're not

really used to having anything that's actually *new* around here! But what's really been neat is the number of store clerks I've run into who have shared with me their history with Mowana... in most cases their own experience as a camper, or that of their children or grandchildren. A reminder of what a blessing Mowana has been to literally tens of thousands of young people over the past sixty-one years! A reminder, too, of how important it is that we continue to do everything we can to make sure that the young people we care about have that same opportunity. God is working through Camp Mowana in powerful ways! And there is no better, nor more important investment that we can make in the spiritual futures of our young people than to provide them that experience. Thank you for your continued participation and partnership as we prepare to serve some 1,000 young people during this, Mowana's sixty-second summer season!

*Eric Kretzmann, Director*

## ELDERHOSTEL AT MOWANA

What is Elderhostel? It is, in short, a highly regarded and innovative program of life-long learning opportunities designed for older adults. The program at Mowana is a still relatively new one, based out of the Fleming Falls Retreat Center. Mowana will be offering two courses during the week of April 27 to May 2, and again next fall during the week of October 26 to 31 on Ohio's Presidents and Ohio's Literary Heritage. The new Fleming Falls Retreat Center features comfortable, double occupancy guestrooms with private bathrooms, air-conditioning, and on-site dining. All facilities are on one level. Mowana's first Elderhostel session held last fall was both well-attended and well-received. For more information about Elderhostel, you can contact them directly at 1-877-426-8056.

## FAMILY CAMP: VACATION... WITH A PURPOSE!



No driving! No cooking! No hassles! Time to relax... time away from the kids. Opportunities for swimming, hiking, crafts, games, sports, canoeing and more! Stimulating Bible study and family-oriented worship. Sound good? You and your family can experience all of this and more, by being part of Family Camp at Mowana this summer! Family Camp at Mowana is based out of the comfortable new Fleming Falls Retreat Center. Four weeks of Family Camp are being offered this year. Sessions begin on Sunday afternoon and end Friday evening, for six days and five nights, with all meals and programming included. "Our vacation at Mowana was just what we needed. It was such a relief to not just substitute one hectic routine for another!" wrote one family last summer...Have you ever longed for an opportunity for your family to really grow together in the faith? 'Vacation... with a Purpose' at Mowana could well be just what you're looking for! Give us a call at 419-589-7406 for more information.





## 2003 FALL COLORS JOURNEY

Camp Mowana's Tenth Annual Fall Colors Journey will take participants to a fascinating variety of historic and scenic sites throughout Pennsylvania and Maryland. Highlights will include Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater, Gettysburg, Lancaster County PA, the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad, a lunch cruise in Baltimore harbor, the National Toy Train Museum, covered bridges, shopping and much, much more! While the scenery and sites are splendid, the *best* part of the journey is the fun, Christian fellowship, worship and adventures shared with fellow travelers! The dates this year are October 6-13. Travel is by comfortable motor coach, and accommodations are of a "Comfort Inn" standard. "A wonderful, unique experience and a great travel bargain!" according to previous Fall Journey participants. Don't miss out on this opportunity! If you like to travel and can tolerate lots of corny jokes, then this trip is for you! Contact us at 419-589-7406 for more information.

## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR BENEFIT AUCTION

Last October's Fall Festival and Benefit Auction at Mowana was a great success, raising more than \$4,500 for summer camperships! Next fall's event is set for Sunday, October 19. Once again, we will be accepting donations of good quality quilts (quilted not tied), unique hand-crafted items, and new camping or sports equipment. If you would like to be part of this great event as a sponsoring donor, please contact Lucy Wolfe at 419-898-4322 or wolfes@cros.net for details. Donated items need to be received by September 30<sup>th</sup> in order to be included in the auction brochure. What a great way to support Mowana!

## Upcoming Events at Mowana...

**Annual Donor and Volunteer Recognition Dinner**  
Sunday, April 6

**"There Is a Season" Adult Day Retreat**  
Thursday, April 24

**Elderhostel**  
Sunday, April 27 – Friday, May 2

**Mother's Day Brunch**  
Sunday, May 11

**Mother and Child Canoe Trip**  
Friday, May 16 – Sunday, May 18

**Servant Week**  
Sunday, June 8 – Friday, June 13

## MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Celebrate Mother's Day this year, Sunday, May 11, in the new Fleming Falls Retreat Center! A full brunch will be served in Mowana's comfortable new lodge, appropriately decorated for this special day! Seatings will be at 10:30am, 12:15pm and 2:00pm. Reservations are required. What a great treat for Mom! This year, enjoy a relaxing brunch in the beautiful surroundings of Camp Mowana. Call us at 419-589-7406 for reservations.

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!

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 that includes a continental breakfast and lunch at a very reasonable cost. Give us a call at 419-589-7406 for more information.

