

Special Times

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

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From the Director...

With Mowana blanketed in snow and ice this time of year, it's hard *not* to think back to the warm, green days of July when the laughter and sounds of campers - in the Pool, at the Craft Cabin, on the Athletic Field, in the Chapel - filled the camp! This letter from one of last summer's campers to her Counselor lifts up just how important and life changing the camp experience can be for our young people:

I just had to let you know how thankful I am for everything you did for me and the cabin during camp. I had so much fun, and I still wish I were there! I don't know if you realized it or not, but camp had a huge impact on me. I had so many worries and so much anger toward different things, and now everything is awesome. Life is good! I listen to our local Christian radio station now, and I am reading the Bible every night! I don't care about the "popular things" people are doing anymore... and am trying to share God's love everyday. Thanks again!

If there are young people in *your* life whom you really care about, please do whatever you can to have them experience the gift that is Camp Mowana.

And to that, we can only add, "Amen!"

Eric Kretzmann, Director

Upcoming Special Events at Mowana:

'Diving Deep' Women's Spirituality Retreat

Friday, February 3 - Sunday, February 5

'Hearts on Fire' Senior High Retreat

Friday, February 10 - Sunday, February 12

Elderhostel

Sunday, April 23 - Friday April 28

'Come to the Table' First Communion Retreats

'Prayerful Living' Confirmation Retreats

Sign up soon! Multiple dates are available January through April, 2006

Think Summer...

Think Summer Camp...

Think Summer Camp at Mowana!

Summer 2006 at Mowana promises to be another *awesome* summer of fun, challenge and, above all, growing together in the faith! Mowana will be offering a full range of **youth camping** programs for children and youth, Kindergarten through Senior High under the theme, *Where Jesus Meets Us*.



The 2006 LOMO Summer Brochure is being sent to all Lutheran congregations in Ohio, as well as to all of last summer's campers. If you would like additional copies, you can contact Mowana at 419-589-7406, or the LOMO Office at 1-800-431-5666.

In addition, Mowana's **family camping** program will be offered during July, with two full-

week camps, one weekend mini-camp, and a special Family Ability weekend for families with children having developmental disabilities. Family camping at Mowana offers a unique opportunity for families to spend quality time *together* in a very special *place apart*. Opportunities include swimming, sports, hiking, campfires, canoeing and crafts, along with meaningful Bible study and great worship! Housed in the comfortable, new Fleming Falls Retreat Center, family camping at Mowana represents a unique and memorable experience!



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Elderhostel at Mowana

If you have ever considered attending an Elderhostel program, consider joining us for Elderhostel at Mowana! Housed in the new Fleming Falls Retreat Center, courses on **Ohio's Presidents** and **Ohio's Literary Heritage** will be held April 23-28 and will utilize the excellent resources available through Ohio's various presidential centers. The weeklong course at Mowana includes an all-day field trip to the distinguished Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont. Elderhostel is a well-recognized program offering life-long learning opportunities for adults aged 55 and over. Mowana's Elderhostel program in particular has been very well received. To request an Elderhostel catalog, you can contact Elderhostel toll-free at 1-877-426-8056, or visit Elderhostel on-line at www.elderhostel.org.

Wanted!

Mowana is *always* in need of the following:

- hand tools or power tools
- sports equipment
- arts and crafts supplies
- good-as-new computer equipment
- good quality camping equipment and *especially* at this time:
- a good quality digital camera
- a ping pong table
- a large blackboard or whiteboard on a stand

We also *always* need volunteer groups who can:

- do roofing
- do exterior and/or interior painting and staining
- make trail repairs
- split wood
- do basic carpentry work



You never know what you'll find while on a creek hike at Mowana. This picture of a dragonfly was taken during Family Camp last July 2005.

65th Anniversary and All-Staff Reunion

Camp Mowana's **65th Anniversary** will be celebrated over Memorial Day weekend with two "*oh, so very special*" events. An **All-Staff Reunion** will be held from Friday, May 26 to Saturday, May 27, with a variety of family-oriented camp activities planned. If you are a former staff member, from *any* decade, you and your family are invited to participate in this great weekend of fellowship, reminiscing, singing, worship and more! Registration information can be found on Mowana's website at www.mowana.com (go to the staff alumni page). In addition, a special **65th Anniversary Celebration** will take place on Saturday, May 27, from 4-7pm. A dinner and special program highlighting Oneida Lodge's 100th Birthday, recognition of donors and volunteers, dedication of the new Jr. Hill Shower House and more will all be part of this milestone event in the history of Camp Mowana! Plan now to join with friends old and new for these special events, May 26-27, 2006.



Mowana's annual Fall Colors Journey took participants through New England out to Maine. The 2006 Journey will head north to explore the shores of beautiful Lake Superior, September 25-October 3.

Be sure to check out the new and improved

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Look at the pictures, download desktop wallpaper, view the old Camp Mowana postcards, download the Staff Reunion registration form and more!