

CAMPFIRE WORSHIP



Mechuwana
Summer Camps 2026

Hello!

Welcome to Camp Mechuwana, summer 2026, as we celebrate our 78th year on the shores of Lower Narrows Pond in Winthrop. We are excited about our upcoming summer and fall programs: we have added a middle school rally camp, another grandparent/grandchild event, and an additional crafters program.

Camp Prices

I want to take a minute to address the increase in camp prices that you will see in this brochure. We have worked tirelessly to keep camp costs as low as possible. Thanks to hundreds of individuals and organizations who support us financially, we have been able to do just that. But, as they have everywhere, the expenses to run camp have increased, especially in the areas of insurance, utilities, and food. Due to those costs, we have made the difficult decision to raise the prices more than we would like to. Please know that we will continue to honor our commitment to never turn a child away because of their family's financial situation. That has been our policy since we were founded in 1948 and will be Mechuwana's policy forever.

Early Registration Encouraged

Every summer, camps fill quickly so we encourage you to register your child or children for camp early. To encourage early registration, we are allowing families to register their children without first paying the deposit. Our one request is that you make a solid commitment so that you do not take a space away from another family.

Scholarships & Volunteer Credits

Mechuwana continues its long history of ensuring that no camper is turned away for financial reasons. We will work to ensure that anyone who wants to attend a week of camp can. To request financial assistance, please contact the camp office by phone or email. We also offer a **volunteer credit of \$150** for each adult who volunteers as a camp counselor or dean during the 2026 season. That credit can be applied to one camp registration for a child in your family. Volunteers must meet certain criteria to fill this role. Please contact the office for more information about how to receive this credit.

We look forward to seeing you in 2026!



Norman Thombs, Executive Director

Support Camp: One Can or Bottle at a Time

CLYNK helps turn recyclable cans and bottles into cash for Mechuwana. This continues to be one of camp's most successful fundraisers. We provide stickered CLYNK bags. Then you fill them with your returnable bottles and cans and return the bag to a participating Hannaford store. This program provides camp an average of \$3,000 each year.

2026 Summer Camps

Dates	Area	Camp Name	2025-26 Grade*	Camp #	Cost
June 21-24	Oak Village	Mom/Child I	See write-up	10	\$350/\$95
June 21-24	Lakeside	First Timers	2-4	11	\$475
June 28-July 2	Lakeside	Senior High Night Camp	9-12	12	\$550
June 28-July 2	Village	Middle School Rally Camp	6-8	13	\$550
July 5-9	Lakeside	Adult Special Needs	See write-up	14	\$550
July 12-17	Lakeside	Elementary/Middle School Music Theatre	3-8	15	\$575
July 12-15	Oak Village	Mom/Child II	See write-up	16	\$350/\$95
July 19-23	Lakeside	Elementary Creative Arts	3-6	17	\$550
July 19-22	Village	Grand Camp	See write-up	18	\$350/\$95
July 26—Aug 1	Lakeside	Middle School/Senior High Music Theatre	6-12	19	\$585
August 2-6	Outpost	Elementary Outpost	4-6	20	\$550
August 2-6	Lakeside	Middle School/Senior High Creative Arts	6-12	21	\$550

*** Please note: grade/age limits for each camp strictly enforced**

Mechuwana Day Camp for Children Ages 5-12

Schedule for each week* is 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Day Camp offers boating, swimming, story time, arts & crafts, and more. The cost per child per Day Camp week is \$230. ***Weeks #1 and #7 are half-weeks** so the cost for those two camps is \$115 per child per week. Contact the office for a Day Camp brochure. Snacks provided by camp. Please supply lunch for your child(ren).

Week #1: (Weds-Fri, June 24-26*)	Week #2: June 29-July 3
Week #5: July 20-24	Week #6: July 27-31

Week #3: July 6-10 **Week #4:** July 13-17
Week #7: (Mon-Weds, August 3-5)

Summer Overnight Camps 2026

MOM/CHILD (Session I) #10

Moms, bring your children (ages 4-9) for a half-week of sharing quality time without the pressures of school, jobs, or home routines. Share cabins with other moms, kids, and youth leaders. Activities include swimming, boating, crafts, worship, music, games, and fellowship. This camp fills quickly – register today!

Dates: June 21-24 Limit: 10 moms/20 children
Leaders: Amy Story & Chris Petracovic
Fee: \$350 per adult & up to 2 children; \$95 per additional child

FIRST TIMERS CAMP #11

For campers finishing Grades 2-4

Have you been a day camper and would like to come to overnight camp? First Timers is the camp for you! Have you wanted to pick your bunk after helping your brother or sister pick theirs, but you were not quite old enough to stay overnight? First Timers is the camp for you! Join us for campfires, boating, arts & crafts, swimming, nature walks, learning about God, singing, & more! Join us for a fun few days & nights at First Timers overnight camp!

SENIOR HIGH NIGHT

CAMP #12

For campers

Grades 9-12
Into late nights and long,
adventure-packed
afternoons? Night Camp
brings you both —
afternoons full of swimming,
crafts, games, and
unforgettable night
experiences under the
stars. Register soon — this camp

Dates: June 28-July 2
Leaders: Alissa Gervais &
Leadership Team (Kirk, Emma)



MIDDLE SCHOOL BALLY CAMP #13

For campers finishing Grades 6-8

Campers at Middle School Rally Camp will explore all the camp essentials (swimming, boating, arts & crafts) while spending time with friends old and new! Come build deeper connections to

How to Register

1. Choose a camp or retreat experience. Select your choice(s) of week(s) to attend. Write your choice(s) in the area of the registration form showing three event lines. **Beneath these lines, please put in your choice(s) for alternate camps in case your first choice(s) is/are full. Please make a copy of the registration form for yourself.**
2. **Send in a \$50 nonrefundable registration fee** for each camp chosen with your registration (not applicable for spring youth weekend). The remainder of the cost is due three weeks prior to your camp week unless you have made other arrangements with the camp registrar.
3. Talk with your church/agency to see if they have camp scholarships available. If they do, please supply that information to us on the registration form. **If payments are being made on your behalf, please be sure they include your name and the name of the camp program you are attending on any check or paperwork.**
4. Camp fees, **except registration fees**, are refundable for nonparticipants who **notify the camp registrar at least three weeks before the camp begins.**
5. Confirmation packets will be mailed to campers in early April (first round). **Please open immediately. The health history form needs to be filled out, signed, and sent back to camp as soon as possible. All medical paperwork must be received in advance of your week at camp.** (Health forms can also be found at mechuwana.org)

Arrival and Check-in for Camps

Arrival and check-in for all camps is on Sunday from 1 PM to 3 PM. Pick-up for most camps is on Thursday. Mom/Child, First Timers, & Grandcamp leave on Wednesday morning. Music theatre camps have pick-up times after their final performances. You will get more specific information about camp pick-up times in your Dear Camper packet of information once you are registered.

Upon arrival for your camp, please head to registration check-in inside the Dining Commons.

Mechuwana Camperships

We believe that no camper should be denied the opportunity to come to Mechuwana for financial reasons. Over the years, local churches have worked hard to provide financial assistance for their campers. Mechuwana also supports that effort with camperships for families in financial need. If you need assistance sending someone to camp, please contact us at the office to ask for a scholarship application.

Credit Card Payments Accepted

We accept payment via Visa/Mastercard/Discover/AmEx. To pay by credit card, please call the camp office anytime Tuesday through Friday between 9 AM and 4:30 PM.

In accordance with federal civil rights law, we are prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, or age.

Mechuwana's Mission Statement

It is the purpose of Camp Mechuwana to complement the local church ministry by providing a unique Christian setting for persons of all ages for personal growth and experiences, which enhance one's relationship to God, neighbors, and the natural world.

2026 Spring & Fall Events

YOUTH LEADERSHIP RETREAT for youth in Grades 8-12

You are invited to join us for a very special youth event as we explore what it means to be a leader. You will take part in fun activities and work in small and large groups as we explore the many styles of leadership. During this time, we will talk about how you can put those skills to work as a Youth Leader during the summer. The event is free. When you register, please let us know whether you will be arriving on Friday night (between 6 and 8 PM) or on Saturday morning (before 9:30 AM). Pick up is at 3 PM on Saturday, March 7.

Date: Saturday, March 7

Leaders: Mechuwana Staff

Limit: 60 youth

Fee: FREE (please note on your registration whether you will be arriving on Friday night or Saturday morning)

QUIET ART/CRAFT WEEKEND

Have you been wanting time to work on a favorite craft or hobby such as painting, collaging, bookbinding, knitting, crocheting, hand sewing, paper crafts, diamond art painting, journaling, reading, or some other kind of hand craft? We are offering a 3rd crafter's retreat designed for those whose crafting hobby is less machine focused. If you have been looking to join a crafter's retreat at camp, this is another opportunity! We hope this can be a special time for everyone looking to unwind from a busy world. Do not hesitate to sign up as spots are limited.

Dates: March 12-15

Leader: Rev. Michele St. Cyr

Limit: 40 adults

Fee: \$145

FAMILY CAMP

Do you have children ages 5-12? Want to spend a weekend at Mechuwana with other families for a kid-friendly getaway? Join us for a weekend of games, arts & crafts, dancing, nature walks, & some relaxation, too! Bring your musical instruments if you'd like to share your talents with us. We will stay in the all-season retreat buildings. Each family will get their own bunk room (or more if needed). Be sure to bring warm clothes for being outside as well as bedding and toiletries.

Dates: March 27-29 (Session I)

Fee: 1 Adult/1 Kid: \$125

3+ Kids: \$35 each

October 23-25 (Session II)

1 Adult/2 Kids: \$175

Kids under 5 are free

2 Adults/2 Kids \$285

ADULT MAKER'S (CRAFTER'S) RETREATS

Come to Mechuwana and relax with others who enjoy sewing, crochet, knitting, scrapbooking/stamping, embroidery, or other "maker" crafts. Bring your UFOs (Un-Finished Objects) or learn a new skill. Beginners welcome. We have makers eager to teach their favorite craft. There will also be time for worship and walks in the woods. Come for the whole retreat, or just a day or two. Housing will be in the retreat buildings, with meals provided at the Commons. For both sessions, check-in is at 6:00 PM on Thursday leaving after breakfast on Sunday.

Dates: April 16-19 (Session I)

Limit: 40 adults per session

Leader: Pastor Elizabeth Bailey-Mitchell

October 15-18 (Session II)

Fee: \$145 per session

Register for spring/fall events by visiting www.mechuwana.org or contacting the camp office.



REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Age _____ 2025-26 School Grade _____ Sex _____

Mailing Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____
 Check here to sign up for Mechuwana emails

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Signature _____

Adult Special Needs Camper's Caregiver Phone: _____ (cell) _____ (home)

Church or Sponsoring Agency _____ *If your church or sponsoring agency is providing a campership/funding for your chosen camp, please supply the following (please print):*

Name of Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Name of Church or Agency _____

Mailing Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

I am registering myself/my child/someone else for the following summer camps:

Event Name _____ Camp # _____ Date _____

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Alternate camp(s) if the above camp(s) is/are full:

Event Name _____ Camp # _____ Date _____

Event Name _____ Camp # _____ Date _____

If you are an adult filling out the above information for Mom/Child or Grandcamp: please complete registration form or additional sheet of paper for each child attending as well as the adult attending with them.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Camp Schol. _____	Church Schol. _____	Credit _____	Agency Payment _____
Reg. Fee Pd. _____	Add'l Pd. _____	Balance Due _____	PAID IN FULL _____

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