

MOHAWK *echo*

DECEMBER 2025

WINTER AT MOHAWK

WHO'S STILL AT CAMP?

Even when camp is quiet and covered in frost, Camp Mohawk is definitely not empty. Some of our year-round residents are still bustling, wandering, pecking, and clucking their way through winter. Here's a peek at who's keeping camp company until you return this summer! Even in winter, camp is full of life - just a different kind of busy!



The Camp Chickens (13 of Them!)

While the barn is getting its big upgrade for next summer, our flock of 13 chickens has temporarily moved into the Boot Room - and they're living their best winter life. They spend their days scratching around, chatting with each other, and generally acting like they run the place (because honestly, they kind of do). Even in the cold, they're still clucking away and

greeting staff who stop by. If you've ever wondered what camp sounds like in winter... it's mostly the chickens. Lots and lots of chickens.

The Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker

This little woodpecker with a big personality is one of the most active birds at Mohawk in winter. The yellow-bellied sapsucker taps its way around camp, making small rows of holes in trees so it can drink the sap inside. If you take a quiet walk near the boardwalk or between cabins, you might hear its drumming echo through the woods like it's practicing for a percussion solo. Even with frost on the ground, this colorful visitor brings a burst of energy to camp's winter woods.



The Red Fox

Every now and then, especially early in the morning, a red fox trots along Mohawk's trails like it's on an important secret mission. Foxes stay active all winter, using their incredible hearing to find food under the snow and leaving delicate pawprints along the paths campers will explore this summer. They're shy, quick, and curious; just wild

enough to remind us that even when camp rests, nature never really stops. Spotting a fox in winter feels like catching a glimpse of camp magic quietly at work.

So while we're all counting down the days until you're back, the animals are keeping camp busy for you. They'll be here all winter, holding down the fort until the first campers arrive!

NEW FOR 2026

HOME MAKEOVER: BARN EDITION!



Big news for all our animal lovers: the Mohawk barn is getting a glow-up for next summer! We're adding brand-new pens inside the barn and larger outdoor spaces to upgrade the space for all your favorites: sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, and even a new horse area with its own tack room. Everything is being set up to make barn time more fun, more hands-on, and more animal-filled than ever. We can't wait for you to meet the animals in their new spaces!

MAKING HER DEBUT IN 2026

SUMMER STAFF SPOTLIGHT

We're excited to welcome a new face to the Mohawk family for Summer 2026! Get to know the newest staff member who'll be bringing big smiles and fresh enthusiasm to camp.

Hey! I'm Elly Newton and I'm 18 years old. I'm from Newcastle, Australia and we have the most beautiful beaches, that's where you'll find me on a sunny day. I also love reading when I have the chance, and always make sure my bookshelf has a fresh set of books to get through. When we're all free, my friends and I love doing dinners together, or grabbing a quick sweet treat. Currently, I'm running lots and hoping to get into marathon training, and run my first one sometime in 2026!!

I'm doing my first year of Camp America in 2026, and I couldn't be more excited! In 2026 summer I am most looking forward to meeting all the amazing campers and fellow counsellors, and exploring the activities camp has to offer, especially the horses on camp! Camp Mohawk will be an amazing experience, I can't wait!



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GRATITUDE, UPDATES, AND MOHAWK MAGIC

Hi Mohawkers! We hope you're having a cozy start to winter. Even though the cabins are quiet and the trails are covered in snow, there's still a lot happening behind the scenes as we get ready for an amazing Summer 2026. The barn upgrades, program planning, and all the little touches that make camp feel like home are well underway, and we can't wait for you to see everything that's coming.

We also want to say a huge **thank you** to everyone who gave on Giving Tuesday this year. Your generosity helped us reach our match goal and doubled the support for campers who rely on financial assistance to join us each summer. You're helping make sure every girl who wants to be at Mohawk can be here - laughing, learning, growing, and making the friendships that last a lifetime.

If you weren't able to give on Giving Tuesday, there's still time before the end of the year to make a difference. Every gift helps us get closer to our annual goal and supports the camperships and programs that make Mohawk such a special place for every camper who steps onto camp. Thank you for being part of the Mohawk community. We can't wait to welcome you back this summer!

- Patrick & Mikayla



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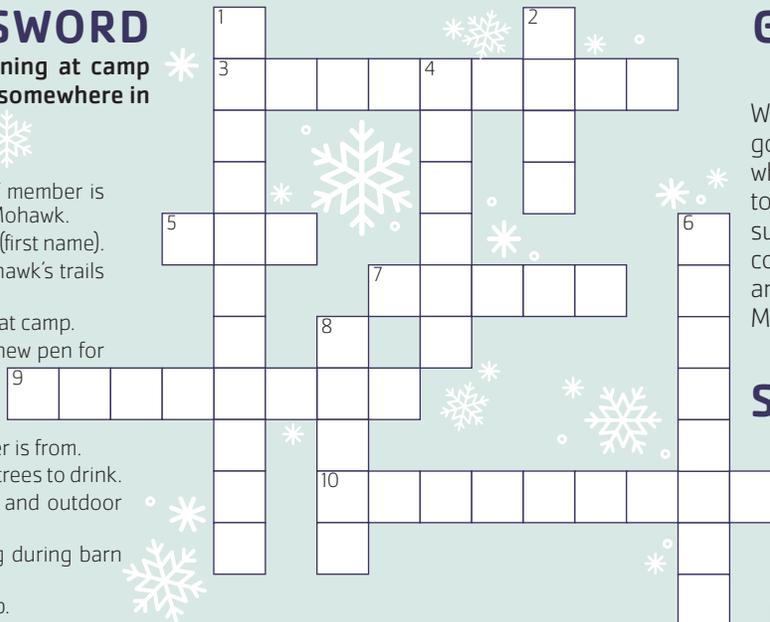
Think you know everything happening at camp this winter? Every answer is hiding somewhere in this month's Echo - go find them!

DOWN

- The national program the featured staff member is participating in for her first summer at Mohawk.
- The new staff member debuting in 2026 (first name).
- Quiet winter visitor who trots along Mohawk's trails in the mornings.
- The number of chickens currently living at camp.
- Mohawk barn improvements include a new pen for this animal.

ACROSS

- Country where the featured staff member is from.
- What the little birds are tapping into the trees to drink.
- One of the animals getting new indoor and outdoor pens next summer.
- The room where the chickens are living during barn renovations.
- This little bird taps holes in trees for sap.



GIVE THE GIFT OF CAMP

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