

## Historical Society of Hammonton

### Press Release

The Historical Society of Hammonton invites the public to a free community program to be held on Thursday, March 4th at 8:00 PM at the Atlantic County Library in Hammonton.

We are pleased to present a program by Dr. Bill Ellwanger, President and Executive director of Haluwasa.

In 1955 a group led by Charles Ashman purchased a 114 acre parcel, a former cranberry bog located on Ehrke Road, just outside of Hammonton. With a small staff and many volunteers it was transformed into a Christian based camp with lakes where future campers would fish, boat and swim. A three mile narrow gauge railroad was built for transportation and by 1958 there were dining rooms, worship centers and cabins. An orchestra and choir were formed and the ministry grew to include conferences, youth and adult banquets and Friday evening youth rallies.

Now, 52 years later, an abundance of recreational activities include sandy beaches , swimming areas, water slides, kayaks , canoes plus gift and snack and craft shops and much more.

Nearly 2000 boys and girls attend summer camp and in a typical year over 10,000 people will attend various events. Young people between the ages of 6 to 16 will discover a great summer adventure and learn important lessons from the Bible.

We ask you to join us on Thursday night. Find out what Haluwasa stands for. Enjoy the fellowship. Refreshments will be served.