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Family Camps this summer. The scheduled dates are July 12-18, July 26-Aug. 1 and Aug. 16-22.

Family Camp's singular purpose, according to Father David Mura, is "to create family togetherness. Most religious-education programs are geared toward teens, adults or whatever." Father Mura is spiritual director at Kamp Koinonia and parochial vicar of St. Michael's Church in Penn Yan and St. Andrew's in Dundee.

Last year's camps drew a total of 35 families, including several from outside the state. Families journey to Kamp Koinonia to combine prayerful reflection and leisure activities, Father Mura said.

Cost for the week ranges from \$395 for families of two to \$650 for families of seven or more. Meals are included. Kamp Koinonia's facilities include 10 cabins, indoor and outdoor chapels, a central lodge, infirmary, craft lodge, picnic pavilion, 26 hookups for recreational vehicles, swimming pool, playing fields and hiking trails.

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A typical day includes prayer and peer group sessions in the morning, family Mass at noon, free time in the afternoon and early evening, and prayer and reflection throughout the camp later in the evening.

In addition to the weeklong camps, a reunion party takes place each fall at Kamp Koinonia for all former campers and workers.

People's ties with Family Camp can be long-lasting. Nagel and his wife



The blind really are leading the blind on the last leg of their journey back to the camp's main lodge during the summer of 1985. Family Camp retreats are now in their 24th year. File photo

Maureen met while working as teen-staff members at Family Camp 13 years ago. Their return trip in 1991 was their first as a family: they brought their son Drew, age 9; daughter Amanda, 8; and son, Shawn, 16 months, who was baptized in the presence of the entire camp last summer.

The Schellengers' children are older — Steve Jr. is 17 and Jonathan is 14 — but their desire to attend Family Camp hasn't waned. This summer will mark the family's sixth consecutive year attending the camp.

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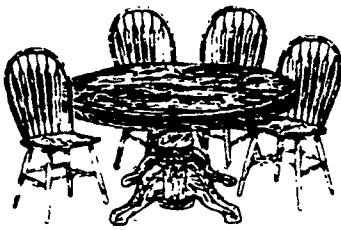
"A lot of times the kids buck the parents all the way down, but they see other teens there and then they're the ones dragging the parents back the next year," Father Mura quipped.

EDITORS' NOTE: Any family interested in information on Family Camp may call Steve Schellenger, 315/597-4004, or write to Christian Family Renewal, attention Pat Fox, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624. Fox can also be reached at 716/328-3210.

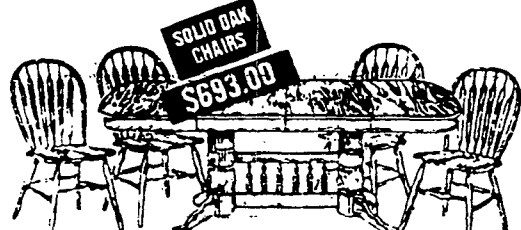
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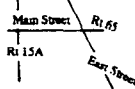


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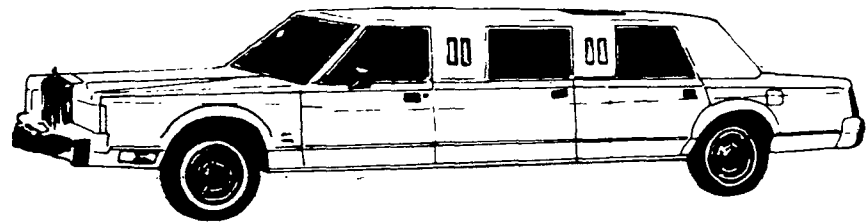
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