



2009



Pilgrim Lodge

Maine Conference
United Church of Christ





It's important to remember our connection to the earth. It's important to remember how that connection is rooted in our souls, and therefore, in God. We are blessed to live in Maine. If you're a UCCer, then this is your church's summer camp. Not from the UCC in Maine? That's ok. We're all in this together. If you're a parent, send your children, and consider coming to be a counselor. This is important. If you're an adult, come on over! We're reaching out to you, (oh, and PL is beautiful) so grab on. If you're a child: you'll love it - it's fun. Get there when registration time begins if you want a top bunk. If you're a teen-ager: you're not alone. Yup, still fun, but also comforting and safe. Times are full of hope, fear, and change. Root yourself.

From a local church PL scholarship application:

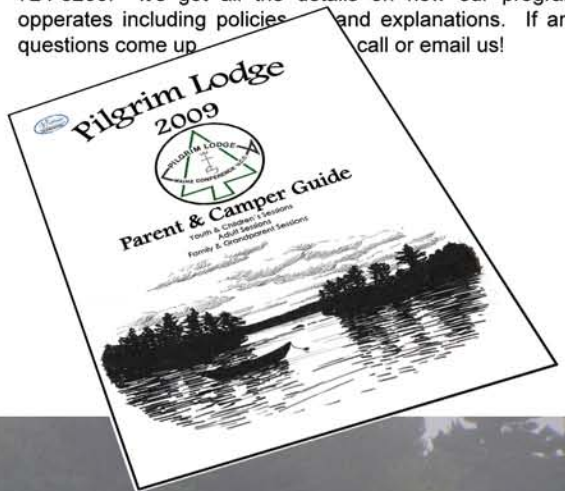
I wish to attend this camp because I have gone 2 times before and had an extremely fun time. I like going boating, doing Arts & Crafts and meeting new people. I like coming to this Camp because I have fun and I feel safe there.

Ask your pastor if your church has a PL scholarship. Additionally go to our website at www.pilgrimlodge.org/scholarships.html before May 15 to apply for partial help from the Maine Conference.



Want to know more?

Would you like to know all the nitty gritty details? Then read our 'Pilgrim Lodge 2009 Parent & Camper Guide' Available at www.pilgrimlodge.org/guide2009.pfd or by calling 207-724-3200. It's got all the details on how our program operates including policies and explanations. If any questions come up, call or email us!



Our mission is to help each other grow as Christians, through experiences in group living which involve: exposure to the world of nature; helpful caring relationships; experiences of sharing recreation, fellowship and worship; and purposeful programs to broaden our understanding of God and our world. Together we seek to overcome fears and frustrations, and to experience the joy of giving and receiving love. The camp community creates a life-style in accordance with Christian values, an openness to the Holy Spirit, and the grace of Jesus Christ.



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**Pilgrim Lodge is a ministry of the
Maine Conference, United Church of Christ
located on Lake Cobbosseecontee
in West Gardiner, Maine**

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See our web
notice (or call)
about info on
2009 pricing

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Grade or Age</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Cost</u>
April 24-25	Adults & Youth 6th Grade and Older	Jump Start Work Days	\$ 0
April 25-26	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups	Youth Group Overnight (free for JSW workers)	25
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Aug. 25-28	Feb. Honduras youth trip participants	Honduras Trip Orientation	125
Aug. 28-30	GLBTQI ADULTS, 18 years and older	Rainbow Camp	115
Sept. 4-7	Families of all configurations	Family Camp	90
Sept. 18-20	Women, 20 years and older	Women's Autumn Weekend	115
Oct. 31	Adults & Youth 6th Grade and Older	Fall Work Day	0



Sessions for younger children



Entering Kindergarten - 2nd grade **A Day At Camp!**

August 16

A day for children and their parents (siblings welcome)
Lunch included. Arrive for a tour between 9 & 10 am, program starts at 10 with worship and ends between 3:30 and 4. Come play with the Pilgrim Lodge staff and experience all the great things camp has to offer in a single day. This is a great way to introduce PL to children. Parents and children are together all day. Siblings of K-2nd graders welcome. Dean: Bryan Breault \$15 per person

Now includes
3rd grade!



Half
Week!

Entering 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade **Faith Foundations**

June 24-27

arrive Wed. 2-4 pm, depart Sat. 9:30-10

Are you thinking of coming to Pilgrim Lodge this summer, but a full week of camp is just not for you? Then sign up for Faith Foundations and prepare yourself for some great fun! This half-week camp, designed with the first time camper in mind, is a great way to discover Pilgrim Lodge and explore the outdoors. Campers will experience some of the many things PL has to offer through a great variety of activities, songs and worship experiences. Faith Foundations is your place for fun this summer!

Deans: Cindy & Jim Wright

\$185



*PL is truly a place
for me where I can
go and be myself
and not have to
worry. Thank you
for making it so
amazing!*

-2008 Pilgrim Lodge Camper



Entering 4th or 5th grade **Planting Seeds, Growing Hope** July 12-18



*On the shores of great lake Cobobseecontee
Is the wonderful place we've come to love
Join us for a week, it's the place to be
Under the sun and the stars above*



*This year we'll talk about the teachings of Jesus
That are for both us and our community
We'll put into action the message he taught us
And celebrate our glorious diversity*



*We'll break through walls we have come to know
Just like Jesus did when he welcomed one and all
We'll live by his example and all the world show
How we can stand up and answer the call!*



*So if you like s'mores, and paddling a canoe
Come make new friends with us at PL
We'll learn from each other and try something new
'Planting Seeds, Growing Hope' will be swell!*



Deans: Sarah Bigney & Elizabeth Charles \$369

Entering 6th, 7th or 8th grade **Middler Impact!** August 2-8

Jesus didn't care who was cool, or who had the best new gadgets, or the trendiest clothes. Jesus loved everyone, even when it wasn't easy. At Middler Impact we'll continue Jesus' mission while having tons of camp fun! We'll follow Christ's lead to transform the world and really make an impact! Come join us! Deans: Kim & Phil Hilton \$369



Entering 7th, 8th or 9th grade **be lov.ed.comm.unity** July 5-11

Imagine being welcomed into a peaceful place after a long journey and invited to share delicious food with new friends around a table filled with laughter and singing. Imagine being celebrated and loved for your own unique beauty, ideas, creativity, questions, and abilities. Imagine opening your eyes to discover that you can welcome, celebrate, and love other people in this extraordinary place. Jesus said this place is already here, all around us, if we can only breakthrough and discover it! Help us find and become this community in the lake, the woods, the fields, the cabins, the lodge, and each other during this amazing week.

Deans: Eric C. Smith & Benjamin S. Bigney \$369

July 19-25 **Entering 6th or 7th grade Community Of Caring**

Jesus invites us to breakthrough our ordinary lives and change and be changed by our encounters with each other - join us as we meet greet and encourage each other to become what God wants us to be - Compassionate Listeners who welcome and transform through love! Consider yourself invited to join us!

Deans: Karen Choate & Bill Ingraham \$369





Entering 8th or 9th grade

Let the road you are traveling on lead you to Middler Spirit for a transforming experience. Come create memories during a week filled with fun activities, like cookouts, monster races, singing, yelling, diving, and of course, swimming, boating, crafts, and nature. YOU are a welcome addition to our week, and we look forward to being at Pilgrim Lodge with you. \$369
Deans: Amber Jensen & Laura Barrantes

July 26-August 1 *Middler Spirit*



Two, Two, Two sessions in one!

Entering 8th or 9th grade &

Arts Alive!

June 28-July 4

Entering 10th, 11th, 12th grade or '09 HS grad



The focus of this week at Pilgrim Lodge will be how art, music, drama, and dance connect us and help us breakthrough to new understandings of ourselves and God. Be inspired by the wonderful surroundings on Lake Cobobossecontee. We will look at some of the lessons of Jesus and how we can express them through different art forms. And of course, there will be time to enjoy your new friends and the great water and land activities offered at Pilgrim Lodge. Worried you're not 'artsy' enough? Nah. Just living your life is art.



Dean: Todd Goodeill \$369



August 19-22

Manitou Island Adventure

Entering 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th or '09 grads

Arrive Wed. morning
Depart Sat. morning

Tent Camping!

To help us understand Jesus' extravagant and radical welcome of those cast out by society, we will cast ourselves out for four days to the wilderness of PL's Manitou Island. Through campfires, stars, canoes, and biodegradable soaps, we will form a safe space to explore ways to make a giant impact on the world while leaving no trace in nature. This small community creates a unique PL experience that is shaped by each individual camper's dreams of adventure. Space is limited so sign up early.

Dean: Jack Davidson

\$125



Entering 10th, 11th, 12th grade & 2009 High School graduates

Senior Camp

August 9-15

With the grace and love of God, we invite you to join us for a week at PL to encounter a

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in your life. Be among those that move beyond the present situation. Challenge us to include those marginalized in our world or society. Become a part of the life-changing experience that is SENIOR HIGH CAMP. See you there.

Deans: Pam Burnham and Joanne Morgan
\$369



Entering 10th, 11th, 12th grade & 2009 High School graduates

July 26-August 1

Wilderness Awakenings

Trip Camp to Moosehead Lake

Come with us on an historic voyage on Moosehead Lake in a rowboat! We'll use two of Harry Sylvester's handcrafted 22 foot Whitehall design boats to cover the coves, islands, narrows and bays of Maine's largest inland body of water. We'll learn skills in boat handling, navigation and camping. We will experience the natural world up close and personal while learning team-building skills. Let yourself relax and grow spiritually for a week in the woods of Maine and learn to trust in new friends. Come away with us and discover "hands that row" and gain new insight into yourself, your friends and your world. Previous boating experience is not necessary, but you should be a good swimmer and ready for a rigorous workout working closely with others in a participatory camp setting. Space is very limited. Dean: Mike Seavey \$369



16 or 17 years old

June 12-14

C.J.T Training Event

This event is for young people interested in becoming a Counselor-In-Training (CIT). CIT's are an essential bridge between campers and counselors. It's a lot of fun and a great opportunity for personal growth. You will learn new skills and understand the role of counselor. It's a chance to give back to PL (although you can be new to PL too). You must be at least 16 when you serve as a CIT; two years older than the oldest camper; registered as a camper at an event for your own age; and you must attend this training event (or have attended a previous year). This is a good thing to do, is a lot of fun (and doesn't look bad on a college ap!).

Deans: Bryan Breault and Joanne Bartlett

\$50



Men's Weekend

May 29-31

Men 20 years and older
Friday evening
to Sunday after lunch

*How good and how pleasant it is for
brethren to dwell together in unity.
Psalm 133:1*

Some men feel best about being in a group when they have something productive to do together; others just need a weekend away from it all and to relax. This weekend will have opportunities for both without the pressure of either. Wherever we fall on the spectrum we need fellowship and communion with others, a sense of purpose and meaning, and a chance to clear the cobwebs and reflect on the direction life is taking us. For one weekend, step away from the roles and responsibilities that often seem to define you, and dwell together in unity with your brethren.

Deans: Gil Healy and Bryan Breault \$115



Women At The Well

June 5-7 Friday evening to Sunday after lunch
Women 20 years and older

The waters of the well beckon you to the shores of Lake Cobobseecontee. As we gather from near and far there will be time to catch up with old friends and welcome new ones. This year our spring reflection time will be guided by the book "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson. We hope it will stimulate conversations around your mission passions. As always there will be plenty of time for canoeing, swimming, reading, walking the labyrinth or the porch rockers are always available for quiet reflection over a cup of tea. Whatever it is you need, we hope you will find it here!

Deans: Anne Hodgman & Deborah Breault \$115



Women's Autumn Weekend

September 18-20 Friday evening to Sunday after lunch
Women 20 years and older

As the leaves begin to turn and the smell of the camp fire draws you to warm your hands and hearts, give yourself the gift of a weekend at PL to rest and retreat and nurture yourself. This time apart will be very gentle...lots of choices, no requirements and all blessed by the Spirit. We hope you'll join us.

Deans: Deborah Breault & Anne Hodgman \$115

**Edna's Points
Young Adult Weekend**



Men and Women 19-30 years old

June 12-14 Friday evening to Sunday after lunch

We've given this event its own weekend in hopes that more young adults might be able to attend. PL is a place to rest, play, connect, and be. Imagine being at PL without the busy schedule, able to go where and when you like, perhaps with old friends, perhaps with new. Get on the net and invite your friends! New and returning campers are welcome. Traditional camp stuff with plenty of time to relax in this holy place. Dean: Ben Bigney \$115

Vintage Ventures



Men and Women 55 years and above

June 9-12 Tuesday morning to Friday morning

Vintage Ventures is a camp for the young-at-heart. While our bodies might no longer allow too much frivolity, the Pilgrim Lodge atmosphere is conducive to our youthful selves. Highlights of our vintage adventure are a boat ride around the lake; silly time at an auction to support the camp mission focus (Good Shepherd Food Bank); sitting quietly or talking on the porch while watching the sun set on the lake; walking; group and free time; and ice cream every day! At the end of Vintage Ventures we are ready to meet life's challenges.

Deans: Pat Seaward & Nancy MacArthur \$149

SESSIONS FOR ADULTS



Rainbow Camp
GLBTQI Weekend

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Intersex men and women 21 years old and older

September 28-30 *Friday evening to Sunday after lunch*
Come out to the Rainbow Camp at Pilgrim Lodge. This brand new offering is for GLBTQI adults. Come and experience Pilgrim Lodge as you've not experienced it before. We will have time for fun, fellowship, caring, sharing, supporting one another, discussing the overlap of sexuality and spiritually, and making new friends from around the state. We will swim, paddle, sing and share in worship together by beautiful Lake Cobbosseecontee. Sign up early as space will be limited!!
Dean: Bill Walsh \$115



2 additional days!

Lighten Up, Loosen Up

Adults 21 years and older
Monday morning to Saturday afternoon
Pro-rated to three or four days

August 17-22
Do you spend your summer doing for everyone else? Then we have the camp for you! If you have a project you've been wanting to do: painting, quilting, knitting, crocheting, beading, reading, organizing old photos, whatever - bring it with you OR you can simply relish the time to swim, hike, go boating or fishing, play games, do puzzles or walk the labyrinth. We'll feed you, but the "rest" is up to you. Programming is minimal and optional.
Deans: Allie Rimkunas and Joan Morton 6 days \$160
Can't make a whole week? Arrive on Wed. \$115
Arrive on Thurs. \$ 86

Volunteer Work Days:



Jump Start Workdays

8:30am-4:00pm April 24 & 25

Now more than ever PL needs volunteers to make camp possible. In the front of this brochure is a statement about PL being "your church's summer camp." We need people to help open and close the camp as well as help with special projects and ongoing maintenance. Your goodwill and elbow grease will have lasting and real results that will help children, youth and adults experience the holy and grow in faith. Jump Start is always on the last Saturday of April and the day before. Fall Work day is always on the last Saturday of October. We welcome youth groups and children from sixth grade and older. We ask you to leave younger children at home for safety and insurance reasons. At both events children in 6th through 8th grade need to have an adult with them who can supervise them, and older youth need an adult ratio of one to five. Children need permission slips and health forms available online or by phone. Friday at Jump Start is sparsely attended but gets us set up and going. No meals are served on Friday because the kitchen isn't ready. If you would like to stay over on Friday night please call in advance. We'll have Saturday breakfast ready if you stay over, and Saturday lunch is free for everyone. New this year, youth groups who work can stay over Saturday night for free to attend the youth group overnight (see next page). Groups need adults with them. If you're coming in the fall to help close camp bring a bag lunch, we're scrubbing and closing the kitchen. To both events bring garden tools, working tools with which you may be skilled, work gloves, and warm clothes.
Dean: Steve Jones

More information, and youth forms are available at:

www.pilgrimlodge.org/adultwork.html & www.pilgrimlodge.org/fallwork.html

October 31 8:30am-4:00pm



Please Be A Counselor Kids need you.
www.pilgrimlodge.org



Youth Group Overnight

April 25-26



This is a special event for middle and senior high youth groups of the Maine Conference. The event is free for groups who work on Saturday at Jump Start Weekend (see previous page). If you just want to come overnight your group will arrive around 5:30 having eaten supper. Groups will stay together in cabins. There will be both centralized programming provided by PL as well as time for your individual group building. Groups need a 1:7 adult ratio covering both genders. It will be cold so bundle up. You may register for this event by phone only (724-3200). Breakfast and lunch are included. The event concludes after lunch although groups are welcome to stay and provide their own programming throughout the afternoon. More info by web or phone.

\$25 per person (free for those who work Saturday 4/25)
Deans: Bryan Breault and the Outdoor Ministries Committee

Session One: June 21-23

Deans: Ben and Betty Ann Haskell

Session Two: August 23-25

Deans: Dianne Tinkham & Stacey Mulrey

Arrive mid-morning Sunday

Depart mid-morning Tuesday

Grandparents camp is a short but sacred time for grandparents and grandchildren to make lifelong memories of quality time spent together in God's creation on the shores of Lake Cobbosseecontee. We will get to know each other as members of the human family. We will get to know our young grandchildren in a special way; away from the world of television, fast food chains and video games. Quiet times, play time, family time and worship time will make it a special time like no other. It may also start your grandchild on the wonderful journey as a Pilgrim Lodge camper and what a remarkable gift that is!

Grandparents & Grandchildren



\$75 per person

Family Camp Labor Day Weekend



that...great activities, games, singing, boating, hiking, swimming, napping, daily ice cream cones, and worship services outside in "God's Cathedral." Whether your family has been coming to Family Camp for years or this will be your first year -- ALL families are welcome at Family Camp 2009. Families come in all shapes, sizes, ages, and configurations. No family is turned away until the camp is full. Register early to secure your spot!

Dean: Amanda Hilton

\$90 per person

September 4-7

Arrive after supper Friday

Depart after lunch on Monday

Think ahead to Labor Day Weekend - Summer is winding down, school and Fall activities are gearing up, and you wonder when time started moving so fast. Now, imagine this... One long weekend in the woods, on a beautiful lake, for time with family, fun, fellowship, and great food you don't have to prepare, complete with your own cabin (one per family unit) with indoor plumbing. This is family camping at its best. Add to all of



Honduras: February 2010

Orientation at PL: August 25-28

As part of the Honduras Partnership of the Maine Conference, a group of young people and advisors will fly to San Pedro Sula, Honduras in February of 2010 for seven nights. We will get to know a group of young people from the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Honduras by sharing times of work, worship and fellowship. We will learn about the culture and country of Honduras as we travel to several areas including Copan where we will view the Mayan Ruins.

We will give our time and energy in mission working with members of one of our partner churches on a project in the San Pedro Sula area. We are just beginning to make our plans and we would like all members of the trip to take part in designing our time in Honduras. Our adventure will begin with three mandatory nights at Pilgrim Lodge from August 25 to 28. All those who would like to go on the trip need to sign up for this event. Young people must be in Grade 9 to Post High. Dean: Sally Colegrove. Orientation Fee: \$125, Trip fee to be announced



Maine Conference Youth Trip to Honduras

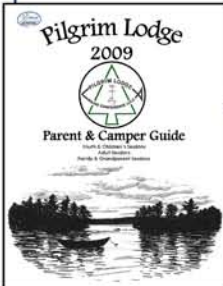
The 2009 Pilgrim Lodge Mission Focus:



Good Shepherd Food-Bank
Feeding Maine's Hungry



Find out more online or in the 2009 Parent & Camper Guide



How to register

1. Read the Pilgrim Lodge 2009 Parent & Camper Guide available at:

www.pilgrimlodge.org/2009guide.pdf

or by calling 207-724-3200

2. **Either** go to www.pilgrimlodge.org and register online using a credit card **OR** send in the forms contained in the Camper-Parent Guide to the camp address on the form along with a check or money order. Week-long camps require a \$75 non-refundable deposit. Shorter camps require a \$50 non-refundable deposit. Details are in the Parent & Camper guide.

What's in the guide?

- Directions to camp
- Policies & procedures
- Health Forms
- Online photo account instructions
- One way E-mail instructions
- Conference Scholarship Information
- Overview of program & philosophy
- Registration Forms (not for online)
- What to Bring
- A typical day at camp

CHANGE IN PROCEDURE:

Registration will be administrated by Karen Steelhammer in West Gardiner. All forms are now being sent directly to camp: 103 Pilgrim Lodge Lane, West Gardiner, ME 04345
karen@pilgrimlodge.org 207-724-3200





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