

A serene sunset scene over a calm lake. The sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by dark tree branches in the foreground. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and wispy clouds. The sun's reflection is visible on the water's surface. In the foreground, a wooden dock with vertical slats extends into the water. A line of dark buoys is visible in the middle ground. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

# Pilgrim Lodge 2007

On The Way



Pilgrim Lodge must be experienced to be understood. The natural beauty is beyond words, surrounding and filling the souls who take part in its ministry of connection. Each week the Spirit playfully breezes along as lifelong friendships are formed; and faith is encouraged, challenged and developed. Children discover, and adults get reacquainted with, their genuine self. Inspiration is infused into lives through the power of love, nature and God. Along the shores of Lake Cobbosseecontee, in West Gardiner, Maine, the Maine Conference, United Church of Christ is blessed to create this ministry of inclusion. We teach stories from the Bible, as well as critical thinking. We find creative and fun new ways to bring meaning and enjoyment to worship. We celebrate and explore the power of story and metaphor. We set the table for the feast God offers, without the arrogance of assuming we have all the answers, or that everyone's experience of God is identical. We encourage and empower people to listen for God; we do not claim to speak God's voice. Often this empowerment comes from recognizing the divine through healthy human connection: Christ is in the eyes and hearts of our brothers and sisters. In seeking, and finding that connection in one another, we recognize it within ourselves. While Pilgrim Lodge uses the venue of summer camp with opportunities for adults, children, and families, it is so much more. We invite you to become unplugged from the rest of the world for a time, and into an experience of grace.





# Pilgrim Lodge 2007

*A ministry of the Maine Conference United Church of Christ*

**Our mission** is to help young people and adults grow as Christians. We achieve this growth through week long experiences in group living involving exposure to the world of nature, helpful caring relationships, experiences of sharing, recreation, fellowship, and worship. By engaging in purposeful programming, campers and counselors broaden their understanding of God and the 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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# Opportunities to Volunteer

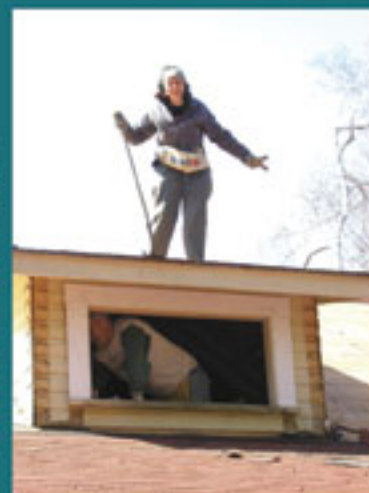
## Be a Counselor!



Pilgrim Lodge could not function without its volunteer counselors. You don't need to have all the answers, just be willing to spend time with children and teenagers. Please help our vital ministry with the gift of your time. Most counselors come back year after year because a week at Pilgrim Lodge is such a rich and rewarding experience for everyone involved. You must be at least 18 years old and two years older than the oldest camper. Those between 16 and 18 years may serve as a counselor in training (CIT) for camps with younger participants (see page 11). Take a look at which sessions you are most interested in, and then call (724-3200) or E-mail Karen (karen@pilgrimlodge.org) You will be teamed up with a dean who will send you background check forms and ask you for recommendations (including your pastor). You will be asked to attend meetings prior to your session to get to know your fellow counselors, learn about the program, and receive basic counselor training. As a thank you, we will reduce the camper fee for one immediate family member by \$75.

## April 27-28 Fri-Sat Jump Start Weekend Adults and Youth 6th grade and older with adult supervision No Cost (but donations are accepted) Register by Phone!

Meals Served: Saturday Breakfast for those staying over Friday, Lunch Saturday for everyone. An important and fun PL work weekend, Jump Start is an opportunity to serve as we open the camp and polish up for the new season. We need people of all abilities. Basic gardening, yard work and cleaning are just the beginning. We also have projects needing light carpentry, roofing, chain sawing, and wood splitting and stacking. If you can just come for Saturday, great, but give us a call and let us know you are coming. There is no charge. Please, no children younger than 6th grade due to safety concerns. 6th-8th graders may attend if they are accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them throughout the event, such as a parent or youth leader. Everyone under 18 will need a health form signed by their doctor and parents as well as a signed permission slip from their parent or guardian (call Cathy at 1-800-244-0937 or go on-line). You may use the same health form later this summer. If you are a youth leader bringing a group be sure to call ahead so we have a project ready for your group. Youth groups are welcome to spend the night Friday if they are planning to work on Saturday.



## October 27 Fall Work Day! Bring Your Lunch!



### Adults and Youth 6th grade and older with adult supervision No Cost (but donations are accepted) Register by Phone!

After a full season it will be time to put PL to bed for the winter. Come on up and help us out. We'll be shutting down the kitchen so bring your lunch. Please, no children younger than 6th grade due to safety concerns. 6th-8th graders may attend if they are accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them throughout the day, such as a parent or youth leader. Everyone under 18 will need a health form signed by their doctor and parents as well as a signed permission slip from their parent or guardian (call Cathy at 1-800-244-0937 or go on-line). You may use the same health form from earlier in the summer. If you are a youth leader bringing a group be sure to call ahead so we have a project ready for your group.

## The Pilgrim Lodge Labyrinth

Nestled in the woods, just past Edna's point and not far from the lake, you will find the Pilgrim Lodge Labyrinth. It is an 8-course labyrinth on a cruciform pattern, meaning there are four quarters as in Chartres cathedral (which is a 900 year-old 11-course labyrinth). The paths are almost four feet wide, so there is room for people to pass. The field stones that mark the way are taken from the cabin chimneys that had to be torn down. The labyrinth is 84 feet in diameter. As you enter the labyrinth, and again as you enter the center, you are facing east. We consider it an extension of the PL chapel and trust it will be treated as sacred space. We are excited to make use of the labyrinth this summer. Parents of campers can visit the labyrinth during registration. All others should call the Pilgrim Lodge office before visiting to walk the labyrinth.

Much more information can be found at [www.pilgrimlodge.org](http://www.pilgrimlodge.org)





# Opportunities for Adults

Also see  
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on page 16

## MEN 21 YEARS AND ABOVE

June 1-3 Men's Weekend

Dean: Rev. Gil Healy

\$95

**NEW!**

Many of us drop off our children at PL, or perhaps offer our time working on building and fixing the site during workdays. Even if you have never had the pleasure of visiting the Pilgrim Lodge site, this is a unique opportunity for the men of the Maine Conference to gather for companionship, worship, and a time apart. We'll use the time for rest and relaxation as well as exploring what it means to be a man in our culture: How does the spirit that dwells *inside* us vary from the roles that are expected of us? We'll look to discover and invent forms of worship that speak to our genuine selves. Be a part of something new as we move from the realm of the head to that of the heart.



## WOMEN 21 YEARS AND ABOVE

June 8-10 Women at the Well

Deans: Anne Hodgman & Rev. Deborah Breault

\$95

Join us on the shores of Lake Cobbosseecontee as we discover wells of living water that nourish and renew our spirits. Come and quench your thirst for relaxation, reflection, friendship and fellowship in this time apart. Journey with us as we read the book "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult and consider what it means to be a good parent, a good sister, a good person. This text will be the focus of our discussion time, but there will be lots of time for walking the labyrinth, swimming, spiritual renewal and sharing a cup of tea on the lodge porch. We hope you'll join us.



## Young Adults

2006 grads to age 29

June 10-12 Edna's Points \$95

Dean: Ben Bigney

What, exactly, was Edna's Point? As campers we all visited the beautiful outlook on the lake named in her honor. But why did she go there? And why did she return to camp year after year? "Edna's Points" is a 3 day camp for those who are a year out of high school through age 29, and is open to both new and returning campers. Come to camp and (re)discover what it means to go to

the wilderness and pray. Come to camp and (re)discover what it means to have Christian fellowship in a sacred space. And come to camp to discover how you can be involved, as an adult, here at Pilgrim Lodge!

**NEW!**

## Adults Age 55 and above

June 12-15 Vintage Ventures \$125

Deans: Pat Seaward

& Nancy MacArthur

55? That magical age is your admission ticket to Vintage Ventures! Three days filled with, fun, friends, prayer, relaxation, recreation, re-creation, reflection, renewal, spirit, thanksgiving.....and ice cream! Come see for yourself: there is something for everyone!



## Adults Only!

August 23-26 Lighten Up, Loosen Up

\$100

Deans: Allie Rimkunas & Joan Morton

This is the best kept secret of the summer! This will be our 3rd year offering our retreat and so far we've almost broken records for "most rest gotten." We've also been quietly kayaking, swimming, reading, sitting, knitting, drawing, walking, breathing, sleeping, thinking, painting, eating, looking, photographing, and just about every other "-ing" thing imaginable. So come join us for what could be the most relaxing days of your year. Programming is both minimal and optional. All we plan is meals, the "rest" is up to you!





# Opportunities for Families

## GRANDPARENTS & GRANDCHILDREN 5 years old and older

Session 1 (GG1)

July 8-10, Adults \$85, Children \$45

Deans: Betty Ann & Ben Haskell

Session 2 (GG2)

August 20-22, Adults \$85, Children \$45

Deans: Stacey Mulrey & Diane Tinkham



Grandparent's camp is a short but sacred time for grandparents and their grandchildren to make wonderful memories of the 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 and we will get to know our young grandchildren in special ways away from the world of television, fast food chains, and video games. Quiet time, 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 great gift that would be to each one. So pack your bug repellent, bathing suit, and Bible and join us, won't you please?



## Families

August 31-September 3

Family Camp

Adults \$107 Children \$53

Deans: Mary Strain & Mary Anne Moisan

On Labor Day weekend we pause, as we are 'On the Way' from summer to fall, from one school year to the next: a time of transition and preparation. Join us at Family Camp for a long weekend to relax, worship and play, unplugged, with your own family and others of all descriptions from around the state. A seven year old says "I can pray and have fun and play with best friends I hardly ever see!" A twelve year old says "a family can spend the whole weekend together; no work, no school, just enjoy yourself and God in the outdoors!" There will be worship, water play, meals, walking the labyrinth, singing--and even relaxation in your own lakeside cabin. You may just start a family tradition. Space is limited, so please reserve early!



## Important Information

### That parents must read before signing the registration form

**Payment & Refunds:** A non-refundable deposit of \$75 (or other amount if indicated) is required with the initial registration. The balance is due at the conference office two weeks before the start of the event. **We no longer accept payment at camp.** If payment is not received on time, campers may forfeit their spot to others on the waiting list. Campers with open invoices from previous years will not be allowed to register until such invoices are paid. If a camper withdraws more than one week before the start of a session, the deposit will be forfeited, but any additional payments that have been made will be refunded. If a camper withdraws one week or less before the start of a session, the parent (or adult camper) will be responsible for the full camp fee; no refunds will be made. **There is no refund for campers sent home for illness, homesickness, injury or discipline.**

**Potential Tax on Camp Registrations:** The Maine State legislature is considering taxing portions of camp such as food service. In the event that such a law is passed, parents (or adult campers) will be notified and responsible to pay such taxes in addition to their camp fee.

**Behavior:** Certain behaviors which are deemed inappropriate, may result in a camper being sent home and the camper's minister being notified. These behaviors include, but are not limited to, fighting; hitting; biting; stealing; destruction of, or intrusion into, another's property; threatening another; defying a counselor or dean; refusal to eat; wandering from established program areas; sexual activity; possession or use of cell phones; or possession of weapons. Any camper sent home will be reaccepted for an Outdoor Ministries event only after consultation with the Outdoor Ministries Committee and the Director of Outdoor Ministries.

**Health Form Requirements:** **CHANGE IN POLICY** *Health forms are to be mailed to camp (not Yarmouth) at least two weeks prior to camp.* Health forms are available on-line, or will be mailed by request. Parents fill out the first three pages, including vaccination records. A doctor's signature is needed on the fourth page requiring a physical examination by a licensed physician within the last two years. A physical form signed by a doctor within the last **two years** that clears the camper for school sports or other activities may be substituted for page four. If a camper has a health form on file at Pilgrim Lodge, signed by a doctor in 2006, parents may check and re-sign last year's form upon arrival. Please call 207-724-3200 if you are not sure if your child's health form is still valid.

**Medications:** All medications (including non-prescription medicines) must be turned over to the camp nurse or designated trip leader at registration. Do not bring common over the counter medications such as Tylenol - they are available from the camp nurse. Medications should be clearly marked with the camper's name, the name of the medication, and usage instructions. Unused medications are to be picked up at the end of the week. We recommend you speak with your doctor about your child remaining on medications prescribed during the school year while at camp.

**Disclosure of Medical Conditions:** In order for us to help your child have the best experience possible, the Camp Director needs to be aware in advance of any physical, emotional or behavioral needs a child may have. Special arrangements can be made. This information is shared only with those responsible for the care of your child.

**Screening:** A camp nurse will train staff members to perform a brief health screening upon arrival. This includes recording of the camper's temperature, questions, and a check for evidence of head lice.

**Health Care:** A nurse is on duty during all youth camps, with standing orders from a doctor on call. We will attempt to reach parents if an illness or injury requires a visit to our on-call doctor's office or the emergency room. If we cannot reach parents, we will bring the camper for treatment and continue to try to reach parents. Parents or guardians are responsible for health care costs should a camper need to be brought to our on-call doctor's office, pharmacy, or the emergency room. Invoices for such visits will be given to parents when they pick up their camper. Parents are responsible for payment directly to the health care provider. At the time the camper is picked up, parents will reimburse the Maine Conference for prescription medication purchased on a camper's behalf.

**Insect Repellent and Sunscreen:** Lyme Disease and other insect-borne illnesses are a risk in any outdoor activity in the state of Maine. Campers need to bring and apply appropriate, non-aerosol insect repellent. Exposure to the sun also carries risk. Campers need to bring and apply sunscreen with an SPF factor of at least 15 before outdoor activities.

**Open Registration:** Rules concerning acceptance and participation in all Maine Conference Outdoor Ministries events are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, sexual orientation, gender, or national origin.

**Smoking:** Events sponsored by the Outdoor Ministries Committee are smoke-free.

**Alcohol and Drugs:** Alcohol and other drugs are not permitted at Pilgrim Lodge or Outdoor Ministries events. Drugs include inhalants such as gas or glue and the misuse of over the counter or prescription medicine. Anyone using or possessing alcohol or illegal drugs will be sent home immediately and the camper's minister will be notified. All prescription & nonprescription drugs must be given to the nurse at registration.

**Fireworks:** Fireworks are not permitted at Pilgrim Lodge or at Outdoor Ministries sponsored events. Anyone using or possessing fireworks will be sent home immediately and their minister will be notified.

**Scholarships:** Scholarships are available from the Maine Conference United Church of Christ for members of Maine Conference churches. Application for scholarships can be found in this brochure or on-line. In addition, many local churches have their own camp scholarship program. Please ask your pastor if such a program is available in your church.

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## Important Information

**That parents must read before signing the registration form (continued from previous page)**

**Publicity:** Photographs taken of campers may be used for promotion by the Maine Conference, including, but not limited to: future camp brochures, promotional slide shows and video presentations, and the Pilgrim Lodge website. Children's names are not listed on the website with their photos.

**Drop Off and Pick Up:** Unless you read differently in a dean's letter, campers should arrive on Sunday, the first day of camp, no earlier than 2:00 PM. Registration is from 2:00-4:00 PM. Campers should be picked up Saturday between 9:30 and 10:30 in the morning. Closing programs may be planned so check your dean's letter!

**Visitation:** Parents, family members and friends of campers are cordially invited to visit during registration and departure only. At other times campers will be fully occupied and family and friends are asked to please refrain from visiting or calling campers by telephone.

**U.S. Mail to campers:** Letters from home are encouraged. Please keep letters upbeat and do not focus on how much you miss your camper. **Do not mail candy or food.** Do not send any mail after Thursday's pickup. Address letters this way:

**Camper's Name, Cabin #**[camper's cabin number]  
**Name of session** (ie: "Arts Alive")  
**Pilgrim Lodge**  
**103 Pilgrim Lodge Lane**  
**West Gardiner, ME 04345**

**E-mailing campers:** One email per day please. Do not send email prior to camper's arrival. Do not send attached files, or on-line cards; they will be discarded. Campers will receive a print out of your email but will not have access to electronic reply.

**Subject line:** To [camper's full name], **cabin #** [camper's cabin number]  
**Send to:** "camper@pilgrimlodge.org" Don't write your camper's proper name, just the word "camper."

**Faxing campers:** One fax per day please. Do not send fax's prior to camper's arrival. Campers will receive a printed copy of your fax, but will not have access to electronic reply. No cover page needed. At the top of fax write:

**To** [camper's full name], **cabin #**[cabin number]. **Send to 207-724-3732.**

**Camp Store, Mission, and Store Accounts:** The camp store sells postcards and stamps, Pilgrim Lodge T-shirts, hats, and flashlights, memorabilia, and necessary items such as toothbrushes, and film. All proceeds from the Pilgrim Lodge store go directly to support the ministry of Pilgrim Lodge. Clothing purchased at the camp store is certified sweat-shop and child labor free. No cash is accepted at the store during the week. Parents set up camper store accounts on arrival that is drawn down during the week. On Saturday you will receive any change due. During the week the store will open once a day for ice-cream sales (75 cents per cone) and once a day for other items. During the week campers will be presented with information on the camp's mission project (see page 14). Campers will be invited to make an offering to the project from their store accounts.

**Pre-camp Visits** Parents concerned that their child is nervous or may become homesick can do some things to help the child prepare for camp. A visit to camp ahead of time is the best way for a child to know what to expect. Please call before you visit. Coming to camp with a friend is another good idea (although we do not house friends in the same cabin).

**Campers staying in the same cabin with friends from home:** We do not house friends from the same church together, nor do we grant requests for campers to be together. Our experience is that friends from home tend to relate to one another instead of getting to know new cabin mates. We hope campers will make new friends in their cabin. Cabin time is limited and there is ample time for friends to be together during camp.

**Group Photos:** Every camper will receive an 8X10 photo of all the people in their camp. CD-Roms of digital photos from your campers week can be purchased at the camp store. If you pre-order a CD on arrival, you will save the cost of postage.

**Phone Calls:** Phones are available for use by campers only in case of emergency. The office phone number is 207-724-3200. If the office is closed IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY ONLY you may call 207-724-3300.

**Counselorships:** In appreciation of parents volunteering to be counselors, a **\$75** credit will be granted toward their child's camp fee for each week a parent is a counselor. Counselorships may be applied to any 2007 Pilgrim Lodge program, but for immediate family only. Counselorships must be applied during the summer in which the parent serves as a counselor. Counselorships are not to be used for registration deposits.

**Arriving Late, Early, or Leaving Camp for Appointments:** In order to create a camp community, we need the full participation of all campers. Please schedule all routine appointments and activities accordingly. Please select a camp week that does not conflict. Any departures are for family emergencies only.



## 2007 Pilgrim Lodge Registration

### What's with that big second page on the registration form?

The *application for free and reduced school meals* is new. Money received will go directly into our food operations budget to help keep the cost of camp down. Our neighbors at Camp Mechuwana started this program ten years ago as an experiment; since then they have received more than \$85,200.

The forms are confidential and the information will only be used to determine eligibility. No one at camp will know who is eligible and who is not. **It is important that everyone complete this form, even if you are sure you do not qualify.** Standards set for summer camps are lower than public schools so many who do not qualify at school will qualify here. Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

Sincerely,

Rev. Bryan S. Breault, Director

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.)

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Please send all registration material to the Maine Conference office:

**Pilgrim Lodge Registrar, Cathy Croudin**  
**Maine Conference, United Church of Christ**  
**P.O. Box 966**  
**Yarmouth, ME 04096-1966**

For information and answers to questions about registration, call Cathy at **(207) 846-5118** or within Maine call toll Free: **1-800-244-0937** or e-mail: **cathycroudin@maineucc.org**

Parents or guardians: You must read the information on pages 5 & 6 of this brochure and sign the registration form indicating you have done so. Campers are asked to sign as well. Please assist younger campers.

Registration Deposit: \$75 per camper per event (unless stated otherwise in the event description) applied toward the full fee. A deposit must accompany each registration. **See page 5 "Payment and Refunds" for information on payment.** Fully completed registration forms are accepted in the order in which they are received. Registration forms not signed by parents and campers will be returned, the camper will not be eligible for registration until the signed form is returned to the Yarmouth office. Send completed registration forms and a deposit check to the above address. **Checks should be made payable to "Maine Conference UCC."**

Campers entering grade 4-9 may register for only one Pilgrim Lodge camp until June 1. Grades 10-12 may register for more than one event. After June 1, campers entering grades 4-9 may register for a second event. Campers may also register for a family camp and/or other specialty camp in addition to their Pilgrim Lodge camp before June 1.

All events are subject to cancellation due to insufficient registration. If an event is cancelled, full refund of payments (including registration deposit) will be made. Confirmation notices will be sent after a registration is received and accepted.





# 2007 PILGRIM LODGE REGISTRATION

Please fill out the next page too

Health Forms are available at [www.pilgrimlodge.org](http://www.pilgrimlodge.org)

CHECK TO RECEIVE A HEALTH FORM BY US MAIL (I do not have internet access)

**Camper Name :** \_\_\_\_\_ (for Family or Grandparents camp, choose one adult)

**Address:**  check if returning with the same address as last year  
Address of new Campers or if the camper moved:

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering for the following camp: (enter camp initials i.e.: "Finding God's Way" = FGW)

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**First Choice** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second Choice** \_\_\_\_\_

**For Youth Camp Registrations:**

Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work or Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work or Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent e-mail (kept private, for our use only) please print: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper e-mail (NOTE: this email address will be distributed to other event participants. If you do NOT want your child's email address distributed, leave this blank.)

Please print \_\_\_\_\_

Camper Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade ENTERING in autumn 2007 \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Release/Assumption of Risk Agreement/Agreement to Indemnify & Hold Harmless/Certification of Agreement:** Each person signing below understands that participation in the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ ("Maine Conference") program can involve the risk of damage and injury, including serious injury, to both people and property. Each person signing below understands and agrees that Maine Conference, its agents, officers and employees, accept no responsibility, and will not be liable, for any injury, harm or damage to his/her person or property (including, but not limited to, injury, harm or damage caused by negligence of Maine Conference, its agents, officers or employees) occurring during or arising out of participation in any Maine Conference program. To the fullest extent permitted by law, each person signing below agrees to assume all risk of injury, harm or damage to his/her person or property arising during or in connection with said Maine Conference program. Each person signing below hereby releases and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Maine Conference, its agents, officers and employees, from any and all liability, actions, damages and claims of any kind and nature whatsoever for any injury, harm or damage to his/her person or property (including, but not limited to, injury, harm or damage caused by negligence of Maine Conference, its agents, officers or employees) that may arise or occur during or in connection with said program. Each person signing below has read through all the rules, regulations and policies contained in the 2007 Pilgrim Lodge brochure. Each person signing below further understands and agrees to abide by these rules, regulations and policies at all times. In addition, each person signing below is aware that a list of camper names and addresses is distributed to event participants at the end of camp (phone numbers are not included). Each person signing below permits the Maine Conference to use images of me or my child taken at Pilgrim Lodge or its camp trips in promotion of Maine Conference programs, including, but not limited to, future camp brochures, promotional slide shows, video presentations and the Pilgrim Lodge website. Each person signing below is aware that campers are not allowed to bring cell phones to outdoor ministry events and that a camper may be sent home for possession or use of a cell phone.

Parent or guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Camper's signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

**For Family, Grandparents and A Day at Camp:**

Individual's Name	Birthday	Gender	Relationship (son, granddaughter etc)	Camper Signature attesting to above Participant Release...	PARENT of minor attesting to above Participant Release...

Please make checks payable to "Maine Conference, UCC"

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You may copy this form

Please fill out the next page too   
See page 7 for information as to why this is necessary.

Office use:  
REC \_\_\_\_\_  
Check \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_  
PIF \_\_\_\_\_  
Schol \_\_\_\_\_  
Reg # \_\_\_\_\_  
Cashhp \_\_\_\_\_









2006 Wilderness Awakening campers atop Mt. Kineo

## Trip Camps

For those entering 10th grade - class of 2007 graduates

July 8-14, Wilderness Awakenings  
Deans: Mike Seavey & Corie McCarthy  
\$315

Come with us on an historic voyage on Moosehead Lake in a rowboat! We'll use two of Harry Sylvester's hand-crafted 22 ft. 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'll experience the natural world up close and personal while we learn team-building skills. Let yourself relax and grow spiritually in the woods of Maine for a week and learn to trust 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.

July 21-28, White Mountain Adventure  
Deans: Rev. Kevin Pleas & Amanda Kimball

\$596 (non-refundable deposit of \$150)  
If you love to be active in the great outdoors, if you enjoy a challenge, this is one you don't want to miss. From a base camp at Dolly Copp Campground, we will go out Mountain Biking at Great Glenn Trails, White Water Kayaking on the Androscoggin River, and Rock Climbing with the International Mountain School. We'll then spend four days hiking along the White Mountain's spectacular Presidential Range, spending three nights at the Appalachian Mountain Club's famous High Mountain Huts: Mizpah, Lakes of the Clouds and Madison. As you can read from the AMC's webbed ([www.outdoors.org](http://www.outdoors.org)) "Each hut offers bunkering accommodations, running water, and one-of-a-kind views ... [and] full-service lodging with hearty breakfasts and dinners prepared by the experienced hut crew." Each hut offers a warm, friendly atmosphere and even live entertainment. This "Hut to Hut" approach means that we will only be carrying light packs. This allows us to spend less time lugging and more time enjoying the exceptional scenery. National wilderness restrictions do apply, which means we are limited to a maximum of eight campers. So sign up early, and plan to have an experience you will never forget.

August 5-11, Senior High Manitou Island  
Limit: 6 boys, 6 girls.  
Dean: Rocky Ackroyd

\$215  
Consider an island adventure at Pilgrim Lodge. Of course it will include campfires, swimming, canoes, cooking over a fire, (washing a few dishes), quiet starlight conversation - but it is much more than that. Pilgrim Lodge is a place where your mind and heart are opened up to the world around us and our inner selves. We are different people as we drive past the farmhouse and out of the PL driveway. Anyone who has made that short drive after a week at camp knows what I mean. So I say again - consider island adventure at Pilgrim lodge. Come find your passions in life and share your experiences in a small community and you will find the ways that will make a difference.







For those entering 8th grade through class of 2007 graduates  
June 24-30, Arts Alive 2007: Vaya con Dios! (On the Way With God!)

Deans: Rev. Sally Colegrove, Rachel Tracy, Jennifer Chenard \$305

This will be an amazing week as we will be joined by a dozen friends, "amigos," from Honduras. Together we will consider the issues and events which we are called to face in our world today as we all journey with God. As creative artists, we will look at our lives, our faith, and our world through our art, music, writing, and drama. Spanish is not necessary to be able to journey with us because the creative arts provide us with many forms of communication. This week however, will be a great chance for those who do speak Spanish to get into conversation. Middlers and seniors will have time apart as well as time together.

For those entering 10th grade through class of 2007 graduates  
July 15-21, Senior High: On The Way

Dean: Pam Burnham

\$305

The journey is an image more of process than destination. Our journey of faith is on-going, changing direction and focus as we continually strive to grow more fully into God's intention for humanity. We will be blessed, led, challenged, sent, and finally rejoicing "on the way" in our week at PL.



**Senior High Schoolers:**  
Be sure to check out the trip to General Synod on page 16 too!



For 16 & 17 year olds

June 15 & 16

CIT Training

(Note: the printed brochure lists this oncorrectly - This is the correct date),

Deans: Joanne Bartlett & Rev. Bryan Breault

\$35

Did you come to PL as a young camper and have CIT's who made a huge impact on your PL experience? They were almost grown-up, but understood your thoughts and feelings. They played and related to you differently than the counselors. Even if you're new to Pilgrim Lodge, you can experience being a CIT. You need to be at least 16, be two years older than the campers of your event, be registered yourself for as a camper for a different week. If you are 16 or 17, now is your opportunity to get to give a younger camper that same experience and develop your own counseling skills. Pilgrim Lodge relies on CIT's to help provide the best program we can. You must attend this training if you want to be a CIT - even if you attended last year. This will help you understand your roles and responsibilities of being a CIT. More information and requirements can be found at: [www.pilgrimlodge.org/pages/cit.html](http://www.pilgrimlodge.org/pages/cit.html) or call 207-724-3200







For those entering grades 8-9

July 29-Aug. 4

Middler Spirit

Deans: Laura Barrantes & Amber Jensen

\$305

On the way to a perfect summer, you can't go wrong with a week at Middler Spirit. Join us and create wonderful memories during a week filled with fun activities, like cookouts, monster races, singing, yelling, diving, and of course, swimming, boating, crafts, and nature. During Middler Spirit, we promise you'll make new friends while spending time with friends from camps past. There is no better place to be than Pilgrim Lodge with its sparkling lake and tree covered ceiling. We're on the way to another spirit-filled week at Pilgrim Lodge, and we want you to travel on the journey with us. As counselors and deans who love Pilgrim Lodge and Middler campers, doing things pilgrimlogically is our mission. YOU are a welcome addition to our week, and we look forward to being at Pilgrim Lodge with you. As one of our campers once said, "I was accepted right away in the family of kids who had come before, and I felt loved." Come, make memories with us and be pilgrimlogical!



For those entering grades 7-9

July 1-7

Further Along the Way

Deans: Rev. Michelle Wiley & Eric C. Smith

\$305

We are all on a journey of faith and, like any well trained group of hikers, we help each other to "go the mile and share the load" (as one song puts it). So what is it about Pilgrim Lodge that helps move you *Further Along the Way*? Could it be the campfires with s'mores and the shared meals? Or is it the special feelings of awe and wonder when the loons pray with us during Chapel? Or maybe it's the swimming and boating and games and challenges? It might be the singing and creating and dancing and walking. Possibly it's all of the above and more! More because we share it TOGETHER! Whatever it is for you come share that excitement with others. So whether you are a first time Pler or a returning PL enthusiast come experience God's love as we playfully and prayerfully walk with each other *Further Along the Way*.



For those entering grades 6-7

August 5-11

All Around Me

Deans: Sara & Peter Godfrey

\$305

The world God created is indeed all around us. However, it is also filled with things that we have created. Computers, stereos, iPods, DVD's, telephones, cell phones, traffic, radios, the internet. To fully appreciate God's world, put these things aside and join us for a spiritual, fun-filled week. Discover the joys of camp songs, boating, nature trails, beautiful sunsets, making new friends, swimming, playing games, and more! Come join Sara and Peter and all the great counselors and staff at Pilgrim Lodge for an unforgettable summer.





## For those entering grades 5-7

July 22-28

Finding God's Way

Deans: Bill Ingraham & Karen Choate

\$305

Let us join Abraham, Sara, Ruth, Jesus, Peter and John as God shows them a new way. We will learn about watching and listening for God's voice and finding the way that God would like us to go while learning about being a community and taking care of God's world and each other in our community.



## For those entering grades 4 & 5

August 12-18

Celebrate Your Song

Deans: Matt & Jennifer Hayden

\$305

Pilgrim Lodge is a special place for many people. Some people come to Pilgrim Lodge to find new friends. Some people come to Pilgrim Lodge to find out more about themselves. But all people come to Pilgrim Lodge to be closer to God. Come and celebrate your song with us. Laugh, learn, love, sing, dance, and above all else, find God's love. From the somber call of the loons, to the wild and crazy outrageous outfit night, you will find yourself experiencing all the things that make Pilgrim Lodge unique. We cannot wait to celebrate *your* song, and share the magnificence of God's creation!

## For those entering grades 4 & 5

**HALF WEEK**

Wednesday-Saturday, July 11-14

Faith Foundations

Deans: Jim & Cindy Wright

\$157

Are you looking for some fun this summer and a full week camp is not for you? Then sign up for Faith Foundations and you'll be well on your way to making some great memories with lots of new friends. This half-week camp, designed with the first time camper in mind, is a great way to discover PL, 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 the way to fun this summer!



## For those entering grades K-3 Adults \$12, children \$6 (deposit \$15)

Sunday, August 19th, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

A Day at Camp!

Deans: The Outdoor Ministries Committee and the camp staff

Parents and children, come to camp for the day! The day is structured to include a sample of camp life: swimming boating, singing, games, worship and crafts. Parents will stay with their children. Siblings of a different age may accompany their brothers or sisters but must stay with their parents. Lunch is included. It's Sunday and chapel begins at 10 am! Please use the Family and Grandparents section of the registration form.







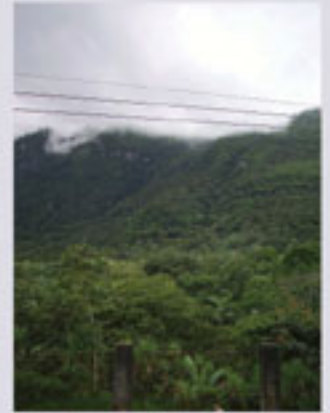
## The 2007 Pilgrim Lodge Mission Project Above the Clouds in Honduras

Each summer the Outdoor Ministries Committee chooses a mission project. This summer Pilgrim Lodge will team up with another ministry of the Maine Conference: The Honduras Partnership. The Maine Conference lives in covenant with the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Honduras to engage in service projects that build up the body of Christ and ultimately work toward a just peace locally and throughout the world.

This year the Honduras Partnership takes a huge leap forward as a record number of groups will journey to Honduras throughout the year. Greeting the groups will be three missionaries, one, David Lopez, is from Honduras. Two are from the Maine Conference. In fact, the two Mainers are former Pilgrim Lodge staff members Elizabeth Charles and Arthur Flanders, placed in Pinalejo, Honduras for a full year. By request of the pastor at La Vueltoza, Honduras, a delegation from throughout the Maine Conference in a project called "Above the Clouds" will set out to rebuild nine houses in this impoverished, agriculturally based village on top of a mountain. The homes, that are currently stick and mud structures will be made of cinder block and will be better able to stand up to extreme weather conditions, protecting people from disease.

As important as building homes, funded by offerings from the campers, Mainers will build a sense of community with our brothers and sisters in Honduras. While campers will be exploring faith journeys here at Pilgrim Lodge, through this mission project they will be learning about physical journeys and ways to put their faith into action on a global scale.

Campers will have opportunities to learn about the project and the people, as well as make an offering to support this hands on effort.



Missionaries Liz, Artie & friend at Pilgrim Lodge





# Scholarships

No child should be denied the PL camping experience due to lack of funds.

**THERE VERY WELL MAY BE ADDITIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM YOUR LOCAL CHURCH. SPEAK WITH YOUR PASTOR ABOUT HOW TO APPLY FOR LOCAL CHURCH FUNDS.**

This application is only for scholarship funds directly from the Maine Conference.

Pilgrim Lodge prices are already lower than most summer camps because the program is subsidized by volunteer help and donations from churches and individuals. We have a limited amount of funds to help those truly in need. These funds are set aside to provide financial assistance to those campers whose families need additional help to pay camp registration fees. The funds come primarily from special donations made by churches, groups and individuals. We must rely on your judgment as to the determination of the need for additional scholarship support for a particular camper. This is NOT a general, all-purpose scholarship fund available to all campers merely for the asking. Please apply only if your child will not be able to attend at the full price. Scholarships will be granted based on the number of applications received. **All applications are due by May 18, 2007.** Applications received following that date will be considered if any funds remain after all on-time applications have been processed. Applications for scholarships must be signed by a Maine Conference United Church of Christ pastor. Often a scholarship fund is granted in the amount of one third of the camper registration fee. We ask parents or guardians to provide one third and the local church to provide one third. We also request that other sources of financial assistance be sought.



## Confidential Application for scholarship grant Due May 18, 2007

send this form with your registration form to Cathy Croudin, PL Registrar, PO Box 966, Yarmouth, ME 04096

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
Church

\_\_\_\_\_  
Initials and Date of Session

\_\_\_\_\_  
Maine Conference UCC Pastor's Signature

Number of members in household: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Household income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Fee Payments (see above):

By camper family \$ \_\_\_\_\_

By Local Church \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Scholarship  
Funds requested +\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL (camp fee): \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## A word from Bryan, the Camp Director

At Pilgrim Lodge we continually look for ways to make the camping experience even more meaningful as well as to improve our health and safety procedures. After many years of success it's time to take the next logical step. Throughout 2007, the Outdoor Ministries Committee, members of the Pilgrim Lodge and Maine Conference Staff, and a huge parade of volunteers will be working with the American Camp Association (ACA) to ready PL for accreditation. ACA sets the bar for best practices in the camping industry. What will accreditation mean for Pilgrim Lodge? It means we will be following 208 ACA standards for a healthy and safe camp. The good news is that we already follow most of them, although accreditation will require specific documentation to demonstrate that fact. This is a good year to take on this task, as the State of Maine is revamping their regulations for camps, based largely on the ACA standards. Parents can rest assured that PL is up to code as well as up to ACA requirements. There will be a few changes, for example installing carbon monoxide detectors in all sleeping quarters. The cost of such changes and the cost of joining ACA account for the larger than usual bump in prices this year. Joining ACA will not mean losing any of the unique and wonderful qualities we love about PL in favor of a cookie-cutter approach to camping. The Association values and honors the diversity of camping experiences. This is a massive project. If you'd like to help, give me a call. If you are interested in learning more about ACA, or the standards program, visit the American Camp Association website at <http://www.acacamps.org>

Please join me in holding our volunteers, staff and campers in prayer for a safe, healthy, and meaningful camping season.

Faithfully,



## Join us in Hartford for an historic event in the life of the United Church of Christ: General Synod 26

### June 22-26, 2007

Buses will be leaving from Maine to several Hartford area hotels. One bus will return early, on Sunday June 24. Pricing and information are found at [www.maineucc.org/synod.htm](http://www.maineucc.org/synod.htm)

Adults and families are welcome. Or, come as a high school youth under the supervision of Bryan and Deborah Breault, and a group of adult counselors. You must register in two places:  
[www.ucc.org/synod](http://www.ucc.org/synod)  
and  
[www.maineucc.org/synod.htm](http://www.maineucc.org/synod.htm)

# Let it shine

*The UCC at 150 years*

Want to attend Synod *and* Arts Alive? Take the Sunday Bus option!

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OF CHRIST**



### Join the staff at Pilgrim Lodge if you are:

- outgoing
- looking for meaningful employment
- someone who loves children
- at least 18 years old by June 17
- not afraid of hard work
- silly but safe
- interested in an experience of living in an intentional Christian community

job descriptions and applications are on our website at: [www.pilgrimlodge.org/summerjobs.html](http://www.pilgrimlodge.org/summerjobs.html)



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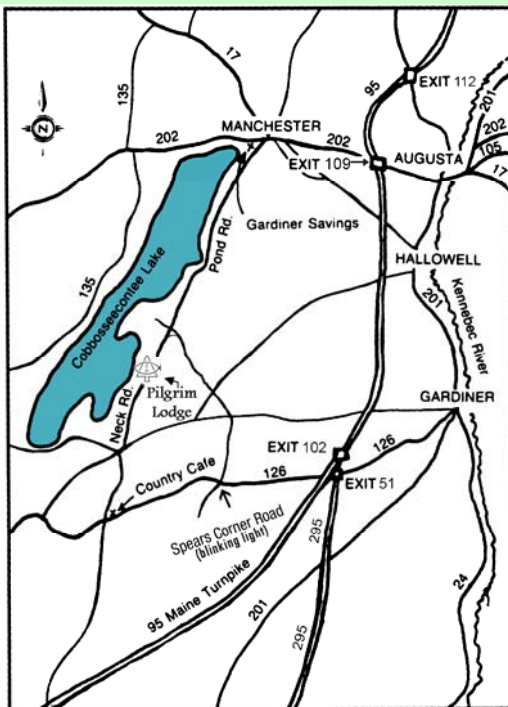
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### Traveling North:

**From the Maine Turnpike (Interstate -95)** take exit 102, turn RIGHT onto *Route 126*. Skip the next line.

**From I-295** take exit 51, turn Left on *Route 126*.

Follow *Route 126* about 2.5 miles / At the blinking light turn RIGHT onto *Spears Corner Road* / Continue straight for 4.3 miles (through 2 stop signs) to a third stop sign - **careful: cross traffic does NOT stop at any of the three stop signs** / At that third stop sign turn LEFT onto *Neck Road* / Pilgrim Lodge will be one mile ahead on your right.

### Traveling South

**From I-95**, take exit 109 B onto *Route 202* west. Follow below

**Traveling West:** Travel through Augusta on *Route 202*, cross over I-95

After 2.5 miles at a stoplight by the Manchester Citgo, where *Route 17* turns right (don't turn right) and 202 goes straight (don't go straight) turn LEFT onto *Pond Road* / Proceed South for about 6.5 miles / Pilgrim Lodge will be on your right.





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