

Dear Fellow P.L. Alumni:

Welcome to the Pilgrim Lodge Alumni Camp - a retreat for former PL campers, staff and volunteers to gather as a community of faith to re-experience the power of God's grace at the special camp we all hold close to our heart.

The camp theme this year is "Be a Hero - Living like Jesus," which will give us the opportunity to reflect upon our faith, and re-experience the renewing power of God's grace in our lives, as we become re-acquainted with the sacred place where many of us first discovered our faith.

I have enclosed a *very tentative* schedule for our time together over the Memorial Day weekend. Please note that we will be sharing Pilgrim Lodge with another camp, the GLBT Weekend Retreat. While the bulk of our activities will be conducted separately from the other group, we will share our meals, and we will have the opportunity to worship together. Each camp will have opportunities to lead worship services.

There have been a couple of recent changes that were affected by enrollment. Our Alumni camp was originally going to feature a dynamic team of deans, and now that has been scaled back to one. The other big change for our weekend is that the Couples That Pray retreat was cancelled.

You may arrive at camp anytime after 4:00 p.m. on Friday to get settled in your cabin. We ask that you please plan to arrive for dinner at 5:30 on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you need to arrive at a later time. Our time together will end following lunch on Monday May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please take a moment to review Sections One and Four (pg.23) of the Pilgrim Lodge Camper Guide <http://www.pilgrimlodge.org/document/2010guide.pdf> to refresh yourself on being a camper. Some things may have changed since you were here last. Please pay close attention to items that you need to bring with you: bedding or a sleeping bag, pillow, towels, clothing that can be layered, swimwear, a flashlight, rain gear, bug repellent, and sunscreen. I know that we all know this, but some things you shouldn't bring to camp; drugs, alcohol, or pets, and Pilgrim Lodge is a tobacco-free facility.

If you have any special dietary needs, please list this information on your health form. You do not need a doctor's signature, but you do need to complete a health form in case of an emergency. You can do this when you arrive if you don't get the chance to mail this in advance of the camp. You may bring your own special food items, which may be left in the kitchen refrigerator. Please let me know if you have any food allergies, so that I can alert the kitchen staff.

This year's mission is "Friends of Kakamega" a Maine-based Quaker non-profit organization helping children whose parents have died of AIDS in Kenya. Representatives from this organization will make a presentation on their worthy project. More information on this great cause is available at <http://www.friendsofkakamega.org>

Programming wise, the weekend will be fairly loose. The GLBT camp has some specific programming planned. While we will be free to do things as an alumni group, or smaller groups, or even on our own, I just ask that we please respect their needs and boundaries.

For Saturday evening, we will have the big room of the lodge, and even though there may not be many of us, I thought a dance might be fun. If you want to bring some music that would be appreciated. There are some awesome new lights set up for dances this year, and it would be cool to be the first ones to try them out.

On Sunday evening there is a talent show which will be an opportunity for both camps to share their unique gifts. So, please bring your gift of music, humor, story-telling, and dance, poetry, or art work. Of course if you wish to just sit back and enjoy the show that is ok too. The choice is yours.

We've discussed perhaps doing a cookout at the field. That may depend on staff resources, and weather, but I don't see any reason why we wouldn't be able to do it. Maybe we can even plan some field games. Don't forget the bug spray!

There is a lot of flexible time built into our schedule, and nothing aside from meals is really set in stone. If you have some ideas or activities you'd like to see happen, please let me know and we'll try to make it happen.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. It truly is a privilege to serve as your dean for this camp experience, and if you have any questions, comments, ideas, concerns or witty observations, please feel free to contact me directly.

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PS: Please be sure to pay any balance owed for the camp prior to coming.

Thank you. Dan ....

## **Alumni Camp Schedule**

**Theme: "Be a Hero - Living like Jesus"**

**Dean: Dan McGlincey**

### **Friday, May 28, 2010:**

4:00 pm - Arrival, cabin assignment, get settled

5:30 pm - Dinner

7:00 pm - Ice Breakers and Community Building

9:15 pm - Vespers (Dan and Darren)

### **Saturday, May 29, 2010:**

7:30 am - Morning Watch/Chapel (GLBT)

8:00 am - Breakfast

9:00 am - Mission Project Presentation: "Friends of Kakamega"

10:00 am - Flex Time

11:30 am - (Labyrinth Walk – GLBT)

12:30 pm - Lunch

1:30 pm - Pilgrim Lodge work project (optional)

3:30 pm - Ice Cream Break

4:00 pm - Flex Time

5:30 pm - Dinner (Cookout?)

7:00 pm - Dance Party?

9:15 pm – Vespers (Alumni)

### **Sunday, May 30, 2010:**

8:00 am - Breakfast

9:00 am - Flex Time

10:30 am - Sunday Worship (Darren and Dan)

11:30 am - (Nature Walk – GLBT)

12:30 pm - Lunch

1:00 pm - Flex Time

3:30 pm - Ice Cream

4:00 pm - Flex Time

5:30 pm - Dinner (Cook Out)

7:00 pm - "Sharing Our Gifts & Talents" (All campers are invited to participate)

9:15 pm - (Labyrinth Walk with Vespers in the center - GLBT)

9:15 pm - Vespers - Alumni Only

### **Monday, May 31, 2010:**

7:30 am - Morning Watch (Dan and Darren)

8:00 am - Breakfast

9:00 am - Flex Time

12:30 pm - Lunch

1:00-2:00 pm - Final Reflections & Goodbyes

***(You are welcome to depart at your leisure)***