

Pilgrim Lodge Middler Impact 2010!

Hey There, Middler Impact Campers and Families!

We're thrilled to have you join us at Pilgrim Lodge this summer! We're going to have an amazing time! Our theme this summer is "Be a Hero". We'll talk about heroes of all kinds: super heroes, famous people who have accomplished amazing things – and just as important – everyday people who do something heroic for those around them. We have a super star crew of counselor heroes joining us to make this week the best week of camp ever! Dean Kim will be taking the year off but Rev. Beth Hoffman will be stepping up to take her place! She's doing an awesome job and we're sure many of you remember her from last year when was a counselor!

Part of camp this year will involve sharing who our heroes are, so be sure to be thinking about who **your** hero is; maybe even more than one! It could be someone famous, someone you admire, someone who helped you when you needed it most, a parent, or maybe someone who has simply been through a lot and inspires you to be strong. Think it over and consider bringing a picture of your hero to camp!

Our week at camp will be full of fun and adventure, so please pack appropriately. In addition to all the items mentioned on the included packing list (keep reading, you'll find it! It's huge!) you might also consider bringing a dark t-shirt to use during our optional bleach/reverse tie-dye activity, and something a little more formal or even SILLY for our fancy dinner on Friday! Don't forget anything you might need for the talent show or instruments to play when your "family group" leads chapel service. Remember: Bible, flashlight, sneakers, bug spray and sunblock - The 5 most forgotten items!

Please leave your electronic devices like MP3 players, game systems and cell phones at home. At Pilgrim Lodge, we strive to create a tightly bonded community and these items make it hard to let go of the distractions of the outside world and connect with each other. We take that very seriously – Absolutely no cell phones!

We will be raising money for our mission project and this year that is "The Friends of Kakamega", a care center for orphans in Kenya. You can read all about that on the next page, and we'll hear from them on Tuesday night!

We're so excited to meet you all at camp. This will be a week of fun, friends, fellowship, and faith! Don't forget to pack your smile! You'll be using it all week!

See You Soon!
Beth & Phil,
Superhero Deans!



IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR CAMP!

A Quick Review for Children and Youth Sessions



Reminders: (see previous pages for details)

WHAT TO BRING:

- casual relaxing clothes
- warm clothes for cold days
- warm sleeping clothes
- rain gear
- shorts
- jeans
- sweatshirts
- Bible
- notebook or stationery and pen
- bathing suit
- beach towel
- beach footwear
- musical instruments
- 1 nice outfit (not *too* formal)
- bathroom items in an easy to carry bag or bucket (towels, washcloth, soap, toothbrush, floss, comb/brush etc.)
- sleeping bag or bedding
- pillow
- comfortable sneakers
- flashlight
- laundry bag
- insect repellent (non-aerosol please!)
- sunscreen (SPF 30 or more)
- water bottle with camper's name written on it
- items listed in your Deans' letter
- money for store/mission (look to the right)

Personal items policy:

Campers are free to bring personal items such as musical instruments, (larger instruments usually are left in the lodge), compact discs, and sporting equipment provided their name is written on the item. The Maine Conference, United Church of Christ is not responsible for lost, stolen or broken items.

Mail: Please do not send food or candy

Camper's Name, camper's cabin #
Pilgrim Lodge
103 Pilgrim Lodge Lane
West Gardiner, ME 04345

Email and On-line Photos require a \$10 per camper account set up on line. A credit card is needed. Email cost one credit, credits are available when you set up your account. See page five for details

Epi-pens or inhalers:

In order to keep an epi-pen or inhaler with your camper new state regulations require special forms (in addition to the health form) signed by both parents and physicians. The form is available at:

www.pilgrimlodge.org or by calling 724-3200

Health Forms:

Your physician signed health forms should be mailed in to: Pilgrim Lodge, 103 Pilgrim Lodge Lane, West Gardiner, ME 04345. Call 724-3200 if you're unsure if your form from last year is still valid. Form 2 must be signed by a physician in 2009 or 2010.

Head Check: A health screening including a head check is being performed upon arrival. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Please do not Bring:

Cell Phones or other electronic communication devices (campers who bring cell phones may be sent home) alcohol or illegal drugs; weapons (including pocket knives); personal listening devices; electronic handheld games, pets; valuables; jewelry; beepers; computers; fireworks, SCUBA equipment, "healies" skate boards or in-line skates

The Camp Store and Mission Offering

Upon arrival there will be a table where you can set up an account for the store. Cash is only accepted at the store during drop off and pick up, not during the week. During the week your camper will have an opportunity to make a donation to our mission offering from that account. Parents will make the decision for younger campers. Ice cream is \$1 per day.

Photo CD's: You can order a CD-Rom of photos of your campers week at the store for \$15 and it will be ready for you when your camper leaves. Photo CD's may be ordered after camp but a shipping charge is added.

Pilgrim Lodge 2010 Mission Focus

Every summer, the Outdoor Ministries Committee chooses one worthy project on which to focus our mission efforts. This involves education and awareness of the issues on both local and global scales, connection to the gospel message to serve others in need, prayer and worship activities on behalf of people involved with the mission, and an opportunity to offer monetary gifts. Campers at youth camp can make a donation their store accounts. Adult and family camps have the opportunity to make a traditional offering. The 2010 mission focus is on:



Friends of Kakamega

Supporting the Kakamega AIDS Orphan Project and Care Center
Run by the United Society of Friends Women

A Maine-based Quaker non-profit organization that supports the

AIDS Orphan Project of USFW (United Society of Friends Women, Kakamega). Kakamega, Kenya
The USFW Orphan Project of Kakamega, Kenya is a grassroots effort to help children whose parents have died primarily of AIDS. It is an **ORPHANAGE, a FEEDING PROGRAM** and provides **EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIPS** for orphans so they can go to school. It is run by Kenyan Quaker women of the USFW (United Society of Friends Women, Kakamega). Since 2001 they have devoted their lives to helping orphans in serious need.

FRIENDS OF KAKAMEGA — THE MAINE CONNECTION

Partnered with the USFW is **Friends of Kakamega**, a Maine-based Quaker non-profit organization. Since 2002 Friends of Kakamega has worked to finance the Care Center dining hall and dormitories, and to sponsor over 150 children for education. Each summer Friends of Kakamega organizes a service project trip to the orphanage to work with the children, and to introduce participants to a world so different from that which Americans are used to.

How Many people are served by this organization?

- 50 camper aged boys and girls live at the Kakamega Care Centre, where they get nutritious meals, love and guidance from a caring and benevolent staff, a new family of friends and really, a new lease on life.
- 60 other local orphans come to the Feeding Program at the Care Centre , and eat their primary meal of the day
- 100 children who live in the rural areas with guardians receive sponsorships so they can attend school and get food.
- 40 teenagers are able to attend high school because of sponsorships they receive through the program. Matriculating and graduating high school is essential to thier eventually being able to take proper care of themselves.

Organic Farming: To promote self-sufficiency and generate income in Kenya, the Friends of Kakamega has purchased seven acres of farmland. The farm is currently being converted to organic production, both for environmental benefit and to avoid the high cost of fertilizer. Guided by a retired Kenyan Agriculture expert, the land will serve as a demonstration farm to teach the value of organic farming. Corn, beans, peanuts, and other crops are grown for Care Center meals and to generate income for the Center.

More information is available at www.friendsofkakamega.org

Directions to Pilgrim Lodge phone: 207-724-3200

Traveling North on 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 North on I-95 (new shorter route): Take **exit 86** and turn **LEFT** onto Route 9 / drive a mile and half and turn **RIGHT** on route 126 / in 10.8 miles at the blinking light with “Litchfield Country Store” on your right, Turn **LEFT** at **Batchelder’s Corner** (the post office should now be on your right) / in 2 miles bear **LEFT** on Neck Road /Pilgrim Lodge is 2 miles ahead on the **LEFT**

Traveling South on I-95

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**

South and west continued:

After 2.5 miles, (by the Manchester Citgo), at the stoplight 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**

Traveling East: Take 126 from Lewiston to Litchfield. At the blinking light with “Litchfield Country Store” on your right, Turn **LEFT at Batchelder’s Corner** (The post office should now be on your right) / drive 2 miles/ Turn **LEFT onto Neck road**/ Pilgrim Lodge will be in 2 miles ahead on your **LEFT**

