



Expedition Everyone!

Greetings Campers!

2011

We are so excited to welcome you to EXPEDITION EVERYONE! Together we are going to have the best summer weekend ever and we can hardly wait to swim, sing, worship and wonder with you at Pilgrim Lodge. Meeting new friends, greeting old friends and becoming good friends with God is the plan! As we explore finding God in the everyday ordinary, we will discover that PL is the perfect place for a faith expedition.

Whether you are returning to the shores of Lake Cobbosseecontee or this is your first adventure at Pilgrim Lodge, we know you will fall in love with the blessings and beauty of camp and it won't be your last adventure. As you prepare and pack for EXPEDITION EVERYONE! Here are a few helpful hints about what to expect for this amazing weekend, and of course there will be a few Pilgrim Lodge surprises to enjoy as well.

Check in is on July 2 from 2-2:30PM in the Lodge. It is then that you will receive your cabin assignments. If you have special needs or considerations, please email the deans before camp begins. **Check out is on July 4 at 1PM following lunch together.**

Upon arrival you will be given a gentle schedule for the weekend with options for all hours of the day and suggestions for additional ways of enjoying your faith expedition. If children and youth opt out of programming we are requesting they be with a supervising adult.

We will worship in the chapel together each morning, where we will wake up the echo, celebrate God's creation, hear God's Word and sing our hearts out "church camp style". If you would like to be a part of leading worship, no experience is necessary, just a joyful spirit and a nod to the deans.

We will share all our meals together in the Lodge. The kitchen staff prepares meals that are truly amazing and enjoyable. However if your cabin brings anything extra, please, please make sure that it is all stored together in a large plastic bin with a lid, otherwise it will be you and the critters sharing a cabin for the weekend. Fruit and water is always available during the day and the ice cream window will open occasionally as well.

During the day there will be options for swimming, boating, hiking, labyrinth walking, arts and crafts, field games and fellowship opportunities. Closed toe shoes are recommended and flip-flops are good for the waterfront.

At the close of the day we will gather again in the chapel for a vespers service that is relaxed and peaceful. We will say goodnight to the lake and thank God for the blessings of the day.

There will be the option of boardwalk time at night for the older crowd and story time in the lodge for the younger crowd.

All medicines must be stored out of reach of young children and you have the option of leaving them in the infirmary with the camp nurse.

Please try to leave your electronics at home (iPods and iPads, computers and Gameboys) and if you must have a phone, please leave it in your cabin on silent. We don't want you to miss out on the sound of the loons because someone's phone was ringing. Pilgrim Lodge is a tobacco free zone as are all Outdoor Ministry sponsored events.

Do you play an instrument? We would love to have it play joyfully on the boardwalk, in worship, or at the cook out and campfire. (Oh no! Did we just give away a PL surprise?)

In addition to the smart list of things to bring to camp like bug spray, flashlights, sleeping bags and a smile, **please Bring a RED or ORANGE or YELLOW shirt for our camp photo!** Don't worry about bringing a fancy outfit this weekend, as we will be roughing it.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to camp and can't wait to meet you. Soon we will all be together on EXPEDITION EVERYONE and celebrating that the everyday ordinary is extraordinary when you are a camper at Pilgrim Lodge.

If you have concerns, questions or curiosities before camp please feel free to contact your deans for Expedition Everyone. See you soon!

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IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR CAMP!

A final review for Family Camps



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 (towels, washcloth, soap, toothbrush, floss, comb/brush etc in an easy to carry bag or bucket)
- sleeping bag or bedding
- pillow
- comfortable sneakers
- flashlight
- laundry bag
- insect repellent (non-aerosol please!)
- a good book
- sunscreen (SPF 30 or more)
- water bottle with camper's name written on it
- items listed in your Deans' letter
- money for store/mission

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.

Health Forms:

See page 17 of this guide to determine which portion of the health form needs to be submitted. Minors at Grandparent's camp, and minors who are not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian must have a doctor's signature and a parent or legal guardian's signature.

Please do not Bring:

Alcohol or illegal drugs; weapons (including pocket knives); personal listening devices; electronic handheld games, pets; valuables; jewelry; beepers; computers; fireworks, "healies," SCUBA equipment, skate boards or in-line skates

The Camp Store and Mission Offering

The camp store will accept cash during family camp events. campers. Ice cream is \$1 per day. A mission offering will be taken to support Camp To Belong.

Photo CD's: At the camp store you can order a CD-Rom of photos of your time at camp and it will be ready for you when you leave. Photo CD's may be ordered after camp but a shipping charge is added. (note: photo CD's are not offered at "A Day At Camp")

Be sure to review you deans' letter. Check online if you haven't received one or call. 207-724-3200

Mail: Please do not send food or candy

Camper's Name, camper's cabin #
Pilgrim Lodge
103 Pilgrim Lodge Lane
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Email and On-line Photos require a \$10 per camper account set up on line. A credit card is needed. Please see page 5 for details. Email cost one credit, credits are available when you set up your account. See page five for details.