



(At the PL cookout field)

Pilgrim Lodge Grandparents Camp I

July 5th-7th, 2011

ARRIVE: July 5th 9:30 to 11:00 AM

DEPART: July 7th 11:00 AM

Dear Grandparent,

Our 10 year old grandson, Duncan, now a “veteran camper” says “camp” is Pilgrim Lodge and making new friends. What is “camp” to your grandchild? Please find out and let us know so that we may work it into the schedule.

Our days will be filled with worship, nature, swimming, boating, eating, singing, and of course a campfire, or two! And at this time of year, an occasional mosquito or two! There is so much to be thankful for in our lives and having a grandchild or grandchildren is one of God’s sweetest blessings. How wonderful then to have a few days together at Pilgrim Lodge to share with these precious children. We will also have time together as grandparents to reflect on this special time in our lives as a grandparent. Our daughter, Rev Abby Campbell will join us again this summer to lead vespers and worship, with help from you and your grandchildren.

We would like each of you to come prepared to share a talent or activity with your grandchild and maybe someone else’s during “Interest Groups”.

Our theme is “Got Spirit?” referring to the wonder of the created world and our role in its support and care. We will also share in that amazing sense of community that binds us all together for such a short period, but reminds us of how important the “Spirit” in each and every one of us is, in the life of God’s creation.

Our Mission Project is “Grace-Street Ministry”, the small organization that ministers directly to the homeless on the streets of Portland. It is a walking ministry and the streets are indeed the church. In addition to a monetary contribution we will collect TRAVEL SIZE toothpastes, deodorants, shampoos, and hand sanitizers, combs and toothbrushes. A big gift for homeless is a \$5.00 Dunkin Donuts gift card. Standard sized white tube socks are also appreciated. Basic human decency, the dignity of being able to clean oneself and a simple cup of coffee are but some of the gifts we can bring to the homeless of Portland through the work of Grace-Street Ministry. For more information on The GSM visit the following website: <http://gracestreetministry.blogspot.com/p/about-us.html>

We would also ask you to bring photos and other memorabilia to make a family poster to share with everyone Tuesday evening and then hang on your cabin door.

This will be a time to share with our grandchildren, a time to learn about each other, and a quiet time set aside from the busy, often noisy world to thank God for all our blessings.

Please, if you have any questions or concerns, call us at 207-989-7039 or email BettyAnn at bahaskell29@aol.com. We look forward to being with you in that sacred space called Pilgrim Lodge.

Ben & BettyAnn Haskell

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
West Gardiner, ME 04345

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.