

Arts Alive 2014

June 1, 2014

Greetings Everyone!

Welcome to a special week of creativity and new friendships. Whether this is your first conference at Pilgrim Lodge or your twenty-first, we promise that our week together will hold many new experiences and great times. We have a wonderful staff who are already hard at work designing the conference. Each staff member brings a special talent to the community. We have actors, singers, writers, musicians and dancers.

We know that the name of our conference is "Arts Alive 2014" but we also have a theme for our week: "Get Real". This is also the Pilgrim Lodge theme for the summer, but when we heard it we realized that it gave us great direction as we think about what we might create. Arts Alive will be a time of sharing the thoughts and drawings and writings and actions and notes which help us to focus on who we really are. This summer we will also think about who Jesus Christ really is for us and what faith in him is all about.

At Arts Alive this year we will be living, learning and growing together as we explore our spirituality through activities and interest groups which use our voices, our sketches, our instruments and much more. And as co-creators with the Creator, we share a common commitment to take care of the world God has given to us. Bring any instruments that you can play, bring costume items, paint brushes, dance shoes and music, sketch pads, notepads, juggling cubes - whatever you use to create and dream.

There are some special things which you should know before our week together:

1. We will introduce ourselves by something new that we have made, that we have created. Please bring something with you which you have created, and the

choice is wide open, from cookies to clothing, wood working to artwork to music to a dance.

2. Bring a Bible. This is an unending source of inspiration! We will be looking at several scriptures, some well known, some not so familiar.

3. One of the favorite adventures from the last couple of years was the creation of teeshirts using bleach to make patterns. If you would like to do this we will be running the adventure on several days. Bring a clean, new, dark colored teeshirt with you. Dark is best because it causes the most contrast when the bleach is applied.

4. We want to be sensitive to people who might be allergic to various smells. So we ask that you not bring Ax or any smelly perfume or cologne to camp. Even try to use shampoo that doesn't have too much odor - some really smell like fruit.

Would you please leave all cell phones and other noisy things like video games at home in your bedroom. This is a precious chance to be unplugged for the week. Put up an away message and come to be present to the realtime and flesh and blood friends here at camp. Bring Ipods, MP3 players or CD's, and label them with your name. These will be for use with music groups or at bedtime, not for walking around other times. We know that many of you use your phone as a camera. Think about using a disposable one instead for this week or even a regular digital one. Come with energy and enthusiasm. Come with ideas and dreams. Come and help us build a creative community. We'll see you on June 22nd!

Sally Colegrove, dean
and the Counselors of Arts Alive 2014

Hi, Everyone - this is your way to communicate with us before June 22nd. We want to know what your specialty is in the creative arts, or what you would like to try this week. Please fill out this form and copy it into an e-mail and send it to me at colegrove21353@aol.com so that we can be ready for you.

Name:

Age:

Grade I'm going into in the fall:

When I choose a workshop for my week (5 days) this year I would like to work on: (graphic arts, dance, choral music, classical instrumental music, rock instrumental music, folk instrumental music, dramatic arts, writing, juggling and creative movement) (choose one)

I would like to do:

I play an instrument and will have it with me. My instrument is:

My favorite type of music to listen to is:

My favorite movie is: