



Dear Middler Impact Campers and Families,

Are we there yet? Because...WE'RE GOING TO CAMP! We are very excited to be deaning Middler Impact again this year. Our theme for the week is "Get Real! Finding Your True Self!" We can hardly wait to see you at camp on Sunday, July 27th! **Drop off is from 3-4 PM.** We know you're not going to want to go home, but **pick up at the end of camp is 10:00 AM** on Saturday, August 2nd. (Please remember that late arrivals and early pick-ups are not allowed. Parents need to call the camp office \*before camp\* if they have questions about this policy.)



We'll do all the things you expect to find at camp - swimming, boating, crafts, games, nature activities, singing silly songs, and more. But PL isn't just ANY summer camp. At PL, we live together, worship together, play together and become an *intentional community*. It is that sense of community that makes Pilgrim Lodge unique. Our volunteer counselors, deans, and our campers come together for just one week of the summer. No other week at camp will ever be like this one! You'll be part of a once-in-a-lifetime community!

This year at Middler Impact we'll be having lots of great activities. **We'll have a fancy dinner**, where campers are encouraged to dress up a bit or wear something really fun and silly! **We'll be having a Party Night**, with dancing, games, and tons of fun! If you have a song request for the party, let us know ASAP by sending a message to [middlerimpact2014@theHiltons.net](mailto:middlerimpact2014@theHiltons.net) and we'll see what we can do. Remember, the song must be Pilgrim Lodgical and danceable! **We'll play field games, have a cookout**, and have **a campfire**. And of course **we'll have our annual Talent Show!** If you need accompaniment or special music just let us know via email as soon as possible! Bringing musical instruments to camp is encouraged!

Our week will be full of joy and laughter, and we're SO excited that you're going to be part of it! Our team has been planning since December to make this week amazing.

Please **check the excerpt from the Parent and Camper Guide at the end of this letter for a detailed list of what to bring to camp**, and also what NOT to bring to camp. (You read the Parent and Camper Guide, right? If not, please go do so. We'll wait...) The basics are sneakers, a sense of adventure, a sleeping bag or bedding for a twin bed, a pillow, towels, clothes, and toiletries for a week. A flashlight, your Bible (this is church camp, after all), a water bottle, sun block, and bug spray are pretty handy, too! Please bring 2 white shirts...you may have the

chance to decorate a tee shirt with your Family Faith Group, and tie-dye may be an option as well! Check the list. It's amazing what everyone forgets!

**You will need a set of clothes that can get really dirty and painty, and quite possibly wrecked.** You WILL get dirty, or wet, or sticky, or painty, or all of the above in one of our activities. This is a great time to get one last use out of that stained T-shirt and old shorts! If you're having trouble finding something let us know ASAP and we'll see what we can do ([middlerimpact2014@theHiltons.net](mailto:middlerimpact2014@theHiltons.net)).

**This year's mission theme** is a bit unconventional. We are asking our campers to think of a way that they can help make the world a better place. What can YOU do? We will explore how we can share our true selves and change the world! Need inspiration? This video features people in Portland, Maine, using just \$10 and their imaginations to make the world better, and inspiring those around them to do the same: <http://youtu.be/BfBmHiMoNd8> How can you share your true self, and be guided by faith and the lessons of Jesus to improve the world? Check out the Pilgrim Lodge website mission page for more information! <http://www.pilgrimlodge.org/missionproject/>.

**At PL, we are "unplugged." Campers need to leave their cell phones, computers, game systems, and other gadgets at home!** (If there is an emergency we promise campers and families will be able to contact each other. Leave the cell phone at home.) One new exception this year – You may bring a personal audio player - **so long as it has no phone, network or internet capabilities** - to listen to music if you need it to help you sleep. Sorry, no phones - even if it's what you normally use to listen to music.

There's so much to do at camp you won't miss your electronics. You can write letters to your loved ones at home, and make sure to give everyone you know the camp address so they can write to you! Your family can also go online through the PL website ([www.PilgrimLodge.org](http://www.PilgrimLodge.org)) and email you while you're at camp. Through the same site they'll also be able to see pictures of your camp adventures!

As of the time we're writing this letter, we have only 7 days, 23 hours, and 15 minutes until camp! We can't wait to see you all there!

Peace, Love, and Blessings from,  
*Deans Kim, Phil & 2 year-old Zoey!*

...and from all of our amazing **volunteer** counselors:

*Sally, Ryan, Kyleigh, Ellie, Dan, Emma, Antonio, Anja, Dani, Carleton, & Matt*



PS - Are you on Facebook? Check us out for some pre-camp excitement!  
<http://www.facebook.com/MiddlerImpact> Click "Like" today!

# IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR CAMP!

## A Quick Review for Children and Youth Sessions

<p><b>WHAT TO BRING:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Casual relaxing clothes</li> <li>▪ Warm clothes for cold days and nights</li> <li>▪ Warm sleeping clothes</li> <li>▪ Rain gear</li> <li>▪ Shorts</li> <li>▪ Jeans/pants</li> <li>▪ Sweatshirts</li> <li>▪ Bible</li> <li>▪ Notebook or stationery and pen</li> <li>▪ Bathing suit</li> <li>▪ Beach towel</li> <li>▪ Shower shoes/beach shoes</li> <li>▪ Musical instruments</li> <li>▪ 1 nice outfit (not <i>too</i> formal)</li> <li>▪ Bathroom items in an easy to carry bag or</li> <li>▪ Bucket (towels, washcloth, soap,</li> <li>▪ Toothbrush, floss, comb/brush etc.)</li> <li>▪ Sleeping bag or bedding</li> <li>▪ Pillow</li> <li>▪ Comfortable sneakers/hikers</li> <li>▪ Flashlight</li> <li>▪ Laundry bag</li> <li>▪ Insect repellent (non-aerosol please!)</li> <li>▪ Sunscreen (SPF 30 or more)</li> <li>▪ Water bottle with camper's name written on it</li> <li>▪ Items listed in your Deans' letter</li> <li>▪ Money for store/mission (look to the right)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Personal items policy:</b></p> <p>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.</p>
	<p><b>The Camp Store and Mission Offering</b></p> <p>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.</p>
	<p><b>Photo CD's:</b> 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. 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 the inside of the front cover for details.</p>
	<p><b>Mail:</b> (Please do not send food or candy)</p> <p>Camper's Name, camper's cabin #                  Pilgrim Lodge 103 Pilgrim Lodge Lane                  West Gardiner, ME 04345</p>

**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](http://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.

**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

## **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**