

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to Arts Alive, an incredible week focused on exploring your creative side in a community of fellow artists - all while making new friends! Arts Alive this year will be the same, but different, in ways that we hope will allow you to stretch your creative growth and be part of that special Pilgrim Lodge experience!

This week at Pilgrim Lodge is one of new experiences and friends. The counselors are working hard to prepare for all of you, each bringing their unique gifts and talents to our week. There are musicians, dancers, actors, singers, visual artists, and more! We have all been counting down the days until we are all together for another week of creativity!

Our theme this week is "Creativity," under the larger umbrella of the Pilgrim Lodge theme for the summer, "Living in the Spirit." We will be focusing on how creativity is part of our faith journeys, as well as what it means to be moved by the Holy Spirit. Arts Alive is an opportunity for reflection and collaboration within this creative energy. Throughout the week, we will have the opportunity to share our own faith journeys and how we make sense of the world around us through the arts. Please bring the tools you use to create and dream - dance shoes, music, notepads, juggling cubes, instruments, costume pieces, etc!

Before our week together, there are a few special things you should know:

1. We will introduce ourselves by something new that we have made, that we have created. Please bring something with you that you have created! Artwork, beading, cookies, dances, earrings, felted animals, guitars, or anything beyond!
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. Please bring a music stand if you have one and are bringing an instrument. We have a very limited number!
4. Please leave your perfume and cologne at home (including Axe and the like) at home. We want to be sensitive to people who might be allergic to various smells. Try to use a shampoo that doesn't have too much odor – some really smell like fruit.

Please leave all cell phones and noisy electronics at home. Camp is an incredible opportunity to unplug for the week. Join us in the one week each year you can completely disconnect - post that last status, send that last tweet, share that last photo on instagram, and send your final snaps. Join us in connecting with friends in person! You are welcome to bring iPods, MP3 players, CDs, and other personal music devices labeled with your name for use with your workshops and at bedtime. Try picking up a digital or disposable camera for the week in the absence of your phone.

Let's make this week of Arts Alive amazing together! Bring your creativity, your dreams, and your energy to build an incredible community!

We'll see you on June 21st!

Your Deans, Kelsey Gamble and Justin Lyman, and the Counselors of Arts Alive 2015

Hi, Everyone – we would love to hear a little more from you before June 21st! Please email the following info to Kelsey at [kelseycgamble@gmail.com](mailto:kelseycgamble@gmail.com) so we can be ready for you.

Name:

Age:

Grade I'm going into in the fall:

School year bedtime:

When I choose a workshop for my week (5 days), this year I hope to work on (please choose one):

Visual arts

Dance

Choral music

Classical instrumental music

Rock instrumental music

Folk instrumental music

Dramatic arts/theatre

Sailing (very limited number of spaces)

Writing

Juggling and creative movement

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

My favorite type of music to listen to is: