

Hi Camper!

We are your Deans, Christine and Bethany, for Best of Both Worlds Middler and we cannot wait to greet you in just a few short weeks! We are really excited to spend some time at camp with you, and for all of the fun things we already have planned. We wanted to send along a short letter to introduce ourselves and tell you a little bit about what you can expect at camp this summer.

We will start our week at Horton Center where we will explore the mountain. We will have lots of opportunities for hiking, playing outside, making arts and crafts, and learning from the HC staff. Then we will move to Pilgrim Lodge where we get to celebrate the beauty of the lake. There will be swimming, boardwalk time, games, and lots of lake echoes. Both camps are extremely unique and lots of fun.

Besides making tons of friends at camp, you will also meet lots of different adults. We are your co-deans, which means we help organize and plan camp, but you will also meet your counselors. Counselors are adults that live in your cabins and are experts in fun! They're here to keep you safe and make sure you have a great time! Staff members are adults that work at camp (how cool is it that they get to be at camp all summer long?). They help us learn the rules at camp and make sure we are being respectful of the nature around us while having a really fun week. All of these adults are here to support you, make sure you have a good time, and keep you safe during your week away.

One of our favorite parts of camp is getting to spend time talking together about our lives outside of Horton Center and Pilgrim Lodge. During Best of Both Worlds, we are going to spend some time talking about courage as we explore how to be courageous with others, ourselves, and God. Has there ever been a time in your life when you have done something courageous? We bet there has and can't wait to celebrate your experiences.

Before you come to camp, be sure to double check the packing list and bring as much as you can. Some good things to remember are a **swimsuit, hiking shoes (sturdy sneakers work), a sleeping bag and pillows (or blankets to put on your bunk), and a bag for your dirty clothes**. We hope the weather will cooperate so we can go hiking in the White Mountains (**please bring a small backpack and two water bottles**), and sleep out under the stars (**bring a sleeping mat!**)

We ask that you arrive at camp on Sunday, July 31 at 2:00pm. Please don't come before that because we need time to get everything ready for you. If you are going to be late (arriving after 3:30) please call 603-545-9660 and let the camp know. We'll be there to greet you and get you checked in. You'll receive your cabin assignment and meet your counselors when you settle into your cabin. Then it will be time to say your farewells and remind your family member that **pick up is on Saturday is at Pilgrim Lodge from 9:00 to 10:00am**.

The road to camp is steep and narrow, so tell your driver to be very careful, going slowly at a speed of not more than 15 mph. If you meet a car coming down, there are turnouts where one car can let the other pass. There will be a staff member at the bottom of the road to greet you, and we will all be waiting for you at the top!

For those of you who have never been to camp before- WELCOME! We are so excited to have you and to share such a fun week with you. If you are returning to camp, or if you've been to one of the camps before, we are excited to see you again and will be counting on you to help welcome our friends who are new to Horton Center and Pilgrim Lodge!

Shalom,
(Shalom is a word we will learn at Horton Center- it means, "until we meet again")

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Best of Both Worlds co-Deans