



Pilgrim Lodge

Maine Conference, United Church of Christ

Hello OSMG Campers!

Our names are Kelsea and Antonio! We are both former campers and counselors and you may even recognize Kelsea from Pilgrim Lodge (PL) Staff! We are beyond excited to share a week at PL with you! We hope this letter finds you well and answers any questions you may have. If you still have questions please don't hesitate to email us!

We are counting down the days to your arrival! You should arrive at camp **Sunday, July 9th between 2pm and 4pm**. We know you might be excited to get here (we are too!) but please do not arrive before 2pm. PL Staff needs that time and space to get registration set up for us! We will share an awesome week together and then we will have to say our farewells **Saturday, July 15th between 9:30am and 10:30am**.

Our theme for the week is "Branching Out." Many of our conversations and activities will revolve around the many relationships in our lives. We will consider our relationships with each other, God, and ourselves and explore how they can continue to grow.

Every summer PL picks a mission to focus on. This summer the camp mission is Tree Street Youth Center, which supports the youth of Lewiston-Auburn through programs rooted in academics, the arts, and athletics in a safe space that encourages healthy physical, social, emotional, and academic development while building unity across lines of difference. Tree Street will be visiting us Monday night at camp for the mission presentation. Until then, if you would like to know more you can visit their website at treestreetyouth.org. Please consider bringing a donation for the organization. This could be monetary or anything from Tree Street's "Wish List" which can be found under the "Contribute" tab on their website.

One last thing! In addition to the items listed at the end of this letter **we are asking that each camper bring a rock with them from home**. It can be any size but keep in mind that you will need to carry it to and from camp.

We hope that answers any questions you have. Again, email us if you still have questions or any concerns. We are looking forward to seeing you at PL!

With love,

Kelsea and Antonio

SUGGESTIONS OF THINGS TO BRING TO CAMP:

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| Camera | Casual clothing (warm and cold) | Extra socks |
| Active Wear | Rain gear | Bible, stationery, and pen |
| Bathing suit and beach towel | Shower shoes | Musical instruments |
| 1 nice outfit for fancy dinner | Shower towel | Toiletries |
| Sleeping bag/bedding and pillow | Comfortable sneakers | Small backpack for hike day |
| Flashlight | Insect repellent (non-aerosol) | Sunscreen (SPF 30+) |
| Water bottle | Money for store/mission | Alarm Clock |

Note: There are no cellphones allowed at camp. If you do bring yours with you we can hold onto it for you in a safe place for the week.