



Pilgrim Lodge

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Grandparents Camp I

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“Check your tree. Are the branches attached securely to it?”

As grandparents (trees) you may have one grandchild (branch) or many grandchildren (branches). There is no better way for you to explore your tree and branches than to learn how to connect through Christ at Pilgrim Lodge! Not many people have such a perfect place to experience the wonder of God's world.

This year “Branching Out” will be the theme that you and your grandchild/grandchildren will be studying. We will talk about how Elijah, being on the run after he confronted the prophets of Baal, found renewal from God under a broom tree. (Homework- find out all you can about a broom tree.)

Fear not! Studying will not be the only activity during your time here! For those of you returning here- Welcome Back! You know all the wonderful things that PL has to offer. For those of you who are first timers (and we hope there will be many of you!)- Welcome! You will get to experience hiking, good food, swimming (brrr?), arts and crafts, ice cream time (!), singing, fishing (definitely bring a pole and worms!) and the chance to gather with other grandparents and grandchildren.

As grandparents we have the opportunity to be good role models to all the grandchildren at camp and at home. Children need love, kindness, humor, patience, understanding and a firm hand now and then to receive some of life's best lessons. Being here at Pilgrim Lodge with your grandchild/grandchildren for the weekend is certainly a special time for those lessons.

We encourage you to bring an activity for interest group time to share with others. Whether it is a game (inside or out), craft or learning how to husk corn (!), bring your enthusiasm to camp along with whatever materials you need for a few people.

Our mission program this year is Tree Street Youth which is located in Lewiston, ME. This program works with inner city youth in various capacities. We will have a presentation about this on Friday night. There is a wish list of items that are needed at this

ministry. Please help out by bringing something on this list to send to them.
<http://treestreetyouth.org/wish-list/>

Dean's Peter and Cheryl are also looking for volunteers to lead chapel services Saturday am, vespers Saturday pm and chapel Sunday am. Please contact us (pgodfrey3@roadrunner.com) if you are willing to do this. We will certainly help you if you would like. There is a music (guitar) resource person (Sam) available for songs.

What are we missing? Of course, times!! Please come to camp on Friday June 16th from 3pm-5pm. We will get you unloaded and into your cabin. Supper is served at 5:30 pm (good one Peter, obviously it is not am!). You will be here until after lunch on Sunday June 18th. Please feel free to encourage other grandparents and grandchildren to register for this camp. You can even share a cabin if you like (usually 6-8 per cabin).

Please call or e-mail us (207-649-1934 and pgodfrey3@roadrunner.com) if you have any questions.

Your Deans

Peter and Cheryl Godfrey

ps- did you see fishing poles and worms in this letter? Don't forget! The Cobbosseecontee fish love to eat!!

pss- Please remember to bring a reusable water bottle with you and let's help God's world by using less paper cups.