

Dear Cobbossee Explorers,

Are you excited to explore the lake together this summer? I hope so. I would like to introduce myself to all of you, my name is Sally and I'm the Waterfront Director at PL, and I'll also be your Dean at camp this summer! This means I will be organizing all the exciting and fun activities we will be doing, and am the point person for all your questions about our camping experience, which will be a little different from other Pilgrim Lodge camps. This letter will introduce you to the lake and some of what we will be doing, as well as give a few reminders of important things to bring.

Lake Cobosseecontee, the water body we will be exploring during our time together, is a large lake in central Maine, Pilgrim Lodge is on the eastern shore. It is almost 10 miles long, with a maximum depth of 100 feet, and features many inlets and islands, all fun to explore! There is a 25-foot tall lighthouse we may be visiting (weather permitting), which has been active for over 100 years! The lake is home to many animals. If we are lucky we will see lots of fish, frogs, turtles, loons, herons, and perhaps an eagle or osprey. During our time together, we'll be learning about navigation, invasive species on lakes, water safety, and other cool topics. Let me know if you have anything of interest you want to learn about or do during our time together!

For this camp, we will be (weather and logistics permitting) staying in the shelters on Manitou, the south island owned by Pilgrim Lodge. This means we will be enjoying campfires, preparing our own food, sleeping in shelters, using outhouses, and swimming in a special area off the island. We should all be prepared for various types of weather, nights could be very cold, days very hot, and unfortunately it could rain. Non-cotton clothes are the best for wet days, fleece or wool layers are essential, and raingear is a must have! For other information, Pilgrim Lodge has packing lists and info on their website, please pack lightly, we will be using canoes to get our gear to the island, so you paddle what you pack!

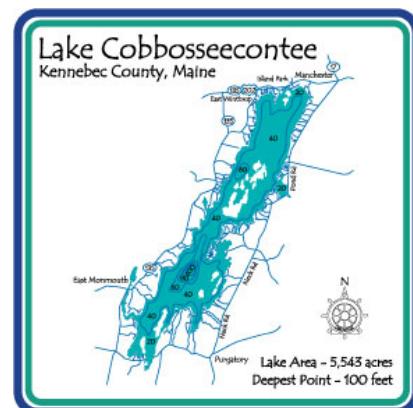
Don't worry if you don't have lots of boating experience, as long as you can swim well (a PL green swimmer), we will still have fun and learn lots!

I can't wait to meet you all!

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Essentials for the Week (in addition to PL list):



- Sunglasses, sunscreen, bug spray, hat, croakies (to attach to glasses so they don't fall in!)
- Sleeping bag, sleeping pad (if you have one)
- Shoes for the water (that stay on your feet!), closed toe shoes for around camp
- Water bottles (2)
- Ziplocs for keeping things dry, trashbags for bigger things
- Lifejacket (if you don't have one, PL will provide)