

Middler Spirit Week at Pilgrim Lodge

July 16th through July 22nd

Welcome Middler Spirit PL'ers!!

We are excited about celebrating **Middler Spirit week at Pilgrim Lodge** this year and are so glad you are going to join us, especially those of you for whom this will be your first Pilgrim Lodge event!! - an extra "welcome" to you. Your deans are Tim Martin, a camper for many years and a former staff member, and Tom Hancock, a dean and counselor from past camps. Both of us Deans are thrilled to welcome you to camp.

There will be some new events (think animals – it should be exciting), some of the ones you've done in the past with a new twist, and of course there will be some of the traditional events for a Middler Spirit camp such as the dress-up dinner, talent show, dance, cookout, and of course we won't forget boardwalk time. We'll explain what this means for those of you who are new to Pilgrim Lodge. Don't worry, just come, be open to the experience, and enjoy what just may prove to be one of the best weeks of your life.

Our theme this year is "Branching Out." We'll be exploring what it means to be part of the various aspects of the family of God. 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 during our mission night. Please bring new arts and crafts to donate to their after-school program: markers, paints, paper, beads, Popsicle sticks, glitter, and any other kind of craft that you like.

Worship is one of the highlights of Pilgrim Lodge and we are planning on expanding our collective worship experience – "Branching Out." We'll have the daily traditional PL-type worship and you will be part of planning this sometime during the week. We will also explore how others such as Jewish and Muslim folk worship and even look at other types of Christian worship. We will indeed rejoice in "Branching Out."

Here are some **things you should bring**: bedding, pillow, bathing suit, towel, personal items (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, etc.), clothes for warm and cool weather, dress up clothes for the "formal" dinner, sunscreen, bug repellent, musical instruments, your bible (we'll use it for a bit every day) and **art supplies for the mission project** (collect from your church, family, and friends). A few **things not to bring**: cell phones, candy & snacks, any type of weapon (not even a pocketknife; you won't need it), and suggestive or offensive clothing.

The entire counseling staff is looking forward to seeing you at camp on **Sunday, July 16th between 2 and 4 PM. Pick up time will be between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 22th. You need to be picked up no later than 11 a.m. on Saturday. Please make sure the person picking you up is aware of this.** See you soon!

Your Deans,

Tim & Tom