

## *Greetings Parents and Campers!*

Thank you for considering sending your child, or yourself, to Pilgrim Lodge this summer. This guide has been developed to help parents prepare for time at Pilgrim Lodge; and to help you and your child know what to expect and prevent miscommunications on policies and procedures when camp time comes. We are always looking to improve our program and communication so if you have any suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me, or any member of the Outdoor Ministry Team.

Faithfully,

*Bryan*

Rev. Bryan S. Breault Director of Outdoor Ministries Maine Conference, United Church of Christ

## Pilgrim Lodge Camp Philosophy



Inspiration is infused into lives through the power of love, nature, and God. Along the shores of Lake Cobbosseecontee, the Maine Conference United Church of Christ is blessed to nurture this ministry of inclusion. Amidst all the fun of summer camp, we teach stories from the Bible, as well as critical thinking. We find creative and fun new ways to bring meaning and enjoyment to worship. We celebrate and explore the awesome power of metaphor. We set the table for the feast God offers, without the arrogance of assuming we have all the answers, or that everyone's experience of God is identical. We encourage and enable

people to listen for God; we do not claim to speak God's voice. Often empowerment comes from recognizing the divine through healthy human connection: Christ is in the eyes and hearts of our brothers and sisters. In seeking, and finding that connection in one another, we recognize it within ourselves. Outdoor ministry has two foundational elements: community and creation. As our culture is increasingly withdrawing from community we believe that intentional periods of living together surrounded by the beauty of the earth, away from the stress and strain of ordinary, technology-centered routines, give our spirits a chance to be open to life in a real and vital manner.

## Open Registration Policy

Anyone may attend Pilgrim Lodge. Campers do not need to be a member the Maine Conference, United Church of Christ. Rules concerning acceptance and participation in all Maine Conference Outdoor Ministry events are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, sexual orientation, gender or national origin.

## Accreditation

Pilgrim Lodge is accredited by the American Camp Association. Information on accreditation standards can be found at [www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org).



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**Camp Leadership – Deans** Each session at Pilgrim Lodge is organized by volunteer leaders called deans. Most sessions have two deans who are responsible for recruiting their volunteer counselors and organizing the program and schedule. Because the deans and counselors are at PL as volunteers, for your event only, they bring a fresh and exciting feel to each session. Shortly before your session is to begin, you will receive a letter from your deans either by email, or U.S. postal mail. This letter will describe the theme, outline special events, tell you special things to bring, and let you know of any deviation from information in this guide (for example, pick-up time.) Deans' letters are also posted online so if your event is getting close and you haven't received it, check online first, then give us a call. (207-724-3200)

**Payment & Refunds:** **There is no refund for campers sent home for illness, homesickness, injury or discipline.** A non-refundable deposit of \$100 for week-long sessions and \$50 for half weeks, and \$25 for weekend events is required with the initial registration. **Please note the balance is due by June 15, 2016.** We do not accept payment at camp. If payment is not received on time, campers may forfeit their spot to others on the waiting list. If a camper withdraws more than two weeks before the start of a session the deposit will be forfeited, while any additional payments that have been made will be refunded. *If a camper withdraws two weeks or less before the start of a session the parent (or adult camper) will be responsible for the full camp fee; no refunds will be made.*

**Open Invoices:** Individuals with an unpaid balance from previous years will not be allowed to register until past balances are paid. Payments received will be used to pay open invoices from previous years and not toward registering for new events.

**Event Cancellation:** All events are subject to cancellation due to insufficient registration. If an event is cancelled, full refund of payments (including registration deposit) will be made. Confirmation notices will be sent after a registration is received and accepted. Online confirmation is by way of email.

**Behavior:** Certain behaviors deemed inappropriate may result in a camper being sent home and the camper's minister being notified. These behaviors include, but are not limited to, fighting; hitting; biting; stealing; destruction of, or intrusion into, another's property; threatening another; defying a counselor or dean; refusal to eat; wandering from established program areas; sexual activity; possession or use of cell phones, possession or use of weapons, alcohol, or illegal drugs; misuse, and distribution or concealing of prescription or non-prescription medication. Any camper sent home will be reaccepted for an Outdoor Ministries event only after consultation with the Outdoor Ministries Team and the Director of Outdoor Ministries.

**Alcohol and Drugs:** Alcohol and other drugs are not permitted at Pilgrim Lodge or Outdoor Ministries events. Drugs include inhalants such as gas or glue and the misuse of over the counter or prescription medicine. Anyone using or possessing alcohol or illegal drugs or misusing prescription drugs will be sent home immediately and the camper's minister will be notified

**Fireworks:** Fireworks are not permitted at Pilgrim Lodge or at Outdoor Ministries sponsored events. Anyone using or possessing fireworks will be sent home and their minister will be notified.

**Scholarships:** Many local churches have their own camp scholarship program. Please ask your pastor if such a program is available in your church. Additionally, partial scholarships are also available from the Maine Conference UCC for members of United Church of Christ churches. Applications for scholarships are found at the back of this guide. **Applications are due by May 15.** Applications received after May 15 will be considered only if funds remain after on-time applications have been disbursed.

**Photographs and Publicity:** By registering for camp, campers and parents agree that photographs taken of campers may be used for promotion by the Maine Conference, United Church of Christ including, but not limited to: camp brochures, promotional slide shows, video presentations, CD- Roms sold to campers, the Pilgrim Lodge website and other Pilgrim Lodge internet sites.

**U.S. Mail to campers:** Letters from home are encouraged. Please keep letters upbeat and do not focus on how much you miss your camper. **Do not mail candy or food.** Do not send any mail after Thursday's pickup. Address letters this way:

Camper's Name,  
Cabin # [camper's cabin number]  
Name of session (ie: "Arts Alive") Pilgrim Lodge  
103 Pilgrim Lodge Lane  
West Gardiner, ME 04345

**Email to campers:** Campers may receive emails. This option is available through Ultracamp (our online registration system). You can sign up for this during the registration process or any time after registering by accessing your existing account.

**Phone Calls and Off-Hour Emergencies:** Phones are available for use by campers only in case of emergency. The office phone number is 207-724-3200. If the office is closed and IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY ONLY you may call 207-724-3300. Please do not call the emergency line for administrative or non-emergency reasons. Please do not ask to speak to your camper for non-emergency issues. The camp director and staff are happy to check in with deans and counselors and give you a full report on how your camper is doing. Call the office during business hours for a check in.

**Insect Repellent and Sunscreen:** Lyme Disease and other insect-borne illnesses are a risk in any outdoor activity in the state of Maine. Campers need to bring and apply appropriate, non-aerosol insect repellent. There have been cases of Lyme Disease allegedly contracted at Pilgrim Lodge. Exposure to the sun also carries risk. Campers need to bring and apply sunscreen with an SPF factor of at least 30 before outdoor activities. Please send only sunscreens and insect repellents in non-aerosol containers

**Smoking:** Events sponsored by the Outdoor Ministries Team are tobacco-free.

**Personal items:** Campers are free to bring personal items such as musical instruments, (larger instruments usually are left in the lodge), ipods (not iphones), and sporting equipment, provided their name is written on the item. The Maine Conference, United Church of Christ is not responsible for lost, stolen or broken items. We recommend writing your name on all items, including clothing.

**Music Devices** Middler and Senior High campers may bring listening devices to camp to help them fall asleep if the following conditions are met. The device:

- is not internet capable
- is not also a cell phone, electronic communication, or gaming device
- is not used at any time other than when lying down on one's bunk, at either bunk or bed time
- does not leave the cabin (except for approved program specific events)
- is used with headphones or ear buds so that others cannot hear the music
- is turned off at the counselor's request

Counselors may choose to keep listening devices in their possession and distribute them before bed or bunk time. Any listening device can be confiscated if used outside these guidelines, or guidelines established by the deans or cabin counselor. If confiscated the device will be returned at the end of the session

**Camp Mission Project:** *“Daisy’s Children”* is the mission project for 2016. It is a true story of courage in community. Maine Conference member Sharon Beckwith founded Daisy’s Children in memory of Deysi (Daisy), a 24 year old mother of four who died on May 5, 2008 of starvation because she made the selfless decision to feed her four children rather than eat herself. Deysi perished in an effort to provide for her children. To honor the ultimate sacrifice she so readily made, Daisy’s Children was created. The North Berwick, Maine based non-profit group was established with the idea that this type of terrible tragedy never occurs again. We will learn about how one woman here in Maine is making the difference of life and death for hundreds of children. We will be asking campers to bring much needed supplies to be hand carried to Honduras as well as making an offering during our week. Learn more at [daisyschildren.org](http://daisyschildren.org)

**Theme and Curriculum:** Pilgrim Lodge will draw much of its program from the National Council of Churches “Inside:Out Christian Resources for Outdoor Ministries.” Some sessions rely more heavily on this curriculum than others depending on the volunteer leaders (or *deans*). This year the theme, **“Fearless Faith: Courage In Community”** through which campers will explore the fullness of God, who they are created to be and what they are called to do. The curriculum takes each theme and develops program ideas for age appropriate activities. Counselors are supplied with their own bible study and theological reflection. Usually these themes and Bible verses are used during worship planning and “family time.” Some deans weave the themes throughout the day. While a particular camp may or may not follow this structure closely, the daily themes and Bible verses listed on the next page:

## Daily Overview for Fearless Faith

Daily Guide	Theme	Scripture	Key Verse	Theological Summary	Campers Will
Day 1	Together, the Courage to Show Up	Genesis 12:1–8	Genesis 12:7–8	God called Abram out of his comfortable life to create community, and when Abram showed up, God met him there and blessed him.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• know they are connected to one another just by showing up</li> <li>• find camp to be a place where they are valued and accepted for who they are</li> <li>• become familiar with surroundings</li> <li>• acknowledge fear of new experiences and rejection</li> </ul>
Day 2	Together, the Courage to Trust	Ruth	Ruth 1:16–18	Ruth is an outsider who learned to trust Naomi, Naomi’s community, and her God, and when she did, everyone benefited.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• learn the importance of trusting each other</li> <li>• discover the impact of trust on a community</li> <li>• reflect on consequences of broken trust</li> <li>• acknowledge fear of betrayal</li> </ul>
Day 3	Together, the Courage to Forgive	Genesis 45:1–15	Genesis 45:14–15	When Joseph knew it was safe to do so, he showed his forgiveness to his brothers so that the work of God could go on.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• experience the transformative power of forgiveness in relationships</li> <li>• explore giving and receiving grace</li> <li>• discover how forgiveness is communal</li> <li>• acknowledge fear of being taken advantage of/hurt again</li> </ul>
Day 4	Together, the Courage to Stand	Daniel 3	Daniel 3:28	When we are called to be different than others and to stand with our community, we will not stand alone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• find confidence in community</li> <li>• discover the impact of communal worship</li> <li>• find strength in numbers</li> <li>• acknowledge fear of being misperceived</li> </ul>
Day 5	Together, the Courage to Do Justice	Esther 4	Esther 4:13–14; 8:6	Esther took a risk to defend God’s people because she trusted God’s covenant with her community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understand that our choices can have positive effects on the community</li> <li>• identify and address injustice</li> <li>• expand their understanding of community to a global scale</li> <li>• acknowledge the fear of failure</li> </ul>

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Day 6	<b>Together, the Courage to Change</b>	Acts 10	Acts 10:44–45	Sometimes a community has to change its plans to be faithful to God’s story rather than just doing what the community has already done before.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• learn that community adapts to change from inside and outside</li> <li>• notice that change is inevitable</li> <li>• celebrate and share change</li> <li>• acknowledge fear of the unknown</li> </ul>
Day 7	<b>Together, the Courage to Connect</b>	Matthew 28	Matthew 28:19–20	In order to bless all nations, Jesus calls the community to cross borders and cultures and be willing to be changed by them as well.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• learn to invite others into a community of fearless faith</li> <li>• understand the value of being a community of faith outside of camp</li> <li>• leave with a connection between camp and home communities</li> <li>• acknowledge fear of being alone, going home, being forgotten</li> </ul>

**Background checks:** Deans are responsible for recruiting counselors for their session. Counselors are then screened and trained by the Pilgrim Lodge staff. Background checks are performed on all adult deans, counselors and staff members. Counselors meet daily with the deans and a member of the PL staff to discuss camper issues and gain support for particular behavioral issues.

**Counselorships:** A \$75 discount is offered to parents who serve as a counselor (\$37 for the half-week session.) This discount is to be used in the same year as the counseling session and is to be used for immediate family members only. To apply for a counselorship simply mail in the form at the back of this guide (103 Pilgrim Lodge Lane, West Gardiner, ME 04345) or bring it with you.

**Supervision:** Campers are supervised. At each interval campers know what their options are and where they are supposed to be. Sometimes the volunteer counseling staff is in charge and at other times (ie: ‘option time’) the summer staff are supervising. There are some periods of informal socializing in the lodge or on the boardwalk, but with adults close by. Campers are not allowed to wander the camp alone or without supervision and can be sent home for defying this regulation. Set shower times are supervised by an adult of the appropriate gender sitting outside the shower house within earshot.

**Physical Exam and Health Form Requirements:** Health forms are to be submitted to camp at least two weeks prior to arrival. Health forms are available on-line, or will be mailed by request. Parents will have the option to fill out the Health Form 1 online through the registration system. The nice thing about this feature is once you have it filled out, you will not have to do it again in future years. You will only have to update any changes to the form from year to year!

**EXAM:** A physical examination is required by a licensed physician within **12 months** of attending camp.

**WHICH HEALTH FORMS?**

- *Parents* fill out **FORM 1**
- A *doctor’s signature* is needed on **FORM 2**
- Only those with inhalers, epi-pens, or other medications that must be kept on their person must fill out **FORM 3**, signed by both a doctor and a parent (Maine State Law)

**USING LAST YEAR'S FORM:** Due to changes in ACA regulations, every camper needs a new form each year.

**DOES MY CHILD'S SPORTS EXAM SUFFICE?** A physical form *signed by a doctor* within the last year that clears the camper for school sports may be substituted **for form 2 only. Parents still must complete FORM 1.**

**Medications:** ALL medications (including non-prescription medicines) must be turned over to the camp nurse or designated trip leader at registration. **Failure to surrender medications to the nurse will result in a camper being sent home without refund.** Do not bring common over the counter medications such as Tylenol: these are available from the camp nurse. Medications should be in their original container and clearly marked with the camper's name, the name of the medication, and usage instructions. Unused medications are to be picked up at the end of the week. We recommend you *speak with your doctor* about your child remaining on medications prescribed during the school year while at camp.

**Disclosure of Medical Conditions:** In order for us to help your child have the best experience possible, the Camp Director needs to be aware in advance of any physical, emotional or behavioral needs a child may have. Special arrangements can be made. This information is shared only with those responsible for the care of your child.

**Health Screening:** A camp nurse or doctor will train staff members to perform a brief health screening upon arrival. This includes a few questions, and a check for evidence of head lice.

**Health Care:** A nurse is on duty during all youth camps, with standing orders from a doctor on call. We will attempt to reach parents if an illness or injury requires a visit to our on-call doctor's office or the emergency room. If we cannot reach parents, we will take the camper for treatment and continue to try to reach parents. Parents or guardians are responsible for health care costs should a camper need to be brought to our on-call doctor's office, pharmacy, or the emergency room. Invoices for such visits will be given to parents when they pick up their camper. Parents are responsible for payment directly to the health care provider. At the time the camper is picked up, parents will reimburse the Maine Conference for prescription medication purchased on a camper's behalf.

**Drop Off and Pick Up:** Drop off and pick up times are posted in the camp brochure and on-line. Most sessions register between 2 and 4 pm of the first day and pick up is usually at 10 am on the last day. Any changes will be reported in a deans letter.

**Visitation:** Parents, family members and friends of campers are cordially invited to visit during registration and departure only. At other times campers will be fully occupied and family and friends are asked to please refrain from visiting or calling by telephone.

**Dropping off late/picking up early:** Pilgrim Lodge desires to create a community with all of its participants. Arriving late and leaving early creates gaps in that community that affect all participants. Therefore **we expect campers to arrive at the designated time and to stay for the duration of the program.** If you cannot make this commitment because of sporting events, vacations or other reasons, please cancel or reschedule your camp experience by calling us at 207-724-3200. Deposits are non-refundable. (Please note, a few parents with last minute issues like traffic have been concerned that their child would not be accepted if they were a bit late. This is not the case: This policy is about pre-planned missing of a portion of camp.) A camper will be released for their own medical health or on the death of a family member.

**Camper staying in the same cabin with friends from home:** We do not house friends from the same church together, nor do we grant requests for campers to be together. Our experience is that friends from home tend to relate to one another instead of getting to know new cabin mates. We hope campers will make new friends in their cabin. Cabin time is limited and there is ample time for friends to be together during camp.

**Cell Phones:** Disconnecting from the world of electronics is a necessary part of camp community building. Youth campers are not allowed to possess cell phones or other forms of electronic communication at camp and may be sent home if found possessing a cell phone. Parents have access to an emergency number (207-724-3300). Using cell phones as a watch is not an acceptable excuse for possession of cell phones at camp. Aside from the fact that cell phones are expensive and can get lost or stolen and that the physical camp environment is not kind to such items, there is a fundamental problem with campers having cell phones at camp, and that is trust. When children come to camp they—and you—are making a leap of faith, temporarily transferring their primary care from you as their parents to us and their counselors. This is one of the growth-producing, yet challenging aspects of camp. As children learn to trust other caring adults, they grow and learn, little by little, to solve some of their own challenges. We believe this emerging independence is one of the greatest benefits of camp. It is one important way your child develops greater resilience. Contacting you by phone essentially means they have not made this transition. It prevents us from getting to problems that may arise and addressing them quickly. Sending a cell phone to camp is like saying to your child that you as the parent haven't truly come to peace with the notion of them being away from you and in our care. We agree to tell you if your child is experiencing a challenge in their adjustment to camp. *You can help* by talking with you child *before they leave for camp* and telling them that there is always someone they can reach out to, whether it be their counselor, a trusted activity leader, a lifeguard, a dean, the camp nurse, or the director. We are all here to help. **Please don't give your child permission to break this rule: it is a confusing message and a precedent about how other rules apply to them.**

**Camp Store and Store Accounts:** The camp store sells postcards and stamps, Pilgrim Lodge T-shirts, hats, and flashlights, memorabilia, and necessary items such as toothbrushes, and combs. All Pilgrim Lodge clothing is certified sweat-shop and child labor free! All proceeds from the Pilgrim Lodge store go directly to support the ministry of Pilgrim Lodge. No cash is accepted at the store during the week. Parents set up camper store accounts upon arrival. The account is drawn down during the week. On Saturday you will receive any change due. During the week the store will open once a day for ice-cream sales (\$1.00 per cone) and once a day for other items.

**Pre-camp Visits:** Parents concerned that their child is nervous or may become homesick can do some things to help the child prepare for camp. A visit to camp ahead of time is the best way for a child to know what to expect. **Please call before you visit.** Coming to camp with a friend is another good idea (although we do not house friends in the same cabin).

**Clothing:** The Outdoor Ministries Team wishes to affirm everyone's right to self-expression and their right to express their individuality. The intent of the OMT's suggested attire is to ensure that everyone feels comfortable and accepted as they are at all Pilgrim Lodge and Outdoor Ministries activities. Clothing should be worn so that all body parts are covered to maintain generally accepted levels of modesty. Undergarments, appropriate to age and physical development should be worn at all times and should not be visible, with the exception of bra straps showing underneath sleeveless blouses and other garments. The following will not be tolerated on clothing: profanity; pictures or message of a sexual nature; weapons, violence; drug, alcohol or tobacco related material; or any item that degrades others or is offensive. It is our hope that everyone will support compliance with this policy.

**Group Photos:** Every camper will receive an 8X10 or 5X7 (depending on the size of the group) photo of their group. CD-Roms of digital photos of most sessions can be purchased at the camp store. If you pre-order a CD at registration you will save the cost of postage because the disc will be waiting for you when you pick up your camper.

**A Typical Day at PL:** No two days are exactly alike and no two weeks have the exact same schedule. There are, however, rhythms to the day around which most sessions drape their program. Generally the framework of the program looks like this:



- 7:00 Wakeup bell, optional swim
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 Cabin cleanup
- 8:45 Worship in the outdoor chapel
- 9:15 Morning watch (5 minutes for young children, 10-15 for older) quiet reflection
- 9:30 Family Time (small group) curriculum based, group building challenges, worship planning
- 11:00 Option time (swimming, boating, crafts, nature education, games in the lodge)
- 12:15 Lunch, singing & camp store open
- 1:00 Bunk Time (state mandated) nap or lay on the bed reading or writing; Mail delivery
- 2:00 Interest groups (small group activities led by counselors or staff)
- 3:15 Ice Cream time
- 3:30 All group program (large group activities)
- 4:30 Option time (swimming boating, crafts, Nature education, games in the lodge)
- 6:00 Dinner
- 6:30 Evening program
- 8:30 Snack
- 9:00 Vespers (earlier for younger campers)
- 9:30 Boardwalk Time (middlers and seniors) time for socialization on the boardwalk
- 9:00-10:30 Bed time (earlier for younger campers)

## IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR CAMP!

### A Quick Review for Children and Youth Sessions

<p><b>WHAT TO BRING:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Casual relaxing clothes</li> <li>▪ Warm clothes for cold days and nights</li> <li>▪ Warm sleeping clothes</li> <li>▪ Rain gear</li> <li>▪ Shorts</li> <li>▪ Jeans/pants</li> <li>▪ Sweatshirts</li> <li>▪ Bible</li> <li>▪ Notebook or stationery and pen</li> <li>▪ Bathing suit</li> <li>▪ Beach towel</li> <li>▪ Shower shoes/beach shoes</li> <li>▪ Musical instruments</li> <li>▪ 1 nice outfit (not <i>too</i> formal)</li> <li>▪ Bathroom items in an easy to carry bag or</li> <li>▪ Bucket (towels, washcloth, soap,</li> <li>▪ Toothbrush, floss, comb/brush etc.)</li> <li>▪ Sleeping bag or bedding</li> <li>▪ Pillow</li> <li>▪ Comfortable sneakers/hikers</li> <li>▪ Flashlight</li> <li>▪ Laundry bag</li> <li>▪ Insect repellent (non-aerosol please!)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Personal items policy:</b></p> <p>Campers are free to bring personal items such as musical instruments, (larger instruments usually are left in the lodge), compact discs, and sporting equipment provided their name is written on the item. The Maine Conference, United Church of Christ is not responsible for lost, stolen or broken items.</p> <hr/> <p><b>The Camp Store</b></p> <p>Upon arrival there will be a table where you can set up an account for the store. Campers are not allowed to have cash in their cabins. Cash is only accepted at the store during drop off and pick up. Ice cream is \$1 per day.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Photo CD's:</b> You can order a CD-Rom of photos of your campers week at the store for \$15 and it will be ready for you when your camper leaves. Photo CD's may be ordered after camp but a shipping charge is added. Individual photos are available for purchase in our online photo gallery offered through our registration system.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Sunscreen (SPF 30 or more) (continued)</li><li>▪ Water bottle with camper's name written on it</li><li>▪ Items listed in your Deans' letter</li><li>▪ Money for store/mission (look to the right)</li></ul>	<p><b>Mail:</b> (Please do not send food or candy) Camper's Name, camper's cabin # Pilgrim Lodge 103 Pilgrim Lodge Lane West Gardiner, ME 04345</p>
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**Epi-pens or inhalers:**

In order to keep an epi-pen or inhaler with your camper new state regulations require special forms (in addition to the health form) signed by both parents and physicians. The form is available at: [www.pilgrimlodge.org](http://www.pilgrimlodge.org) or by calling 724-3200

**Health Forms:** Your physician signed health forms should be mailed in to: Pilgrim Lodge, 103 Pilgrim Lodge Lane, West Gardiner, ME 04345.

**Head Check:** A health screening including a head check is being performed upon arrival. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

**Please do not Bring: Cell Phones or other electronic communication devices** (campers who bring cell phones may be sent home) alcohol or illegal drugs; weapons (including pocket knives); electronic handheld games, pets; valuables; jewelry; beepers; computers; fireworks, SCUBA equipment, "healies" skate boards or in-line skates

# Pilgrim Lodge 2016 Scholarship Application

**Due: May 15, 2016**



Send this completed form to:

Pilgrim Lodge Scholarship Request  
103 Pilgrim Lodge Lane  
West Gardiner, ME 04102

Please check with your local church pastor to see if a PL scholarship is available from the church.

All applications must be **signed by a United Church of Christ minister** (unsigned or incomplete applications will be returned without being processed. If the application is re-submitted and received after May 15 it will be considered a late application.) Scholarships received after May 15 will be considered only if any funds remain after all on-time applications have been processed.

There are a limited amount of funds for distribution. Please apply only if you are truly in need in order to attend camp. The amount of scholarship offered will be dependent on the number of applications received by May 15. Scholarships do not exceed one third of the camp fee.

Camper Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church (include town name) \_\_\_\_\_

Session and Date of session \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of United Church of Christ Pastor (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian, or Adult camper signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of household members: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Household income: \_\_\_\_\_

Other scholarships applied for: (Summer champs, local church etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Church of program \_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested (or granted) from above \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested from Maine Conference \_\_\_\_\_

# Request for a Pilgrim Lodge Counselorship



**Thank you!** Our program would not exist if not for the incredible gift of time offered by our counselors. Thank you for valuing the ministry at Pilgrim Lodge enough to offer your time.

**About Counseling:** If you would like to counsel but are not sure how to begin, start by contacting us at camp ([karen@pilgrimlodge.org](mailto:karen@pilgrimlodge.org) or 207-724-3200) We'll ask you if you have particular weeks in mind. Your information will then go to the deans of those camps who will contact you about whether or not they are in need of counselors. You'll be asked to read a short book on counseling and take an on-line exam and print out the certification of completion (only the first time you counsel.) You'll also need reference forms and a background check authorization, available online or from your dean. You will be asked to attend a few meetings before camp and to arrive a day before where you will receive training more specific to Pilgrim Lodge.

**Counseling when your child is at PL:** Some parents hope to counsel when their child is at camp. You know your child, and whether or not this is a good idea for them. We find that for some younger children it works out fine. Middler and Senior High campers usually tend to do better given their own time and space at PL. Unless there are extraordinary circumstances, we will not place your child in your cabin. It is difficult to step out of the role of parent and trying to be a camp counselor to your own child.

**Counselorships:** If you have an immediate family member attending camp this summer, you can receive a \$75 Counsellorship (\$37 for the half-week long session) toward his or her camp fee. Please, immediate family only. Counsellorships are not offered to CIT's and are not to be used for oneself. Counsellorships must be applied in the same year that you counsel.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I am counseling for this session: \_\_\_\_\_

Please apply my Counsellorship to (camper's name) \_\_\_\_\_

Attending this session: \_\_\_\_\_

This camper is my: (son, sister etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

You can mail this form (103 Pilgrim Lodge Lane, West Gardiner, ME 04102) or bring it with you to camp. If you're counseling after you camper's session, it is helpful to us to have this form *before* the camper's session begin

## **Directions to Pilgrim Lodge:** phone: 207-724-3200

**Traveling North on I-295:** Take **exit 51**, turn **Left** on Route **126**. Follow Route 126 about 2.5 miles. /  
at the blinking light turn **RIGHT** onto Spears Corner Road /  
continue straight for 4.3 miles (through 2 stop signs) to a third stop sign: **Careful: cross traffic does NOT stop at any of the three stop signs** /  
at that third stop sign turn **LEFT** onto Neck Road/  
Pilgrim Lodge will be one mile ahead on your **RIGHT**

**Traveling North on I-95 (new shorter route):**  
Take **exit 86** and turn **LEFT** onto Route 9 /  
drive a mile and half and turn **RIGHT** on route 126 /  
in 10.8 miles at the blinking light with “Litchfield Country Store” on your right,  
Turn **LEFT at Batchelder’s Corner** (the post office should now be on your right) /  
in 2 miles bear **LEFT** on Neck Road /  
Pilgrim Lodge is 2 miles ahead on the **LEFT**

**Traveling South on I-95** From **I-95**, take exit **109 B** onto **Route 202** west. Follow below:

**Traveling West:** Travel through Augusta on **Route 202**, cross over **I-95**  
*South and west continued:*  
After 2.5 miles, (by the Manchester Citgo), at the stoplight where route 17 turns right (don’t turn right) and 202 goes straight (don’t go straight) turn **LEFT onto Pond Road**  
proceed South for about 6.5 miles /  
Pilgrim Lodge will be on your **RIGHT**

**Traveling East:** Take 126 from Lewiston to Litchfield. At the blinking light with “Litchfield Country Store” on your right, Turn **LEFT at Batchelder’s Corner** (The post office should now be on your right) /  
drive 2 miles/  
Turn **LEFT onto Neck road**/  
Pilgrim Lodge will be in 2 miles ahead on your **LEFT**