## Grandparents and Grandchildren 1 July 5 – 6 (July 4 optional)



Welcome!

Thank you for registering for our camp. My son, Tom, and I are looking forward to meeting and getting to know your family.

There is some general information which we would like to get from you before camp begins which will help us finalize our camp planning process. If you would, complete the form by clicking on <u>this link</u>. This will give us some background information and some opportunities to make sure that your camp session is as meaningful as possible. If you do not have access to the internet, we can send you the information in the mail.

For those who have not been part of Pilgrim Lodge camping before (or have not been there in a while), you will be sleeping in a cabin with electricity, shower, toilet and potable water. There are bunk beds and fans.

- You should **bring your own pillow**, **sleeping bags or sheets/blankets**. Some like to have extra support on their mattresses in the form of an "egg crate" or by bringing a blow up mattress to use on the floor of the cabin. Please let us know if you will be doing this as there are some cabins which are better suited to having things set up in the middle of the cabin.
- **Towels** for bathroom and waterfront will also need to come with you.
- If your grandchild is especially small and has their own life jacket, please bring it. If you are interested in boating, but don't have a child's life jacket, no problem! PL has some.
- **Reusable water bottles** are helpful for our busy days but can also be purchased in the store.
- A portable chair like a "bag chair" will be helpful for activities at the campfire or playing field.
- **This summer Pilgrim Lodge will be** <u>*PEANUT FREE.*</u> If it is your custom to bring snacks, please do not bring snacks with peanuts or peanut butter!

There are times when 2 family units will be expected to share one cabin so that we can accommodate as many campers as possible and to cut down on waiting lists and disappointed families. Cabins generally sleep 8 (four lower bunks and four upper bunks). If you already have another family which you'd be interested in sharing a cabin with, please contact Karen Steelhammer, our Camp Registrar at 207-724-3200, so that can be noted with your registration information. We'll do our best to accommodate those requests – especially if both families request each other!

There may also be the opportunity to bring your RV and have a place on site without electricity or water/sewer hook-up. It would need to be approved by our Camp Director Melinda Trotti at 207-724-3200.

If you have an activity you would like to share with other campers, please bring it! If you'd be willing to assist with worship, please contact me, Karen Choate, at <u>kchoate@lewistonpublicschools.org</u> or 207-786-2501.

We have the opportunity to share camp with Best of Both Worlds campers who will have spent the beginning of the week at our sister camp in New Hampshire, Horton Center. We will have our own space at times and share space at certain times of the day. We will have our meals together in the dining hall but sit at tables with our own campers.

This summer Pilgrim Lodge will be working with the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed for our mission program. They will give us some hands on opportunities to learn about Lake Cobbosseecontee and how to preserve Maine lakes/waterways. There will be an offering taken to support the work of this organization.

Please remember to have the appropriate <u>health forms</u> for all participants (there are 2 for youth – one needs a doctor's signature - and 1 for adults) <u>at camp</u> before your arrival. Please review the <u>Pilgrim Lodge Family Camp guide</u> - page 8 has a helpful packing list!

If you are arriving on July 4th, registration will be from 3 to 5 pm in Quitobaquito – our dining hall. Dinner will be the first meal provided. If you are arriving on July 5th, registration will be from 9 to 11 am in Quitobaquito. Your first meal will be lunch.

On Saturday, we will remove our gear from our cabin spaces by 9:30 am and have a closing worship around 11 am. (Best of Both Worlds parents will be arriving at 9am or so, so movement on the road should be limited, if possible, to adults.)

We are looking forward to meeting you!

Karen and Tom Choate, Deans