

Middler Spirit at Pilgrim Lodge

July 15 - 21, 2018



Welcome Middler Spirit campers!!

July 15th will be here before you know it! We hope you are as excited as we are to get to Pilgrim Lodge and spend a week together on the boardwalk. For those of you who will be coming for the first time, **WELCOME!** We are Tim and Laura, and we are thrilled to be returning as your Deans this year. Along with our great group of counselors, we're looking forward to seeing you at camp.

Like with every week at camp, we'll be doing a combination of new and old. Brand new events, favorites from last year with a twist and of course traditional Middler Spirit events like the dress-up dinner, talent show, dance, cookout, the Monster Race, and boardwalk time. We'll explain what this means for those of you who are new to Pilgrim Lodge. Don't worry! Just come as you are, 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 *Beyond Belief*. We'll be pondering BIG questions about God and exploring how God can be seen in the vastness of creation and the power of community, like the community we'll build at Middler Spirit. As part of this theme, we'll be talking about superheroes. Want to dress as a superhero for the dress up dinner? Please do! The more heroes the better! We'll bring our capes and hope you bring yours.

This summer, the mission program will be led by the Anti-Racism Resource Team of the Maine Conference and we will be able to support organizations in Maine doing anti-racism work. More to come on that during the mission presentation but if you are able, we will be collecting basic school supplies - notebooks, pens, pencils and erasers - for new Mainers at the New Mainers Resource Center, which provides classes and networking that help immigrants overcome barriers to entering the workforce.

Here are some **things you should bring**: bedding, pillow, bathing suit, towel, personal items (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, etc.), clothes for warm and cool weather, rain coat (just in case), close-toed shoes, dress up clothes (or a superhero costume) for the dress-up dinner, a plain white shirt to tie-dye, sunscreen, bug repellent, musical instruments, your bible (we'll use it for a bit every day) and the school supplies we just mentioned (collect from your church, family, and friends). A few **things not to bring**: cell phones, candy and 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 15 between 2 and 4 PM. Remember to bring your health and registration paperwork. Pick up time will be between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 21. You need to be picked up no earlier than 9:30am and no later than 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.** Please make sure the person picking you up is aware of this.

We encourage you to tell everyone to write to you at camp. Getting mail is so fun! The address is your name and cabin number, 103 Pilgrim Lodge Lane, West Gardiner, ME 04345.

We are looking forward to meeting you on Sunday, July 15th and having a week filled with swimming, boating, crafts, nature, and fun! Until then, take care.

Pilgrimlogically,

Tim & Laura