



Hello Faith Foundations Camper (and Parents)!

It's time to get ready to spend a few days and nights at Pilgrim Lodge (PL)! Our program this year is themed "Peace Works" – it's filled with great examples of how you can bring God's peace to the world! We are really looking forward to introducing you to all the ways PL can help you discover more about yourself by making new friends, discovering new activities, learning about your faith, and how God is present in your everyday life! We are your Deans - Kevin and Karla Murphy - and we are looking forward to meeting all of you!

Registration is Sunday, July 21 from 3:00 – 4:30PM

This year, we are sharing our camp week with another camp: Senior High. Though most of our activities will be separate, we will be overlapping our registration time with theirs and will be sharing meals and option time with them. We and the staff will make sure you are checked in with the right camp, and find the right cabin and counselor!

Some of the things you can look forward include swimming, boating, crafts, nature cabin, interest groups and family time.

We have a very special invitation for your furry stuffed friends: Everyone needs to bring at least one special stuffed companion from home. These companions help personalize every bunk and are invited to accompany you to evening vespers and story time. If you have a hard time choosing one to bring – bring two or three!!

Of course, remember to pack the basics, too: sleeping bag, pillow, swimming suit, a towel, toothbrush, toothpaste, clothes for the week, comfortable shoes and a bible. We do ask that you bring a pair of closed-toed-shoes (think sneakers), but you might only need to wear them once or twice. Also, be sure to check the weather for Gardner, Maine before you pack - the weather in Maine can change pretty quickly, and the temperature the day you pack may be different than what it is the rest of the week at camp! Finally, remember: please don't pack electronics or food in your bags - your gadgets and mom's cookies will wait for you until you get back home.

We always try to do our best to care for God's world, so everyone is being asked to bring a reusable water bottle to camp. Make sure your name is clearly marked on it! Our goal at camp is to not use a single paper cup!!

Not sure what else to (or not to) bring? Check out the Parent and Camper Guide, on the forms page of the Pilgrim Lodge website: [www.pilgrimlodge.org/forms](http://www.pilgrimlodge.org/forms)

One of the most important things we do at camp is to focus our campers on a particular mission. The goal of our mission project every year is to spread the goodness and values that are important while we are at Pilgrim Lodge out to the rest of the world.

This year's mission will be helping the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed (Cobbosseecontee is the lake you use for swimming and boating while at Pilgrim Lodge). A watershed is an area of land connected by – you guessed it – water. Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed will visit us on Tuesday and lead a hands-on project to help us learn about the lake, water, and conservation. We ask that you bring a donation to support this group and the important work they do to help maintain this beautiful watershed. If you have a moment please visit their website, [www.watershedfriends.com](http://www.watershedfriends.com)

Camp will start Sunday, July 21 and Registration will be from 3:00 – 4:30pm (please don't come before 3:00, as we need time to get things ready for you). Please let PL know if you will be arriving AFTER 4:30 pm. Pack your swimming suit on top of your suitcase or wear it, so you can take the swimming assessment as soon as you check into your cabin and meet your counselor. If you arrive to your cabin after 4:20 on Sunday, you will be able to take your assessment during swim time the next day.

The closing will come much too soon for most of us. Our closing program will start at 9am Wednesday, July 24th. It should run less than ½ an hour; we hope all parents can attend, though it's important that the campers stay with their cabin group to share in this closing event until their counselors release the campers to the adults picking them up. Departure is between 9 and 9:30, so the PL staff can get our cabins ready for another enthusiastic group of campers!

We have a great volunteer team assembled and waiting to meet you and make your time at PL so great that you will want to come back to PL for years to come. By the end of camp, you and your new PL friends will be making plans to come back together next year!

We can't wait to meet you and share all the great things PL has to offer!

Dean Kevin and Dean Karla