

Middler Spirit at Pilgrim Lodge

July 14 - 20, 2019

Drop off - Sun, July 14, 2:00-4:00pm

Pick up - Sat, July 20, 9:30-10:30am



Welcome Middler Spirit campers!!

July 14th 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.

We love PL. We wanted to figure out how to pack more PL into a week on Cobbosseecontee. **So we spent all winter in the lab trying to figure out how - and we've done it!** The Middler Spirit schedule has been morphed, revolutionized, and transfigured (Hello, Jesus?). We're maximizing all the things you love about PL. We are inventing and resurrecting (Is that you, Jesus?) some amazing all-camp activities. It's going to be outstanding.

Like with every week at camp, **it will be a combination of new and old.** Brand new events like an all lake water carnival, glow in the dark evening program, and choose your own challenges plus favorite traditional Middler Spirit events like the dress-up dinner, 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 and enjoy what just may prove to be one of the best weeks of your life.

Our theme this year is *Peace Works*. Each day, we'll be exploring peace and peacemaking. **Peace pushes us to change, grow, and unite**, and we'll be looking at peace using different cultural and ethnic voices. Despite the laughter of campers and the calls of loons on the lake, we think Pilgrim Lodge is one of the best places to find inner peace and imagine what peace could be like in the world.

This year's mission project is the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed which works to protect the lake PL is blessed to sit on. Founded in 2001, the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed was founded by local residents concerned about declining water quality in their lakes. Pilgrim Lodge's beautiful home on the shores of Lake Cobbosseecontee is one of the things that truly makes our camp special. We're very excited to support their work so we can swim in these waters for years to come. We'll be doing a hands-on project with the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed during our week. **To support the health of Lake Cobbosseecontee and surrounding watershed, we will be taking a mission offering during camp.** Campers are encouraged to bring an offering (donation) to help support the important work the Friends are doing to preserve our beloved lake.

Here are some **things you should bring**: bedding, pillow, bathing suit, towel, personal items (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, etc.), clothes for warm and cool weather, raincoat (just in case), close-toed shoes, dress up clothes for the dress-up dinner, sunscreen, bug repellent, musical instruments, your bible (we'll use it for a bit every day) and an offering for the mission project. 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. You can find an entire list of what to bring and what not to bring on the PL website at pilgrimlodge.org/summer-camp/guides-forms/.

We are so excited about Middler Spirit at Pilgrim Lodge this summer and can't wait to see you there. When you get home your friends won't believe how much fun you had at camp. In fact, it might be too difficult to explain to them. It



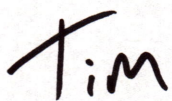
would be way better to bring them to Middler Spirit with you so they can experience it! Your friend doesn't have to be associated with the UCC, Christianity, or any religion at all - everyone is welcome!

We have another all-star counselor crew that is raring to get back to PL and share a week with you on the boardwalk! Be sure to arrive at PL on **Sunday, July 14 between 2-4pm**. Remember to bring your health and registration paperwork. **On Saturday, July 21, you need to be picked up no earlier than 9:30am and no later than 10:30am**. 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 14th and having a week filled with swimming, boating, crafts, nature, and fun! Until then, take care.

Pilgrimlogically,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim".A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura".

Tim & Laura