

Arts Alive is mere days away! My name is David and I am the Dean of Arts Alive! I am the program leader for the week, working with and supporting the counselors to make sure you have fun and enjoy your time at camp! As in many years, we are the first full week camp of the season and we are itching for it to start! Here are just a few notes and helpful reminders to make our week fantastic! If after all the info, you have questions or would like some clarification please drop me a line! My email address is at the bottom of this letter.

For our first night together, please bring something that you've made in the last year: a painting, sculpture, piece of music or a poem, something you sewed, or even a tray of brownies you baked! On Sunday when we gather in our small Family Groups (of about 12 campers and two counselors) you'll have the chance to introduce yourself and share your creation!

When you arrive on Sunday afternoon, you'll find out your cabin assignment and your counselor. Everyone will have between 5 and 7 cabin-mates who you'll live with for the week! You will also sign up for the workshop you'll be with for the week. Every morning is spent in specialized arts workshops:

Visual Art	Instrumental Music
Dance	Vocal Music
Written Word	Theater

You'll be in the workshop all week working on your own projects and with the rest of the group toward a final presentation or display at our end of the week showcase, ARTS ALIVE ON STAGE! Sing a song, juggle, tumble, dance, tell jokes, Arts Alive on Stage is a celebration of both a week of work and the natural skills and talents you have! All are able to perform on stage or display their work in the gallery! It is a legitimate talent show!

Every summer, Pilgrim Lodge adopts a mission partner to support. This year, PL has joined with Tree Street Youth in Lewiston. Tree Street supports young people of Lewiston & Auburn through after school programs, arts, academic, and leadership opportunities. Members of Tree Street Youth will join us on Tuesday night to talk about their program and how it works. Campers, take a look at their website and consider bringing a donation, or using a portion of your store account money to give to this worthy cause. Tree Street also accepts material donations for their arts and music programming! Consider bringing a material donation from the list below instead of money:

Musical instruments	Canvas
Aux cords (for electric instruments)	Watercolor paint
Guitar strings	Watercolor paper
Portable amps or speakers	Paint brushes
	Art easels

And take a look at their website to get to know them a little better:

[treestreetyouth.org](http://treestreetyouth.org)

Pilgrim Lodge has a store where campers can purchase stamps, postcards, shirts, and most importantly, ICE CREAM! In the afternoon we celebrate ice cream time when the whole camp stops and enjoys a delicious treat! Camp ice cream costs \$1.25 per day. Bring extra money for other camp store items.

Here are some always-important things to bring:

- Warm sleeping clothes (just in case)
- Warm clothes for daytime wear (just in case)
- A rain jacket or poncho (also just in case!)
- A white shirt to tie-dye
- At least one pair of closed toed shoes: sneakers, hiking shoes, or similar
- A set of nice or fancy (or downright silly) clothes for the Thursday night Fancy Dinner
- Pillow & pillowcase
- Any specific supplies you might need for your workshop:
  - Specific art supplies (PL has a huge collection, so most items are provide.)
  - Musical instrument
  - Sheet music
  - Dance shoes
  - Costumes/props
- Bedding (either sheets or a sleeping bag)
- Towel for swimming and showering
- Soap & Shampoo
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- A notebook
- Waterbottle
- A book to read
- A Bible
- Flashlight
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen

Unlike many other Pilgrim Lodge camps, we **do allow** campers to bring an mp3 or music player with them to listen to music with headphones during bunk time (afternoon rest hour) and before bed. They are not allowed outside of the cabins. Please remember though that **cellphones are not allowed at Arts Alive**, even cellphones that are also used as music players. If your cellphone is your music player, plan to make other arrangements.

Phew! If only this letter could count toward your summer reading! That was a lot of info! I so look forward to having everyone together on the boardwalk, filling the camp with some Arts Alive beloved music and laughter! It is a blessing I look

forward to all year long and it couldn't happen without you! Drop me a line if there's anything else!

Here we go!

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