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Hey middle school youth & parental units!

This week we will be looking into the best that the northern UCC Outdoor Ministries has to offer by traveling between Pilgrim Lodge and Horton Center. From the lakes of PL to the mountains of HC we'll be experiencing the **BEST of BOTH WORLDS!**

We'll be going *outside* to look *inward*, experiencing spirituality in outdoor settings while learning to grow as a community. We'll have a spirit-filled week while learning about how faith affects our lives.

What communities do you bring with you to camp? What about yourself do you most want to explore while exploring the best that New Hampshire and Maine have to offer? How do we grow as a Christian community? We're excited to explore all these questions and more with you over our week at camp!!

Your Deans:

Kjell and **Marge** have been planning your week of camp over the past few months. Your deans have gotten together to talk about your week at camp while discussing the best parts of their experiences at camp that they want to share with you!

Your Week:

We will begin our week of adventures at Pilgrim Lodge in West Gardener, ME. **Registration is from 2-4pm on Sunday, July 22nd.** For directions, visit their website above. Please do not arrive sooner as we will still be getting ready for your arrival. When you arrive, parents will be asked to complete a check-in/out form and list anyone who could possibly pick you up Saturday. (Please be prepared to list more than one person.) No camper may leave with anyone whose name is not on the list.

We will travel together by school bus on Wednesday to Horton Center in Gorham, NH. At Horton Center, we'll continue to hang out, have fun, and learn about Jesus in the best way possible, until Saturday.

Since we will be traveling mid-week, we strongly encourage family and friends to use bunk-notes to send you messages so you don't miss any important mail! Families can sign up for bunk-notes through the PL and HC websites.

Pick up is at Horton Center at 9:30am on Saturday. For directions, visit their website above. Please do not leave before our closing circle. Be sure to check out with your counselor and the nurse before leaving.

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The Mission Project:

This year's mission project is the Anti-Racism Resource Team of the Maine Conference. You can find more information at <http://maineucc.org/anti-racism-team/> We will participate in a fun activity with some of their team members. And remember, if you don't use all your money at the camp stores, you can choose to donate it to this mission.

What to bring: recommended

Please check the lists specific to each camp on their websites.

Long pants and sneakers

Reusable water bottle (write your name on it!)

Backpack with straps (not drawstrings) for hiking

Non-aerosol bug spray

SPF 30 sunscreen

Flashlight or headlamp

Swimsuit and towels

If the weather cooperates we plan to sleep out on Pinkham Ledge one night; some consider it the highlight of the week! We strongly recommend a warm sleeping bag, a sleeping pad or foam/yoga mat. Also, it can get chilly and windy so a winter hat or hooded sweatshirt will come in handy. Just remember that whatever you bring for that night you will need to carry for about a 20 minute walk uphill.

What to bring: optional

Camera (not a cell phone)

Anything you may need to participate in the Friday night talent show

One pre-washed cotton t-shirt for tie-dying

What NOT to bring:

Please do not bring cell phones, electronic games, or music devices. Do not use a phone as a camera. If campers are found with these items they will be confiscated and returned to your parents on Saturday.

Please do not bring candy, gum, and snacks – the kitchen offers many food options at mealtimes and yummy evening snacks. Fruit and water are always available! If you receive food in your mail it will be removed and stored in a place far away from small animals until Saturday.

Let's have fun!

Spaces are still open for more campers. There is still time to sign up a friend or two – and they don't have to be members of a UCC church, everyone is welcome!

For any questions or concerns, you can connect with us through the PL or HC offices. We're both really looking forward to meeting you and developing an amazing community with you.

Yours in Christ,

Kjell and Marge