

Family Camp Dean's Letter
June 2018

Hello Fellow Family Campers,

So glad you decided to spend Labor Day weekend with us at Pilgrim Lodge. We hope that you are having a marvelous summer and are as excited as we are to gather at Family Camp 2018. This year's theme will build upon Pilgrim Lodge's mission project: **Maine Conference, UCC's Anti-Racism Resource Team**.

We have some fun and thoughtful activities planned for you, as we learn and grow together in our faith.

To help prepare for your weekend of fun, we'd like to share some important information:

- **Registration** is from 4:00- 6:45 on Friday, August 31st.
- **Please eat before you arrive or bring a picnic** to share with your family in the dining lodge or at the picnic tables. No dinner will be served on Friday.
- **New Camper Orientation:** If interested, new Family Campers are invited to meet with Dean Ian Hunter at 6:45 on Friday. He will highlight important things to know about camp and answer any specific questions you may have to help your weekend get off to a smooth start.
- Friday night's program will **begin promptly at 7:00 pm**. You will receive a schedule for the weekend when you check in.
- **Each family will be assigned a cabin.** All of the cabins have bathrooms and showers.
- Pilgrim Lodge would like to know ahead of time if any of your family members have **special dietary needs**. *Contact our camp administrator directly: karen@pilgrimlodge.org*

Please refer to our **Guide for Family Camp** for a list of 'please don't bring' items, and what to definitely bring. Find a link to the Family Guide here and on the PL website: <https://www.pilgrimlodge.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018-Family-Camp-Guide.pdf>

Among the list of 'don't forget' items are:

- Water bottle/sippie cup for each family member with name on it
- Casual attire, rugged shoes or sneakers, sandals.
- Bathing suits
- Toiletries
- Towels
- Sleeping bags (or sheets and blankets for bunk beds) and pillows
- Favorite game and musical instruments
- Rain gear – we are planning lots of outdoors activities and will not let a little rain stop us from enjoying God's creation.
- If inclined, consider bringing snacks to share. We find Family Campers have healthy appetites.

Help us make this a weekend to remember!!

There is an opportunity for *all campers* to share their talents and interests, and contribute to our family camp community and activities. Please carefully consider the following:

- Organize an Interest Group - if you have a hobby, talent, game or activity you can share with others, please feel free to bring supplies along and lead an interest group.
- Lead a Chapel or Vespers service – plenty of resources are available for anyone interested.

- Chaperone an overnight island trip with teens – we need male and female adult chaperones to share this experience with our teens.
- Lead us in song after meals.

For more information re: ways to help at camp, please contact Dean Ketra Crosson.

We'd also like to highlight a few special activities to look forward to/plan for. Our annual **Family Camp Variety Show** is planned for Sunday evening, so get those creative juices flowing! No talent is too small or too wacky for this group. Sunday's special dinner this year will be a **Costume Dinner**. Be sure to bring something fun to wear! We are working hard to include a **Family Contradance** on Saturday. Also note, an **offering will be collected** to help support the summer mission project at PL - Maine Conference, UCC's Anti-Racism Resource Team (ARRT).

Family Camp has a different feel than the regular camp session, and while we can be a little less structured, it is important to remember that adults in each family group are responsible for their own children **at all times**. Additional safety notes: **there is no swimming or boating allowed without a lifeguard present.**

A note about mobile phones: as a multi-tasking device, we realize folks will want to carry phones to take pictures, etc. However, in keeping with the spirit of camp, we ask that you do your best to "unplug" and keep phone use to a bare minimum. Campers are asked not to use your phone in the company of others. If you must carry your phone with you, please set your phone to vibrate or silent, let voice mail answer the phone and retreat to an isolated place to check the message and return the call. The best option is the leave the phone in your cabin or the car.

Special Note to Parents/Guardians:

Because parents are accompanying minors to "Family Camp" a nurse is not on-duty. Parents are responsible for their children **at all times**, including for emergency medical treatment. There will be a staff member on duty with CPR and First Aid certification. If you will be bringing a minor for whom you are NOT the legal guardian, you must download page one (permission to treat) of the PL health form and bring it with the legal guardian's signature. The phone number at PL for emergencies only is 207-724-3200.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact any one of us. More information, including directions to Pilgrim Lodge, can be found at www.pilgrimlodge.org.

We are looking forward to wonderful weekend with you. See you soon!

Sincerely,

Your Family Camp 2018 Dean Team

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