

Frequently Asked Questions

Download our Parent & Camper Guide at www.pilgrimlodge.org
Policies for adult-only sessions may vary

Why do I see three prices listed?

Realizing that families have different abilities to pay, Pilgrim Lodge has instituted a voluntary three-tier fee program. Tier 1 reflects the actual cost of providing a week of camp at Pilgrim Lodge, Tier 2 is a discounted rate, but still closely accounts for the costs of camp, Tier 3 is our historically subsidized range and does not reflect all costs of operating our summer camp programs and site. Please choose the tier that is most suitable for your family. If at all possible for you, Tier 1 and Tier 2 will help us assure that Pilgrim Lodge is sustainable for future campers! All campers receive the same Pilgrim Lodge experience regardless of what tier is chosen. For those families that cannot afford Tier 3, additional financial assistance is available to ensure that everyone has the wonderful opportunity to attend camp.

Are discounts available?

Bring a Friend! If you want to bring a friend who has never been to PL before, you and your friend can each receive a \$50 discount (\$25 for adult and half week sessions).
Multiple Session Discount (for full-week youth sessions only) If a camper attends more than one full-week session in the same season, that camper is eligible for a \$100 discount.
Contact our office to inquire about these discounts.

Are scholarships available?

Yes, for those families that cannot afford Tier 3 additional financial assistance is available. The deadline for scholarship applications is **May 15**. If you are currently attending a church, please ask your pastor if additional support is available from your church. Scholarship applications are available online, or by emailing karen@pilgrimlodge.org, or calling 207-724-3200.

How do I register?

The quickest and easiest way is on our website: www.pilgrimlodge.org A non-refundable \$100 deposit is required to process your registration (\$50 for shorter sessions). The balance is due by June 15. A \$25 fee will be charged to switch sessions. Deposits are nonrefundable. A few weeks before your session, you and your child will receive a letter by mail from your dean (deans are volunteer program leaders) with details about your session.

What if I can't get online?

You may mail in hard-copy registration forms to the Pilgrim Lodge office. Registration forms are available online or by calling 207-724-3200.

What about Health Forms and Medication?

Health forms are required for everyone who stays at Pilgrim Lodge. Please see the Camper and Parent Guide for details. For youth, there is a form for parents to fill out, and another for a doctor to sign. We recommend completing the parent form online during the registration process (the doctor's form must still be hard copy). Forms must be renewed annually. All medications must be turned over to the Camp Nurse at registration in **original containers with camper's name, name of medication, and usage instructions**. Completed health forms are to be submitted to camp two weeks prior to the start of camp.

What do we need to know about you or your camper?

Everyone is differently-abled. In order to us to help a camper have the best experience possible, the Director and your Dean need to be aware in advance of any physical, emotional, or behavioral issues a camper may have. While we are not equipped to handle every differently-abled camper, we will do our best to offer special support to as many campers as we can. If you have questions about the camp's ability to support a special need, please contact the Director before registering. All information shared with camp staff will be kept confidential.

Can my child request a friend be in the same cabin?

One of Pilgrim Lodge's core purposes is to build community. For this reason, we arrange cabins in a way so that campers will get to know one another. We also recognize coming to camp for the first time may cause your child to feel nervous. Campers have ample time to be with friends from home during option time, large group time and interest group time. We know this may cause some hesitancy, but our experience is that it is a way for campers to develop community and have a sense of independence. Please make us aware of any extenuating circumstances by contacting the Director.

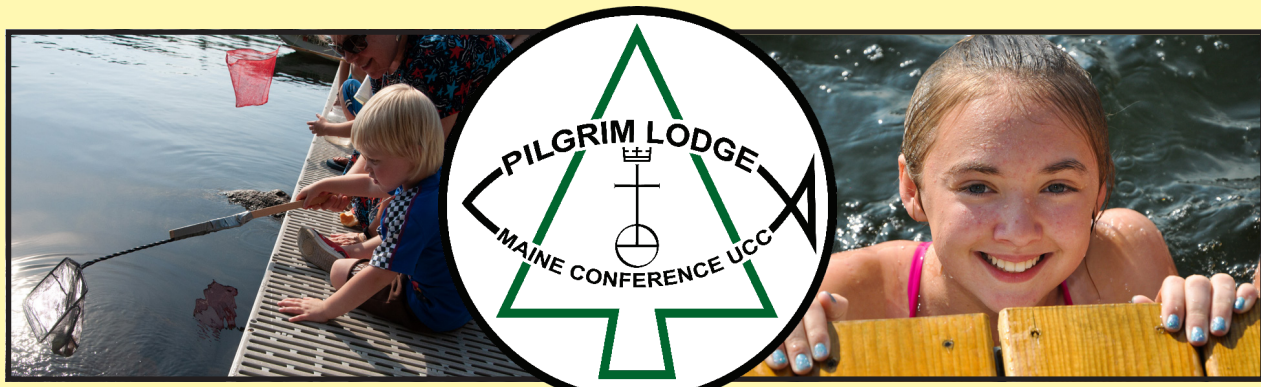
What are the behavioral expectations?

We want campers to have a fun, safe, meaningful week at Pilgrim Lodge. Certain behaviors deemed inappropriate (including but not limited to: fighting, bullying, hitting, stealing, destruction of or intrusion into another's property, threatening another, refusal to eat, sexual activity, or possession or use of alcohol, illegal or misused drugs, or weapons) can result in the camper being sent home. Please see the Parent and Camper guide for a list of what to bring, and what not to bring.

When are check-in and pickup?

Check-in is Sunday 2-4 p.m. unless you are notified differently in a deans' letter. No earlier than 2 p.m., no later than 4 p.m., please. Pickup is Saturday at 9:30 AM. Transportation to and from Pilgrim Lodge is the responsibility of the parents or guardians.

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Our mission is to help each other grow as Christians through experiences in group living which involve: exposure to the world of nature; helpful caring relationships; experiences of sharing recreation, fellowship, and worship; and purposeful programs to broaden our understanding of God and our world. Together we seek to overcome fears and frustrations, and to experience the joy of giving and receiving love. The camp community creates a lifestyle in accordance with Christian values, an openness to the Holy Spirit, and the grace of Jesus Christ.

Founded in 1956, Pilgrim Lodge is a summer camp on Lake Cobbosseecontee in West Gardiner, Maine, owned and operated by the Maine Conference, United Church of Christ. It's two hours from the Maine border in Kittery. Everyone is welcome at PL, no particular church affiliation is required. Please read our camp philosophy online!

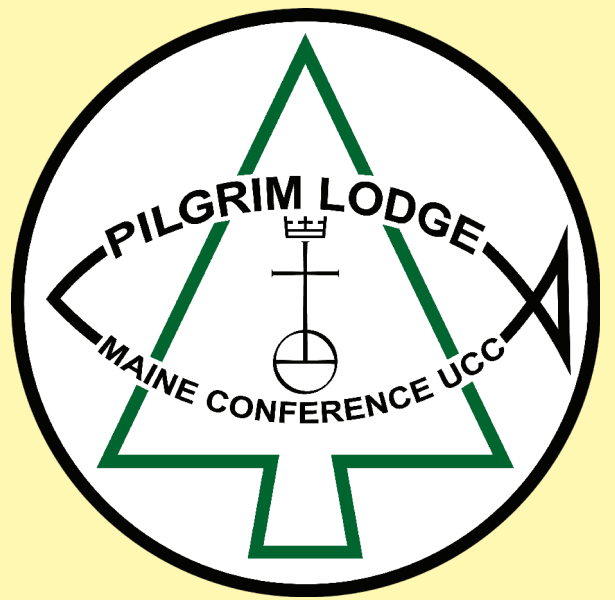
Pilgrim Lodge Director	What is Horton Center?
Melinda Trotti will be returning this coming summer to complete her interim director's role at Pilgrim Lodge. There will be a settled Director for Pilgrim Lodge in time for that person to overlap with Melinda so there can be a smooth transition. We are grateful for the leadership of Melinda, the Outdoor Ministry Team, the Maine UCC Conference board of directors and Conference Minister Deborah Blood during this exciting time for Pilgrim Lodge and its ministry.	Owned by the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ, Horton Center sits on top of Pine Mountain, with a double mountain peak in the heart of the White Mountains near Gorham, NH. We offer a session called Best of Both Worlds that starts at Horton Center and switches mid-week to Pilgrim Lodge. Horton Center includes a more rugged outdoor program including rock climbing, archery, caving, and mountain hiking. If you can't find a convenient PL session, or want a second camp experience this summer, try our sister site.
	 Details at www.hortoncenter.org 

Online you'll find much more information about each and every session, and about our program as a whole. Download our Parent and Camper Guide
Register now at www.pilgrimlodge.org | (207) 724-3200

Pilgrim Lodge

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

2019



JUMP START WORKDAYS

May 10-11
Grades 6+ and Adults
No Charge
This decade-long tradition takes place later (and warmer) this year! Help us get camp ready for campers. Check our website for more details.

YOUTH GROUP WEEKEND

May 10-12
For Church Youth Groups
No Charge
This event coincides with Jump Start Workdays. Meals, programming and worship provided. Details on the website.

FIX'N TO FISH

May 6-10
Adults 19+
No charge, light meals included
Bring your fishing pole (and boat if you have one) to PL. Early mornings and evenings will be open for you to fish on the waters of beautiful Lake Cobbosseecontee, known for great fishing. You can choose from light maintenance projects directed by our Facilities Manager that take place mid-day.

HOMECOMING WEEKEND 1

May 24-27
\$95 per person (2-night stay) / \$140 per person (3-night stay).
Children ages 4-11 are half price – Ages 3 and under are no charge.
A weekend retreat for UCC and partner churches.
A time to share in all the Pilgrim Lodge has to offer. Church groups of all sizes are welcome.

WOMEN AT THE WELL

June 7-9
Women ages 20+
\$170 / \$150 / \$130
A weekend of laughing, learning and worshipping together with women. Whether you are new attendee or have been coming for years, this is a weekend for rejuvenation and making friends.

VINTAGE VENTURES

June 9-13
Ages 55+
\$220 / \$185 / \$150
Come see old friends and make new ones while enjoying all the best that Pilgrim Lodge has to offer.

RED CROSS LIFEGUARD TRAINING

June 10-12
Ages 15 and older
\$400
Become certified as a Red Cross Lifeguard. You should be a strong swimmer. Space is very limited so register early. This course is for waterfront lifeguarding and includes CPR. The price includes all lodging, meals and course materials.

GRAND-PARENTING WEEKEND

June 21-23
All ages
\$150 / \$130 / \$110 per person
Family weekend for grandparents who are actively parenting their grandchildren.

CIT TRAINING

June 21-23
Ages 16-18
\$80 / \$75 / \$60
An opportunity to learn what's involved in being a counselor. This weekend offers training as well as the opportunity to be engaged with campers.

ARTS ALIVE

June 23-29
Entering Grades 7 to 12, plus new grads
\$650 / \$550 / \$495
Arts Alive is a week focused on exploring your creative side in a community of fellow artists. Bring your instrument, journal, camera etc. and open your mind to learning something new.

YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP

June 23-29
Ages Postgrads to age 24
\$650 / \$550 / \$495
A camp to help young people explore a possible call to the church.

EXPEDITION EVERYONE

June 30-July 3
All Ages (minors with parents)
\$175/ \$150 / \$125 per person
A time for every kind of family of all ages to enjoy PL. New and experienced camper families welcome. Inter-generational camping and worship at it's best.

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS – MIDDLEL AND SENIOR HIGH

June 30-July 6
Entering Grades 7-Post Grads
\$650 / \$550 / \$495
Start the week in New Hampshire at Horton Center and enjoy hiking, friend making, caving, campfires, songs, rock climbing, and worship up on Chapel Rock in the gorgeous Presidential Mountains! On Wednesday, the group will travel to Pilgrim Lodge where you'll play and worship on the shores of beautiful Lake Cobbosseecontee. Campers will be in cabins and groups with campers their own age.

GRANDPARENTS & GRANDCHILDREN 1

July 4-6 (July 4th is optional)
Ages 5 and older
\$75 / \$65 / \$55 per person (1-night stay)
\$150 / \$130 / \$110 per person (2-night stay)
A time for grandparents and grandchildren to share their faith and experiences of camp together.

PLANTING SEEDS GROWING HOPE

July 7-13
Entering Grades 4-6
\$650 / \$550 / \$495
Calling all campers, we're waiting for you, To come to Pilgrim Lodge to try something new! You'll make some new friends and have lots of fun, Making memories every day until it's all done!

ONE SPIRIT MANY GIFTS

July 7-13
Entering Grades 10-12, post grads
\$650 / \$550 / \$495
A full week of camp for high schoolers looking for an intentionally smaller group setting. Pilgrim Lodge is a great place to un-plug from life, make new friends, and find a bit of courage to take back to our lives at home. Please come join us at One Spirit Many Gifts!

SPORTS CAMP

July 7-13
Entering Grades 7-9
\$650 / \$550 / \$495
A week filled with everything sports related! Every day we will be playing sports, some traditional and some new! There will be opportunities to focus on skills and find ways to be your best.

MIDDLEL SPIRIT

July 14-20
Entering Grades 7-9
\$650 / \$550 / \$495
Take what you love about PL and double it, triple it! Take the schedule as you know it and throw it out the window. Middler Spirit will be #bonkers this year. Guaranteed. No two days will look or feel the same. All-time levels of swimming, boating, crafts, nature, sports, singing, and laughing. Imagine a lake water carnival, #glowinthedark evening program, and choose your own challenges, just to name a few.

ISLAND ADVENTURE

July 14-20
Entering Grades 10-Post grads
\$650 / \$550 / \$495
Campers will stay overnight on Manitou Island (just offshore from PL). Spend days exploring Cobbosseecontee Lake by boat. Enjoy cooking meals over an open fire and all the fun that Pilgrim Lodge has to offer.

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

July 21-24
Entering Grades 3-5
\$325 / \$275 / \$250
Specially designed for younger campers, this half-week camp provides the full PL experience while leaving space for campers to learn the ropes as they make new friends.

SENIOR HIGH

July 21-27
Entering Grades 10-12, plus New Grads
\$650 / \$550 / \$495
Senior High is known for being full of laughter, friendship, and wondering together. A week to unplug, have fun and just be you!

DESTINATION HOGWARTS

July 28-August 3
Entering Grades 5-9
\$650 / \$550 / \$495
Do you love Harry Potter? Do you also love Pilgrim Lodge? Then join us at Destination Hogwarts! We have all the traditional fun of PL - swimming, boating, cookouts and interest groups - with a magical Harry Potter twist.

CAMP PRIDE for LGBTQ+ high schoolers

August 4-10
Entering Grades 10-12, plus new grads
\$650 / \$550 / \$495
A week-long residential camp for LGBTQ teens and allies. Focus on finding pride in our stories, family in our community, and justice in the world.

GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN 2

August 11-13
Ages 5 and older
\$150 / \$130 / \$110 per person
A time for grandparents and grandchildren to share their faith and experiences of camp together.

LIGHTEN UP LOOSEN UP

August 14-18 (Flexi-Week)
Ages 19 and older
\$80 / \$70 / \$60 per night or \$280 / \$240 / \$200 for all 4 nights
A spiritual getaway for adults. This is a low key time for relaxation, catching your breath, and just hanging out in the beauty of Pilgrim Lodge. Full Session or nightly reservations are available.

FAMILY CAMP

August 30-September 2
Families
\$175 / \$150 / \$125 per person
Spend Labor Day weekend in a cabin with your family by the lake! Family Camp is relaxing time for families of all shapes and sizes. Come make new traditions and establish friendships across generations.

HOMECOMING WEEKEND 2

September 6-8
\$95 per person (Ages 4-11 are half price. Ages 3 and under are no charge.)
A weekend retreat for UCC and partner churches.
A time to share in all the Pilgrim Lodge has to offer. Church groups of all sizes are welcome.

HIGH SCHOOL AUTUMN WEEKEND

September 6-8
Entering Grades 9-12
\$115 / \$100 / \$85
A reunion for high school campers to return to PL in the autumn. We will build a volunteer project, worship and have faith discussions together, and have all the PL fun!

WOMEN'S AUTUMN WEEKEND

September 20-22
Women ages 20 and older
\$170 / \$150 / \$130
A relaxing weekend to do what fills your Spirit. We will have some crafting ideas, gentle yoga, and a "spiritual practice" session as well as all PL has to offer. The swimming, boating, labyrinth, meals and ice cream time still exist and you don't have to make your bed or do the dishes. Just come and enjoy yourself!

FALL WORKDAY

October 19
Adults and Grades 6 and up
No Charge
A day to put camp to rest for the winter. Youth 6th grade & older are welcome with adult supervision and signed parent permission.

