

Elementary Adventures 2023

Drop Off: Sunday, June 25, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Pick Up: Saturday, July 1, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Dear Campers:

Hello! We are Stef and Ashley, and we are the deans for Elementary Adventures 2023! We and our team of amazing counselors have been busy making exciting plans to make your week at Pilgrim Lodge fun and special. We can't wait to welcome you!

What's your kind of adventure? Active or quiet? Crafty or sporty? On land or on the water? We'll have ALL these adventures and more at Elementary Adventures! During the week, we will make new friends, be inspired by God's creation, swim, boat, craft, sing, play, solve challenges, hear stories... and more!

Whether it's your first time at PL or you've been coming for years, we can't wait to welcome you to camp. We have both been connected to Pilgrim Lodge for many years – and remember the nervous-excitement of attending for the first time. We're inviting EVERYONE to bring their favorite stuffed animal to make your bunk cozy – we'll even include them in a movie night!

A great PL tradition is making tie-dye t-shirts. Please bring a plain white t-shirt with you to camp that you will transform!

On Thursday night, we'll have a “fancy” dinner followed by “fancy” vespers in the chapel. Bring your favorite “fancy” outfit to wear to dinner – you can dress like one of God's fancy animal creatures, channel your inner Fancy Nancy, or rock a t-shirt and necktie... however you define fancy!

And in the opposite of fancy... one afternoon we'll get just about as messy as can be by “mucking” in the woods. Please bring a pair of closed-toe shoes that can get REALLY wet and dirty – if you've got an old pair of sneakers that you're getting ready to throw away, those would be PERFECT mucking shoes.

Many of our activities will relate to this summer's theme for the week: “What's in a Name?” We'll celebrate that God knows each of us by name, and that we can know God by many different names. We'll think about how the names we call ourselves affect how we feel about ourselves – and how the names we call others can affect them. Before you come to camp, see if you can learn anything interesting about one of your names – why it was chosen for you, if you were named after someone, or if it has a special meaning.

Throughout the week, we will try to live by the “platinum rule”: treat others the way they would like to be treated. We will learn about two organizations that are doing just that: Daisy's Children and the Talented Youth Community Fellowship of Uganda. We invite you to bring an offering (donation) that will support these efforts, which you can read more about on the PL website.

On Sunday, June 25, the day you come to camp, **please arrive between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.** You will be greeted by camp staff who will show your driver where to unload your bags, park the car, and find us to get signed in for the week. There will be lots of people to help you know where to go! You'll check in with the camp staff, the nurse, and then we'll be waiting to greet you and tell you which cabin you get to stay in. Then you will head to your cabin, meet your counselor, set up your bunk ... and the fun begins! You'll have a chance to go to the waterfront to take a swim check, so you might want to pack your swimsuit & towel near the top of your stuff. Your grownup(s) can visit the cabin briefly, and then visit with you outdoors until 4:00 p.m.

On Saturday, July 1, the last day of camp, your grownup(s) will **pick you up between 9:30 and 10:30 am. Beginning at 9:30 we will be having a brief closing program in the lodge that they are invited to attend** if they wish. They'll get to hear about what made our week together so special.

So, pack your suitcase (don't forget your stuffed animal, white t-shirt, "fancy" outfit, and mucking shoes!), get excited, and we'll see you at camp on June 25. We can't wait to meet you and spend a great week together at Pilgrim Lodge!

See you soon!

Deans Stef Michaud and Ashley Martinage

PS If you missed the packing list, go to your Camper Guide [at this link](#).