

Arts Alive 2023

Drop off: Sunday, June 25, 2-4pm

Pick up: Saturday, July 1, 10am



Hello Campers!

Are you counting down the days to camp? Shortly, we'll gather together for a week of creativity, fun, laughter, and community! If you are returning, welcome back! If this is your first year, I am sure you'll find Arts Alive to be a welcoming and kindhearted week of both friend-making and art making! This letter is to give you an idea of what the week will be like and offer a list of things to remember to pack for camp! (and what not to pack too). We'll introduce some vocabulary if you're new to Pilgrim Lodge -- or maybe it's been awhile since you've been back!

Your "**Deans**" (the fabulous folks who run your week of camp) are Emelia Attridge and Kelsea Bickford. We are so excited to welcome you to Pilgrim Lodge this summer! Emelia is a minister of a UCC church in Reading, MA. She loves to paint, loves camp of all kinds, and in particular, is passionate about finding ways to integrate art into her faith practice (like praying with paint?! Who would have thought of that?!). Kelsea lives in Norridgewock and works at UMF supporting students as they graduate. Kelsea loves abstract art and getting messy, she also loves hiking, swimming, and just being outside. Kelsea has been coming to camp since she was in third grade!

Arts Alive is unique out of all the weeks of camp at Pilgrim Lodge because the reason we gather is to celebrate and nurture the creative divine spirit of God that can be found all around and in us, all the time. We recognize we are all creators, too! But it doesn't end there – we also believe that creators should have venues and opportunities to both showcase their work and the chance to be an audience and see what others are creating and celebrating that work too. Whether your medium is the written word, theater, music, or visual arts, we want to offer each other support and encouragement in our creative endeavors!

On **Sunday, June 25th**, when you arrive, you'll receive your cabin number and your **Family Faith Group**. Family Faith Groups are small groups that meet to play games, do activities and projects together, and spend time focusing on the theme of our week of camp. This year our camp theme is "**What's in a Name**" and is all about exploring the culture of naming to understand ourselves and one another. Your Family Faith Group will also lead a Morning Chapel service related to this theme. You'll

also be able to sign up when you arrive for a **Vespers Service** (that means evening worship) which will focus on different kinds of prayer (especially the artsy kinds!).

Things you can look forward to at camp include:

- sailing, swimming, and boating -- one evening we'll have a sunset kayak, and have our Vespers service on the island across from camp
- we'll have our big all camp cookout with a campfire
- we'll also learn about our Mission Project this year named The Platinum Rule: "Treat others as they would like to be treated." In the spirit of this we will be learning about and supporting two organizations doing good in our global communities: Daisy's Children and Talented Youth Community Fellowship of Uganda.
- Friday we'll have a dress-up dinner and party
- we'll wrap up the week with a special and fancy Art Show! This is our chance to have the spotlight and share our gifts and talents with each other. This is what the whole week builds to! You can start thinking now about something you'd like to work on throughout the week, or get inspired when you arrive at camp!

We're also sharing our week of camp with "Elementary Adventures" which is a camp for younger campers in elementary school grades. There will be some times where we will do activities all together as a combined camp (like meals and other programs) and opportunities for you to lead as older campers!

On the next page, you'll find a list of Things-To-Pack and a list of Things-Not-To-Pack. They are very helpful lists! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to send us an email. Arts for All is a beautiful, sweet, silly, and exciting week and we're happy we'll be gathering so soon!

Start the countdown!

See you soon,

Deans Emelia & Kelsea

Reach out with questions by contacting camp at info@pilgrimlodge.org.

Things-To-Pack

- Clothes for each day (pack for different kinds of weather -- hot and cool!)
- PJs for each night (same as day-time -- you'll want something for hot nights and something for cold nights too!)
- Bathing suit
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- A rain jacket or poncho
- A white shirt to tie-dye (or another piece of white clothing)
- At least one pair of closed-toed shoes: sneakers or similar
- A fancy outfit (or colorful and silly) for our "Fancy Dinner" on Friday night
- Pillow & pillowcase
- Bedding (either sheets and a blanket or a sleeping bag)
- A towel for swimming and a towel for showering
- Soap & shampoo/conditioner
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Deodorant and any other toiletry essentials
- A notebook, sketchbook, or journal & writing utensils
- Water bottle or travel mug
- A book to read
- A Bible
- Flashlight
- A musical instrument and/or sheet music if you have one and want to bring your own
- Any art supplies you might want to bring (special colored pencils you like or small travel-size supplies, your own sketchbook, etc -- we will have plenty of supplies at camp, but you might have certain supplies you prefer or want to bring yourself -- no need to bring more than can fit in a gallon-size ziploc bag.
- Money for ice cream and the camp store

Things-Not-To-Pack

- Anything not easily replaced if lost or damaged. We are careful with each others' things, but this is camp and mistakes do happen. We recommend leaving anything of value, monetary or sentimental, safely at home.
- Cellphones, tablets, laptops, DS, Switch, any and all gaming systems and devices with mobile data abilities. We do though allow exclusive music players at Arts for All for in cabin time and before bed. However, cellphones or tablets with music on them and music players (iPods) with mobile data abilities are not allowed. This is your chance to "unplug"! And trust us, all campers agree -- it is so refreshing to leave school, friends, and sometimes family, at home for a week and just *be* here at camp without any pressure to post or share things on social media.
- Food and snacks. If you have special dietary needs, please be in touch with the Pilgrim Lodge office (ksteelhammer@pilgrimlodge.org). Because of animals and pests in the cabins, we ask you to leave food at home. We will have ice cream time, snacks, and plenty of good food to share during specific times at camp, so there's no need to bring your own.
- Pocket or Swiss Army knives, or anything else that might be used as a weapon.
- Drugs, Cigarettes, Vapes, Alcohol, Fireworks, etc. If you can't bring it to school, you can't bring it to camp.