



Pilgrim Lodge

Maine Conference, United Church of Christ

Pilgrim Lodge is a multi-generational summer camp and retreat space centered on the spirit of extravagant welcome. Ours is a ministry of inclusion: no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, all who come in love have a seat at the table. We believe in providing space to slow down the rapid pace of modern life in order to tend to community.

MIDDLER ISLAND CAMP 2026 DEANS LETTER

Registration: July 26 @ 1-2PM

Pick Up: August 1 @ 9:30AM



Dean Frank



Dean Amanda



Dean Mallory

HELLO CAMPERS!

Welcome campers! Join us for a week of adventures on Manitou Island and beyond. Each meal is prepared over a campfire, we'll be sleeping under the stars in our tents, we will venture out on the lake in search of adventure, we will have nightly campfire circles, and we will play manhunt games!

At Middler Island Camp, find the spirit of adventure!

Dean Frank is retired after 42 years in education covering everything from running his own preschool, teaching Special Education Reading and English, to designing and teaching Advanced Placement Literature to high school seniors. He first attended Pilgrim Lodge as a 13-year-old middler himself. He has counseled all age groups, Deaned several sessions of Middlers, served on the Maine Conference and National UCC Outdoor Ministries Committees. He looks forward to camp every summer where his grandchildren now represent the third generation of his family to enjoy their time at PL.

Dean Amanda has a passion for outdoor adventure, especially camping and canoeing. She has 3 young kids. One recently joined her at Pathfinders camp. She was a PL camper growing up. She looks forward to growing an outdoor community this week on the island. Amanda is most excited for seeing the campers learn new outdoor skills, including campfire cooking and canoeing!

Dean Mallory has been a PL staff member and counselor for many summers. She is super stoked to bring her love of camping and the outdoors to Middler Island Camp! Some of her favorite things to do at PL are swimming, stargazing, and singing silly camp songs.



Dear Campers,

Welcome to Middler Island Camp! Have you ever wondered what a small tight-knit community of adventurer-campers can accomplish at Pilgrim Lodge?

Come join us for a week of **campfires, island swimming, boating adventures, and games, games, games!** At Middler Island Camp, you can expect to **cook meals over a campfire, hike the mainland and island trails**, venture out on **lake Cobboseecontee**, **worship** in nature, play **sardines** and **manhunt**, **hear the loons** and **see the stars**, nightly from your tent!

This week will be entirely spent as one with nature! All of our common areas are open sky, surrounded by the trees and wildlife. The campfire circle will serve as our home base for mealtimes and events, and general hang time. Vespers and Evening Services will be held at the Island Chapel, southern cove, or even on the water! Days on the island are filled with arts and crafts, games, Worship, swimming and boating, helping prepare campfire meals, or an adventure. Evenings are more games around the fire, or you can partake in manhunt if you choose! Then we'll retire to our tents and be lulled to sleep by the loons, just to do it all over again tomorrow!



Middler Island Camp Packing List

Must Have:

- Bug Spray and Sunscreen (Your only break from being outside is when you're in your tent! These two items are a **MUST** have!)
- Waterbottle
- Flashlight/Headlamp + applicable batteries
- Rainjacket/Windbreaker
- Sleeping Bag
- Closed Toed Shoes
- Swimsuit + Towel
- Environmentally safe soap (to bathe while swimming!)

Preferred:

- Tent, preferably a 1-3 person (Smaller footprint) tent
- Something to tie-dye
- A hat
- Foam or Blow-up camping pad/mat
- Comfy blanket
- Sandals or Croc-Like shoes for general wear/swimming/boating



Please email info@pilgrimlodge.org by 7/21 to let us know if you will be bringing your own tent, or need one supplied to you

PILGRIM LODGE SUMMER 2026 OUTREACH PROJECT



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Wabanaki Public
Health & Wellness

***An option to make a donation to the Summer 2026 outreach project will be available at registration and in the camp store.**



[*Link to Camper Guide with full Packing List*](#)

SEE YOU AT CAMP!

Questions? Email or call Pilgrim Lodge:
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