

## Outdoor Art Room 2022

**Drop Off: Sunday, June 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Pick Up: Saturday, July 2, 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

Dear Campers:

Hello! We are Stef and Ashley, and we are the deans for Outdoor Art Room 2022! We and our team of amazing counselors have been busy making exciting plans to make your week at Pilgrim Lodge so fun and special. We can't wait to welcome you!

We both have been connected to Pilgrim Lodge for many years – and remember the nervous-excitement of attending for the first time. In some ways, this year we'll all be first-time campers again after the past two interrupted summers. We're inviting EVERYONE to bring their favorite stuffed animal to make your bunk cozy – we'll even include them in a movie night!

There are lots of traditional activities that campers who come to Pilgrim Lodge love: swimming and boating, crafts, nature exploration, singing, field games, stargazing, ice cream time, and worship services. At Outdoor Art Room, we'll do all that and add our own special touches, celebrating the ways that everyone is an artist. We'll have lots of opportunities to create art from items found in nature, look for the art that God has created, and share our own unique gifts and talents. There is something for everyone!

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 Friday night, we'll CELEBRATE the week with a “fancy” dinner followed by an evening of glow-in-the-dark fun. 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!

Many of our activities will relate to this summer's theme for the week: “Hear Our Prayer.” Did you know that you can pray by walking, yelling, singing, dancing, drawing, resting, working together, and more? We'll see how many different ways we can find to connect to the God who made each of us this week!

We can also pray not just for ourselves and people we know, but for any of God's children and world. During the week, we will learn about and pray for the people of Ukraine, as part of the United Church of Christ's Global H.O.P. E. initiative. We invite you to bring an offering (donation) that will support these efforts, which you can read more about on the PL website or at <https://www.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal/>.

On Sunday, June 26, the day you come to camp, **please arrive between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.** When you first arrive, 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 us! 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 test, so you might want to pack your swimsuit & towel near the top of your stuff! Your family can visit the cabin briefly, and then visit with you outdoors until 4:00 p.m.

On Saturday, July 2, the last day of camp, your family 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 your families 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, and "fancy" outfit!), get excited, and we'll see you at camp on June 26. 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:

<https://www.pilgrimlodge.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018-Parent-Camper-Guide.pdf>