

Arts for All 2022

Drop off: Sunday, June 26, 2-4pm

Pick up: Saturday, July 2 10am



Hello Campers!

Are you counting down the days to camp? In just a couple weeks, 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 for All 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 Andrea Rosenberg. 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?!). Andrea is a pianist and music teacher who loves to sing, and knows a ridiculous number of folk songs and rounds. She has been counseling at PL since 2007. She lives on Peaks Island and has four grandchildren.

Arts for All 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 26th**, when you arrive, you'll receive your cabin number, your **Family Faith Group**, and you'll sign up for workshops. Each workshop focuses on a specific style of artistic expression and meets each day throughout the week. Some options are visual arts, instrumental music, and theatre, just to name a small handful.

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 **"This is Our Prayer"** and is all about exploring what prayer is, how people pray, and different ways of

praying. Your Family Faith Group will also lead a Morning Chapel service on one of these themes. You'll

also be able to sign up when you arrive for a **Vespers Service** (that means evening worship) which will focus on a different kind 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. All the camps this summer at Pilgrim Lodge will be learning about the refugee crisis in Ukraine, as well as what causes someone to flee their home country (war or other reasons). We'll also talk about how that might affect us here at home, as well as what we can do as individuals and church communities to help those affected.
- Friday we'll have a dress-up dinner and party
- we'll wrap up the week with "Arts On Stage!" 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! We'll start with an art show gallery with snacks, acts of music, theater, comedy, dance, monologues, everything! All put on by you! 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 "Outdoor Art Room" which is the arts camp for younger campers in elementary school grades. There will be sometimes 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, to teach the younger campers about art and music, too!

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 & Andrea

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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 (karen@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.