



Pilgrim Lodge 2008

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Our mission is to help each other grow as Christians, through experiences in group living which involve: exposure to the world of nature; helpful caring relationships; experiences of sharing recreation, fellowship and worship; and purposeful programs to broaden our understanding of God and our world. Together we seek to overcome fears and frustrations, and to experience the joy of giving and receiving love. The camp community creates a life-style in accordance with Christian values, an openness to the Holy Spirit, and the grace of Jesus Christ.

Pilgrim Lodge must be experienced to be understood. The natural beauty is beyond words, surrounding and filling the souls who take part in its ministry of connection. Each week the Spirit playfully breezes along as lifelong friendships are formed; faith is encouraged, challenged and developed. Children discover and adults get reacquainted with their genuine selves. Inspiration is infused into lives through the power of love, nature and God. Along the shores of Lake Cobbosseecontee, the Maine Conference United Church of Christ is blessed to nurture this ministry of inclusion. Amidst all the fun of summer camp, we teach stories from the Bible, as well as critical thinking. We find creative and fun new ways to bring meaning and enjoyment to worship. We celebrate and explore the awesome power of metaphor. We set the table for the feast God offers, without the arrogance of assuming we have all the answers, or that everyone's experience of God is identical. We encourage and empower people to listen for God; we do not claim to speak God's voice. Often this empowerment comes from recognizing the divine through healthy human connection: Christ is in the eyes and hearts of our brothers and sisters. In seeking, and finding that connection in one another, we recognize it within ourselves. While Pilgrim Lodge uses the venue of summer camp with opportunities for adults, children, and families, it is so much more. We invite you to become unplugged from the rest of the world for a time, and into an experience of grace.

Pilgrim Lodge

a ministry of the Maine Conference
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ADULT CAMPS

Men's Weekend



If you're too busy for this weekend, then you really need to be here. This year's men's weekend will focus on faith. It is a common notion to understand faith as simply encompassing a particular set of beliefs; that is, if we believe in the basic Christian tenants and creeds, then we have faith. As Marcus Borg suggests in *The Heart of Christianity*, this makes faith a "head trip." But faith is so much more: it's about trusting, it's about living faithfully and paying attention to God; it's about seeing the wholeness that God desires. Hope you can join us for this weekend of genuine fellowship, rest and renewal. More information is available on-line.

Friday - Sunday, May 30 - June 1 Event 04

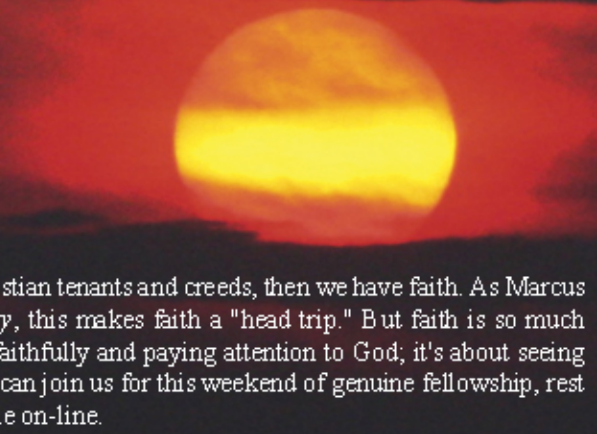
Men 21 years and above

Dean: Rev. Gil Healy \$105

Arrive any time afternoon on Friday,

Formal program begins with supper at 6:30.

This event ends with lunch on Sunday.



Friday - Sunday, June 6 - 8 Event 05

Women 21 years and above

Deans: Rev. Deborah Tate Breault
& Anne Hodgman \$105

Arrive any time afternoon on Friday,

Formal program begins with supper at 6:30.

This event ends with lunch on Sunday.

Come to the well of renewal and grace.

Suggested reading for the event is "Everyday Sacred" by Sue Bender. We hope you'll join

us and seek just what the Spirit can provide at God's hide away on the shores of Lake Cobbosseecontee. Read more at www.pilgrimlodge.org

Women At The Well

Event 05



Vintage Ventures

Sunday - Wednesday, June 8 - 11 Event 06

Men & Women age 55 and above

Deans: Nancy McArthur
& Pat Seaward \$138

Arrive after lunch on Sunday (or attend the women's retreat and just stay on through!) The event finishes before lunch on Wednesday.

Spiritual renewal amongst friends without modern interruptions! Our 'explorations' include, morning and evening worship; discussions around the curriculum; walks into the Labyrinth; art and music;

swimming, boating, and canoeing; games and puzzles; movies and ice cream; and just plain relaxing, enjoying the ambience of Pilgrim Lodge.

Edna's Points

Tuesday - Friday, June 10 - 13

1 year Post High School to Age 30

Deans: Ben Bigney & Rev. Deborah Tate Breault Event 07 \$105

Come anytime in the morning on Tuesday. Program

begins at lunch. The camp is over after lunch

on Friday but you can stay the afternoon if you wish.

Edna's Points is a 4 day experience for those who are a year out of high school through age 30, and is open to both new and returning campers. We will enjoy many traditional camp activities along with plenty of time to relax in this holy place. Rest, play, connect, be.

Young Adults



ADULT CAMPS & VOLUNTEERING

Information on being a volunteer counselor is available on-line or by calling 207-724-3200

Jump Start Work Days

Event 03

Friday & Saturday, April 25 - 26

Adults and Youth grades 6 and older

No Charge but donations accepted!

Arrive any time Friday, but bring your own lunch and supper. Friday night accommodations available. Work starts at 8:30 Saturday and finishes at 4:00 Breakfast served on Saturday for those who stay Friday night and lunch is served for everyone on Saturday. Come

ready to work and open up Pilgrim Lodge for the season! If you are bringing a youth group please call ahead so we can have work ready for your group. If staying Friday night call to register. Minors need permission slips. More information can be found at www.pilgrimlodge.org



Fall Work Day

Saturday, October 25 Event 27

Adults and Youth grades 6 and older

No Charge but donations accepted!

After a full season it will be time to put FL to bed for the winter. Come on up and help us out. We'll be shutting down the kitchen so bring your lunch. Please, no children younger than 6th grade due to safety concerns. 6th-8th graders may attend if they are accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them throughout the weekend, such as a parent or youth leader. Just show up unless you're bringing group in which case you should call ahead. 207-724-3200 Minors need permission slips. For more information visit www.pilgrimlodge.org.



ADULTS

Event 24

Lighten Up, Loosen Up

Thursday - Sunday, August 21-24

Men & Women 21 years and older \$110

Deans: Allie Rimkunas & Joan Morton

Arrive, well, any time you want, and leave, uh, whenever. First meal served will be lunch Thursday Last meal served will be lunch Sunday

This 3 and a half day getaway for adults has no programming except optional morning chapel, evening vespers and three glorious meals a day. You can come and relax by the shores of Cobbossee in a private cabin or share one with some friends. Almost all the cabins have showers so it's getting easier to "rough" it. Some people come to remember how to relax and breathe. Others come to paint (pictures, not bathrooms), or read. We have knitters, stitchers, walkers, rockers, determiners, thinkers, writers, prayers, spinners, and yes, even volleyballers! Nearly anything that you can think of that requires relaxation, this is the time and place for it!



The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature.

~Helen Keller

Entering K - 5th grade

*It is not half so important to know as to feel
when introducing a child to the natural world*
- Rachel Carson

A Day At Camp

Sunday, August 17 Event 22
Children finishing K - 3rd & parents
Children \$10, Adults \$15

Lunch included
Arrive for a tour between 9 and 10 am,
program starts at 10 with worship and ends
between 3:30 and 4 pm

Come play with the Pilgrim Lodge staff and
experience all the great things camp has to
offer in a single day. This is a great way to
introduce PL to children. Parents and children are together all day. Siblings of K-2nd graders welcome.



Faith Foundations Half Week Camp Event 11

Wednesday - Saturday, June 25 - 28
Entering Grades 4 & 5
Deans: Cindy & Jim Wright
\$173

Arrive Wed afternoon 2 - 4pm,
Depart Saturday Morning 9:30

Are you looking for
some fun this summer
and a full week camp is
not for you? Then sign
up for Faith Founda-
tions. Our daily focus
will be centered
around: 'It's about
Relationships; It's
about Trust; It's the
Good News!' It's all

about Faith Foundations and fun! This half-week camp, designed with the
first time camper in mind, is a great way to discover PL, and explore the
outdoors. Campers will experience some of the many things PL has to offer
through a great variety of activities, songs and worship experiences. Faith
Foundations is the place for fun this summer!



Event 14

Planting Seeds, Growing Hope

Sunday - Saturday, July 6 - 12
Entering Grades 4 & 5 \$336

Deans: Sarah Bigney & Elizabeth Charles
Arrive Sunday 2 - 4 pm, depart Sat. 9:30

Join us for a week of learning and fun,
as we become stewards of the creation.
The theme for the week is "Handle with Care,"
we got'ta respect earth, water and air.
God made us all, made you and me,
what's our responsibility?
Jesus Christ brought us the word,
we must care for each toad and bird.



Entering 5th - 9th grade

Building & Caring For God's Creation



Sunday - Saturday, July 20 - 26 Event 16
Entering Grades 5 - 7

Deans: Karen Choate & \$336

Rev. Bill Ingraham

Arrive Sunday 2 - 4 pm, depart Sat. 9:30

Come join us for a week by the lake where we
learn the importance of caring for ourselves, each
other and God's creation. We'll explore the ideas of
being stewards for our planet while creating relationships with peers and find some tips to bring
home to make our corner of the world a little more creation friendly.

Sunday - Saturday, August 3 - 9

Entering Grades 6 - 8

Deans: Tom Hancock &
Eric C. Smith \$336

Arrive Sunday 2 - 4 pm Event 20
depart Saturday 9:30 am

Listen! God is planting seeds of wonder,
love, and community in our world, and
we have the opportunity to be Fertile
Ground, to nurture those seeds and help
them grow. (Mark 4) This special week at
Pilgrim Lodge will be a celebration of God's creation and our part in it. Fertile Ground will be a
time for fun, games, and friendship. We will explore creation stories and parables of community,
as we learn to be Fertile Ground for all good gifts of God's creation.

Fertile Ground



God's Bubble Wrap

Sunday - Saturday, June 29 - July 5
Entering Grades 7 - 9 \$336

Deans: Kim and Phil Hilton Event 12
Arrive Sunday 2 - 4 pm, depart Saturday 9:30 am

We'll explore our relationships with God, each other, and the world
around us. We'll laugh, learn, dance, and play under the tall trees
surrounded by God's love! We'll sing around the campfire, star
gaze, and wonder what it truly means to be one of God's children.
The whole universe speaks of God's glory, and at Pilgrim Lodge,
this sacred space, we can truly hear God's call. We'll listen to the
song of the loons, the wind in the trees, the voices of new and old
friends and know that God is all around, and within us.



Sunday - Saturday, July 27 - August 2
Entering Grades 8 - 9 \$336

Deans: Amber Jensen & Laura Barrantes
Arrive Sunday 2 - 4 pm, depart Saturday 9:30 am

Come and be a part of Middler Spirit and create
memories during a week filled with fun activities
such as cookouts, monster races, singing,
yelling, diving, and of course, swimming,
boating, crafts, and nature. Just as God handles
us with care, we will handle each other, Pilgrim
Lodge, and its natural beauty with care during
our week. As counselors, deans and Middler campers who love Pilgrim Lodge, doing things
pilgrimlodgically is our mission. YOU are a welcome addition to our week, and we look forward
to being at Pilgrim Lodge with you.

Middler Spirit Event 18



Arts Alive 2008: Creation - And It Is Very Good!

Event 21

Sunday - Saturday, August 10 -16

Entering 9th grade - 2008 graduates

Deans: Rev. Sally Colegrove &

Rachel Tracy \$336

Arrive Sunday 2 - 4 pm, Depart Saturday 9:30 am

We have been created in the image of God which makes us co-creators with God! Arts Alive will be a time of sharing the thoughts and drawings and actions and notes which get us in touch with who we are and what our faith is all about. We will be living, learning and growing together as,

we explore our creativity through activities and interest groups using our voices, our sketches, our instruments and much more. And as co-creators with the Creator, we share a common commitment to take care of the world God has given to us.



Event 15

Senior High Too Cool For A Name Camp

Sunday - Saturday, July 13 - 19 \$336

Entering 10th grade - 2008 graduates

Deans: Pam Burnham & Joanne Morgan

Arrive Sunday 2 - 4 pm, Depart Saturday 9:30 am

when u come down 2 it it's al about relationships. God, friends, family, the world we r enjoying. Our week will b unique in that we will discuss n explore what the season of friendships have 2 do with who we r and who we will bcome. As this year's theme states: It's al good, It's a matter of choice, it's about trust n it's what we DO! Come bc u want 2b part of this very special experience we call sr. high n in a kool place that is r garden of Eden: PL.



CIT Training

For those 16 or 17 years old \$39

Session One: Event 01

*Friday - Saturday, March 14 - 15
at Rockcraft Retreat Center, in Sebago*

*Note: to register call 207-846-5118 as on-line registration will not yet be functional
OR*

Session Two: Event 08

*Friday - Saturday, June 13 - 14
at Pilgrim Lodge*

Deans: Rev. Bryan Breault & Joanne Bartlett

This event is for young people interested in becoming a Counselor-In-Training (CIT). Yes, we know "Counselor In Training Training" is redundant but we like it. CIT's are an essential bridge between campers and counselors. It's a lot of fun and a great opportunity for personal growth. You will learn new skills and understand the role of counselor. It's a chance to give back to PL (although you can be new to PL too). You must be at least 16 when you serve as a CIT and two years older than the oldest camper, and registered as a camper at an event for your own age. You must attend at least **one** of the two training events (or have attended a previous year). This is a good thing to do, is a lot of fun, (and it doesn't look bad on a college ap!).

But ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In God's hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all humankind.

Job 12: 7-10

Sr. High Manitou Island

Event 13

\$237

Sunday - Saturday, July 6 - 12

Entering 10th grade - 2008 graduates

Deans: Rocky Ackroyd & Greg Burns

Arrive Sunday 1 - 2 pm, depart Sat. 10:30 am

A different Pilgrim Lodge experience, for those who enjoy outdoor camping i.e.cooking over an open flame, using the island beehive oven, sleeping outside in lean-tos and generally roughing it. Campers will also enjoy; nightly campfires, canocing, swimming, music, games, and a closer look at our world, our God, and ourselves, in and through the kaleidoscope of nature. PL has always been a place where the heart and mind can be opened. We will create and nurture a small camp based on the ideals of PL, our faith, and conservation. We will have the opportunity to night hike, stargaze, engage one another, and learn how to leave a lighter footprint on our earth. Come with your ideas, experiences, laughter, and spirit, and add them to the Manitou community this summer. Space limited to 12 campers: 6 boys, 6 girls.



Wilderness Awakenings

Event 17

Sunday - Saturday, July 20 - 26 \$347

Entering 10th grade - 2008 graduates

Deans: Michael Seavey & Corie McCarthy

Arrive Sunday morning 10:30 at Pilgrim Lodge,

Depart 4:30ish on Saturday from Pilgrim Lodge

Come with us on an historic voyage on Moosehead Lake in a rowboat! We'll use two of Harry Sylvester's handcrafted 22 foot Whitehall design boats to cover the coves, islands, narrows and bays of Maine's largest inland body of water. We'll learn skills in boat handling, navigation and camping. We'll experience the natural world up close and personal while we learn team-building skills. Let yourself relax and grow spiritually in the woods of Maine for a week and learn to trust in new friends. Come away with us and discover "hands that row" and gain new insight into yourself, your friends and your world. Previous boating experience is not necessary, but you should be a good swimmer and ready for a **rigorous** workout working closely with others in a participatory camp setting.



White Mountain Adventure

Saturday - Saturday, August 2 - 9 Event 19

Entering 10th grade - 2008 graduates

\$656 Limited to 8 campers

*Deans:
Rev. Kevin Pleas
& Amanda Kimball
Arrive early Saturday
morning, Return
mid afternoon the
next Saturday*

If you love to be active in the great outdoors, if you enjoy a challenge, this is a wonderful trip you won't want to miss. We will drive to the beautiful Mount Washington area and set up base camp at Dolly Copp Campground. From there we will spend 3 days Mountain Biking at Great Glenn Trails, White Water Kayaking on the Androscoggin River, and Rock Climbing at Cathedral Ledge with the International Mountain School. Next: 4 days of back packing along the White Mountain's spectacular Presidential Range, sleeping at the Appalachian Mountain Club's famous High Mountain Huts. Each hut offers a warm, friendly atmosphere and even "live entertainment." Because of this "hut to hut" approach, we will only need to carry light packs, which allows us to spend less time lugging and more time enjoying the spectacular scenery. By the end of the week, you'll have made new friends, experienced new challenges and enjoyed some of the most beautiful country God ever created.



Grandparents & Grandchildren

Children 5 years old and older and their grandparents. Arrive mid-morning on Monday, leave mid-morning on Wednesday

Session One: June 23 - 25 Event 10

Session Two: August 18 - 20 Event 23

Deans: Betty Ann & Ben Haskell

Children: \$50, Adults \$94



Grandparents camp is a short but sacred time for grandparents and their grandchildren to make lifelong memories of the quality time spent together in God's creation on the shores of Lake Cobbosseecontee. We will get to know each other as members of the human family. We will get to know our young grandchildren in a special way, away from the world of television, fast food chains and video games. Quiet times, play time, family time and worship time will make it a special time like no other. It may also start your grandchild on the wonderful journey as a Pilgrim Lodge camper and what a remarkable gift that is!



One touch of nature makes the whole world kin
-William Shakespeare

Labor Day Weekend, August 29 - September 1 Event 26

Arrive Friday evening after supper

Depart Monday after lunch

Deans: Mary Anne Moisan & Amanda Hilton

Children: \$59, Adults \$118

What can be more precious and deserving of care than the time we spend together as a family? Join us at Family Camp for a long weekend, unplugged, with your own family and others from around the state to relax, worship and play. Family camp welcomes ALL families of every shape, size, age (babies to great-grandparents, and everyone in between), color, and configurations - with activities for all. During our time together, we will have the opportunity to deepen our understanding of what it means to live in loving relationship with God, each other, and creation with an emphasis on how we can "Handle with Care" the relationship with creation. There will be worship, water play, meals, walking the labyrinth, singing---and even relaxation in your own lakeside cabin. You may just start a family tradition. Parents are responsible for their children while at camp. Space is limited, so please reserve early!



Family Camp

Rainbow Family Camp Monday - Friday, August 25 - 29

Arrive Mid-morning Monday, Depart Mid-morning Friday

Families with a member or members who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersexed

Dean: Bill Walsh, Children: \$75, Adults \$150

Come Out!!! Come Out!!! Wherever you are!!!

Come out to the Rainbow Family Camp at Pilgrim Lodge. This brand new offering is for families of all configurations to attend with a family member who is LGBTI; parent(s), grandparent(s), child(ren)... you

get the idea. Come and experience Pilgrim Lodge with other LGBTI families and share in what makes your family unique. We will have time for fun, fellowship, caring, sharing, and making new friends from around the state. We will swim, paddle, sing and share in worship together by beautiful Lake Cobbosseecontee. Since this is a family camp, parents/grandparents will be responsible for their own children. Sign up early as space will be limited!



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More information on each event is available at www.pilgrimlodge.org



How To Register

Registration begins March 15, 2008

A \$75 non-refundable deposit for most events is required at the time of registration.

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

Go to www.pilgrimlodge.org and follow the instructions. A credit card is required. You will download the appropriate guide: parent, family or adult, set up a family account and register for your event. You can set up your store account, make a donation, and download a health form. You can check your payment status at anytime you like to see if your church has made a payment.

PAPER REGISTRATION:

Option 1: Download all the paperwork you need (guides, registration forms, health forms etc.) from www.pilgrimlodge.org, fill it out and mail it in with a non-refundable check for at least \$75 (for most events) to the address provided.

Option 2: Call, write, or e-mail the conference office using the contact information below. Tell us the events you are interested in and request a registration packet and we will mail you everything you need to mail back.

Scholarships: Applications available on-line or by mail, and must be returned by mail. Use the contact information to the right. Scholarship awards are based on need.

For registration packets and scholarship applications:

E-mail: cathy@maineucc.org or karen@pilgrimlodge.org

Call: Cathy at 207- 846-5118 (or from within Maine 1-800-244-0937) or Karen at 207-724-3200

Write: Pilgrim Lodge Registrar
P.O. Box 966
Yarmouth, ME 04096



The 2008 PL Mission project is Camp ToBelong of Maine, bringing siblings raised apart together for a week of camp. (www.camptobelong.org)



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