

Grandparent/Grandchild Camp
July 3-5, 2022

Dean's Letter

Dear Grandparents and Grandchildren,

We, Jan and Lee, are honored to be first-time deans for a camp that our grandchildren and we have joyfully attended for ten years - in fact, our eighteen and sixteen year-old grandchildren have encouraged us to serve as deans and have promised to help this be a fun, memorable experience for all. So we warmly welcome you to 46 hours of family time at one of the most beautiful places in God's creation. You will have the opportunity to enjoy swimming, boating, crafting, singing, rocking on the porch, making new friends, catching up with old friends and worshipping in our beautiful chapel. We will have both structured group times and unstructured free/relax times as we are celebrating the 246th birthday of the U.S.A. together.

Our lives are so blessed by time to worship and play with those we love - especially so when we can do intergenerational sharing. Pilgrim Lodge is the perfect place for that. If your experience is as ours has been, you and your grandkids will create memories that will bring smiles for years to come.

Registration is July 3 (Sunday) from 1:30 to 2:30

Our camp theme this year is *Living by the Golden Rule*. We explore the theme mostly during worship times but we will refer to it throughout our time together. Each of our four worship services over the two days lasts 15-20 minutes, and is planned to encourage family groups to participate in differing ways (e.g., leading hymns, reading brief scripture, sharing ideas/questions). We would truly appreciate having a family or two willing to help us deliver a planned activity with each service. (We would do the planning.) Please email Jan if you would like to help with one or two chapel or vesper services. You'll find her email address at the end of this letter. Thank you for considering this.

Each year PL Grandparents' Camp has the opportunity to support a mission project — this summer our beneficiary is Supporting Global H.O.P.E./Ukraine Relief. We will learn a bit about what's happening in Ukraine and talk about what it means to be a refugee or a migrant. As we consider the awful challenges faced by others, we will also consider how we might best share our own blessings with the less fortunate

Upon arrival on Sunday, we will ask your family to create a poster that will hang outside your cabin to help introduce each of you to the other campers. (If you would prefer to bring a poster featuring family pictures and words to introduce your family to others, please do.) The poster should share names (or whatever you prefer to be called) and who you are and what you like to do by drawing pictures or bringing photos from home.

At registration, we will provide poster board, markers and glue should you wish to assemble your poster once you get to PL. We will display these posters around the Lodge on Sunday evening during a getting-to-know-you session.

If you have a hobby, favorite craft or outdoor activity that you would like to share during an optional Interest Group Time, please bring your own supplies and sign up for a session during registration. We will provide space and time for your fun activities.

This year, our camp is running at the same time as another PL camp called *Expedition Everyone*. It is a camp for all ages. The Deans of the two concurrent camps are coordinating activities with the hope that there will more options available than usual to campers. Most likely there will be an opportunity for you to share your talents with an appreciative audience. Please think about a story or joke you can tell, a skit you can perform, an instrument you can play, a song you can sing, or anything else you would like to share that will be entertaining. It's great fun to watch grandparents and grandchildren do an act together. Don't be shy!

Last but not least, we encourage you to bring a reusable water bottle marked with your name. It's a way we can care for God's world.

Here is a list of items you will need at camp: bedding and pillows, towels, flashlight, personal items (toothbrush and toothpaste, etc.), bathing suits, fishing poles, closed toed shoes, bug spray, sunblock, an optional contribution for the mission project, warm clothes for cool evenings, your Bible and PL songbook, if you have one. (If not, one will be provided.)

Departure will be on Tuesday morning around 11:30 after *The Slideshow* of our time together.

We are so looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you during this special time and at this sacred space called Pilgrim Lodge. See you on July 3!

Peace and Blessings,

Deans Lee and Jan

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