

Greetings from the Boardwalk!

After Pilgrim Lodge's 2-year hiatus, Middler Spirit is back in action for 2022! You will be sharing the boardwalk with a team of exceptionally talented counselors who are committed to making Middler Spirit the best week of your summer. They are expert jugglers, artists, story-tellers, and have-the-best-timers!

We, Elena Barrantes and Xander Keiter, are psyched to be your deans. We are planning your week to be jam-packed with laughter, community, and truly the most fun we can dream up!

Dean Fast Facts!



Xander

- I've been a vegetarian for 5 years.
- I run lots and lots of miles, ask me about my feelings on the latest running shoe tech!
- I'm on a mission to learn how to make friendship bracelets this summer!
- I'm a huge Swiftie (Taylor Swift fan)!

Elena

- I'm an avid traveler. Ask me about backpacking through Asia!
- Rain is my favorite weather.
- I love to dance! Mostly salsa and flamenco but 80s music too!
- I'm always looking for new books to read... what are you reading?

What to Expect at Middler Spirit

Whether you've been to Pilgrim Lodge a hundred times or this is your first time joining us, we are so ready to welcome you! We will be sharing Pilgrim Lodge with the Senior High (high school age) camp. While we will eat meals at the same time, and give each other high-fives on the boardwalk, the camps will, for the most part, operate separately (though there are whispers of a Middler vs. Senior Capture the Flag game on the island).

We will be engaging with each other through silly songs, games of the board and field varieties, quiet reflection, painting, swimming, the PL trail system, the list goes on! You should plan on bringing clothes that can get dirty, swimming gear, and the clothes you feel most comfortable in, whatever that means for you. Don't forget clothes for our "fancy dinner" later in the week!

While we will certainly be active for much of our week together, some of the greatest moments at camp will come from our periods of reflection, and conversations about our varied experiences. You should expect to learn about new perspectives and consider new ideas and ways of being. We can't wait to learn and grow with you!

If this is your first time coming to camp, please check out this [packing list](#), which contains some essential and nice-to-have items at camp!

We are so excited to get to know you this summer on the boardwalk! Our counseling staff has been missing the PL magic for the past two years and are so ready to welcome you to their favorite parts of camp. So pack your energy, warm up your singing voice, and get ready to share the best week of the summer with us!!

Cheers,

Elena & Xander