

Hello and thank you for your interest in Senior High week at Pilgrim Lodge! Returning to the shores of Lake Umbagog after a 2-year pandemic break, we will be your deans this summer! We are excited, with our team of excellent counselors and the help of each and every camper, to get Senior High back into gear as a joyful week of fun and fellowship.

Who are we?



Andrew Hunter teaches high school history at the Chewonki Foundation in Wiscasset, Maine. He is into hiking, reading informational plaques, and board games. He is a longtime Pilgrim Lodge camper and thinks “Waltzing with Bears” is the greatest song in the PL songbook. Look for him on the porch with an ice cream cone or shooting hoops in a spare moment.

Andrew and Marraine are both members of the Pilgrim Lodge Leadership Team.



Marraine Kettell is the minister at Old South Church in Farmington, Maine. She spends her free time knitting, exploring, reading, and spending time with her family. She is a long time camper at Pilgrim Lodge and has served as a counselor, dean, and fill in staff. Marraine credits Pilgrim Lodge with fostering her call to ministry which includes being as creative and silly as possible. Feel free to join her for a chat.

Who are Senior High campers?

They are upperclassmen who remember camp before the pandemic and can help revitalize treasured traditions. They are younger-now-older siblings, relatives, or friends who grew up with stories of Senior High and are eager to make their own memories. They are first time campers who bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to the community. They are musicians, artists, athletes and nature-lovers. They are, in short, everyone you can imagine! 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 with a seat at the table and a place in the choir.

What can you expect at Senior High?

Informed by history yet not beholden to it, as deans we look to build on the success of what Senior High has been in the past, but are also hopeful about beginning a new chapter. We are excited to try new things and build a program that meets the dreams of the present generation of campers. Notably, we will be sharing Pilgrim Lodge with the Middler Spirit (middle 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).

Our Senior High community will engage and connect with one another through fun games and activities, silly songs, and dress up dinners. We will cultivate relationships with the natural world through swimming, boating, and time in the woods. And we hope to activate the mind and heart with quiet reflection, meaningful conversation, and spiritual fellowship. You should expect to learn about new perspectives and consider new ideas and ways of being from the people around you. Part of this means being present in the moment, and all campers will go without cell phones for the week of camp. We can't wait to learn and grow with you!

Your packing should reflect these goals. 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 and any goofy outfits! In addition, we encourage you to bring things that are important to some aspect of yourself, maybe an instrument, favorite pastime, or craft. There will be many moments of downtime, in addition to an open-mic night/talent show, to share these with our community. And if this is your first time coming to camp, please check out the [packing list](#) on the Pilgrim Lodge website, which contains some other essential and nice-to-have items at camp.

We are so excited to get to know you and share the best week of the summer!!

Best wishes,
Andrew and Marraine