



Drop off: Sunday, July 21 from 2-3 PM

Pick up: Saturday, July 27 at 9:30 AM (Families are invited to join us in our Closing Circle to celebrate our week together)

Dear Climate Justice Campers,

Along with the Pilgrim Lodge staff and Climate Justice Camp leadership team, we are eagerly awaiting your arrival on Sunday, July 21 from 2-3 PM. We look forward to getting to know each of you.

During this unique and powerful week, you will have the opportunity to explore imagination, kinship, and grief within the context of a climate-changed world. At Climate Justice Camp we will be honest about the hard realities the climate crisis is presenting for the human species, and we will craft together a grounded hope that is deeper than wishful thinking. You will learn about climate science as it relates to Maine's ecosystems and watersheds. You will also explore, honor, and learn from the lake and forest where Pilgrim Lodge is located, while being invited to hold an imaginative posture — expanding your vision from what is, to what if. Finally, you will have opportunities to build deep, supportive, relationships as we explore together who we might choose to be in these times and work to build communities that protect both people and planet.

In addition, you'll get to enjoy all that Pilgrim Lodge has to offer - swimming, boating, singing, crafting, playing games, enjoying cookouts, savoring ice cream, spending time with old and new friends, and so much more!

At the end of our week together, you will receive a Climate Justice Champion certificate from The BTS Center and Maine People's Alliance, celebrating your role as a youth climate advocate. We hope you'll embrace this identity and share it on potential college applications and resumes that you build for jobs.

Please note that while Pilgrim Lodge is a United Church of Christ camp with deep roots and sacred symbolism from the Christian tradition woven throughout its identity, Climate Justice Camp has been created for young people of diverse cultural and religious backgrounds to engage in meaningful conversations that respect the spiritual and religious paths of all. Our Sacred Gathering times carve out space to be still, to engage one another's stories, to sing, and to enjoy the beauty of nature and community.

Before you arrive, and if you are able, we invite you to watch the documentary, *David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet*. It is available on Netflix.

Also, in addition to the items on the [Pilgrim Lodge packing list](#), we invite you to bring the following:

- A meaningful object from your tradition, culture, or spiritual upbringing
- A white t-shirt to tie-dye
- A special outfit to wear on Thursday night - something that makes you feel proud & joyful
- Binoculars (optional)

Please **do not** bring a cell phone--we'll have you give it to the adult dropping you off, or we'll keep it safe for you during the week. We'll embrace the opportunity to be present with one another and with nature during our week at camp. (Page 8 of the [Parent Camper Guide](#) outlines other items to not bring to camp).

Finally, before you arrive, we would love to get to know you, and your climate justice experiences and passions via [this survey](#). Kindly complete this by Wednesday, July 17.

We will be thinking of you and holding you in the light as our time together at camp approaches!

Sincerely,

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