



2014 Summer Camp Information Brochure



Summer Camp Schedule

Mini, Junior, Jr. High, Sr. High Dates

Week 0: July 2nd - 5th (Big Feet, Little Feet & Young Adults)

Week 1: July 6th - 12th (Extreme Games & CIT Training)

Week 2: July 13th - 19th (Outdoor Adventures)

Week 3: July 20th– July 26th (Global Connections & CYMC)

Week 4: July 27th - August 2nd (Creative Expressions)

Campers with Special Needs Dates

Week 0: BFLF is also open to special needs children with accompanying adults

Week 1: July 6th - 11th (Pinesters)

Week 2: July 13th - 18th (Pinesters & Pine Cones)

Week 3: July 20th– July 25th (Pinesters & Seedlings)

Week 4: July 27th - August 1st (Pinesters)

Pilgrim Pines Camp & Conference Center/Camp Location:

39570 Glen Road, Yucaipa, CA 92399
(909) 797-1821

Summer Camp Registrations/Mailing Address:

C/O SCNC UCC Conference Office
2401 N Lake Ave., Altadena, CA 91001
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Welcome to Pilgrim Pines Summer Camp!



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First time at camp?

Look for this arrow for helpful information and tips for first time campers!

Our Mission

Pilgrim Pines Camp and Conference Center, a ministry of the United Church of Christ, welcomes all persons without regard of age, sex, sexual orientation, racial or ethnic backgrounds, socio-economic position, handicap, or denominational affiliation, seeking to provide a clean and wholesome environment for personal and spiritual growth, nurturing community life by facilitating healthy relationships, promoting care and concern for all of God's creation.

Our Vision

- To encourage a more sustainable world through modeling environmentally just practices.
- To be part of a peaceful community in which people learn to cooperate regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, physical or intellectual ability.
- To be truly welcoming to a diverse population of opinions, beliefs, ideas, and backgrounds.

2014 Camp Theme

Get Real: Finding Your True Self

There's a lot of fake out there. In a culture of manicured online profiles, electronically altered images, and relentless deception in advertising, it's difficult to know who our friends are and whom we can trust. Not to mention how easy it is to buckle under the pressure and try to become the images we see. We all must seek our own real identity from a trustworthy source. God is the most trustworthy friend any of us will ever know. Get Real teaches campers that we are not created in the image of popular culture. We are created in the image of God, who loves us just as we are and asks us to love others in the same way.



Why Pilgrim Pines?

Who We Are

Pilgrim Pines Camp offers uniquely “blended” programming—simultaneous intergenerational and also special needs camping for the developmentally disabled. Pilgrim Pines Camp and Conference Center is owned by the Southern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ and is operated by United Camps, Conferences, and Retreats. Our programs are overseen by the SCNC UCC Outdoor Ministry Team, and are fully accredited by the American Camp Association.

Location and Accommodations

A mile high in elevation, Pilgrim Pines Camp and Conference Center is located on 150 acres in the San Bernardino Mountains, above Yucaipa and Beaumont. Located in the quaint village of Oak Glen, the camp is surrounded by apple orchards, oak trees, ponderosa pines and the chaparral environment of the mountain-side. Pilgrim Pines is an ideal place for discovery and renewal. The cabins are divided into two rooms, each equipped with three bunks, cabinets, and a bathroom with toilet and sink. Shower facilities are centrally located in each of the three residential camp areas.

Our Talented Camp Staff



Dedicated volunteers share their time and talents each summer. All staff receive training in programming and leadership to enhance campers’ personal growth and spiritual formation. Many campers come for the week with family members or folks from church who serve as volunteers in a different program group. For information on becoming a volunteer see our website: <http://www.pilgrimpinescamp.org/volunteers.html>

- ⇒ Summer Camp Program Directors prepare daily programs designed to meet the needs of each age and ability group. Programming is based on the ecumenical Outdoor Ministry curriculum produced by the National Council of Churches. The curriculum focuses on Bible stories and works with issues of social and environmental justice and living within a multi-cultural, open and affirming community. The Directors of the Challenge Course, Arts and Crafts, and Music programs work with Summer Camp Directors to focus on building a supportive learning community.
- ⇒ Volunteer Counselors are the backbone of our camping program and are screened and trained in accordance with safety policies. A diverse group of people work with campers in cabins and during program time. Many have training in CPR, first aid, and working with children and people with abilities and disabilities. Our counselor to camper ratio is 1:5, one counselor for every five campers.
- ⇒ Counselors-in-Training (C.I.T.s) ages 16 and 17 and volunteer in the cabins with an adult counselor after completing a multi-day special training session.
- ⇒ Health Center Staff are on duty 24 hours a day each week of camp.
- ⇒ Pastors at Camp provide spiritual support as our ‘minister-in-residence’. They work with campers, counselors, and staff through involvement in the camp programs and benefit all with pastoral care.

Things to Look Forward to at Camp!



Low Ropes Challenge Course Arts and Crafts 40 Foot Climbing Wall
Archery Campfires with S’mores Talent Show Swimming
Hiking Music with many voices! High Ropes Challenge Course

What’s the weather like at Camp?

Camp weather can change from year to year. Some years, it’s very warm, others there’s a summer storm! It’s best to check in advance what conditions are. When researching weather, use Oak Glen as your destination—it’s a better indicator of weather at the base of the mountain where the camp is. You can also visit our website for up-to-date weather information.

Pilgrim Pines Summer Camp Programs

⇒ Big Feet, Little Feet

Little Feet campers enjoy some of their first experiences at camp with a familiar set of big feet at their side.

Children, ages 3-8, enjoy spending time with a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or a special adult in their life who attends camp with them, while also getting to enjoy all of camp's activities- crafts, campfire, singing, dancing, and learning!

⇒ Mini Camp

Campers entering 1st through 3rd grade stay and play at Pilgrim Pines. Minis enjoy swimming, seeing Smokey the Bear at the Ranger Station, create crafts, sing and eat s'mores at campfire, and create their own Vespers service with help from the Pastor at Camp and Music Director.



⇒ Junior Camp

Juniors, campers entering 4th through 6th grade, participate in iconic Pilgrim Pines activities. Juniors campers participate in an early morning Polar Bear Swim, spending a night under the stars, hiking, and sharing their talents at the Talent Show. With each exciting activity, Juniors earn beads to be added to their Tree Cookies.

⇒ Junior High Camp

Junior High campers build the signature Pilgrim Pines Community by forming long-lasting relationships with other campers. They learn how to express themselves and form personal opinions on what faith and justice mean to them. Campers entering 7th and 8th grade brave some of the toughest rites of passage at Pilgrim Pines! Campers hike, participate and support campers in the low ropes and high ropes challenge courses, while enjoying a campfire with s'mores under the Pilgrim Pines star-filled night sky.

⇒ Senior High Camp

High school age campers express themselves, participate in small group discussion times, swim, hike, act in the talent show, relax with other campers their age, and are encouraged to take initiative in camp activities. Those entering 9th through 12th grades or just graduating high school are invited to select a camp theme week that fits their interests while still enjoying all the favorite Pilgrim Pines traditions each week of camp.

Programs for Campers with Special Needs

All special needs campers who plan to attend these programs MUST fill out the Campers with Special Needs Profile. First time Pilgrim Pines campers or campers who have not attended in more than five years must attend an Open House (see page 8) to ensure that Pilgrim Pines is a good fit for them.



⇒ Pinesters

Pinesters are special needs adults age 22 or older. We welcome our adult campers with lots of TLC and look forward to spending time together playing with the parachute, games on the Field of Dreams, doing crafts, swimming, archery, singing songs, hiking to visit Smokey the Bear at the Ranger Station, and building community in this special place of love and compassion.



A partnership between "The Ridge" and the UCC began in 1965. Hundreds of campers have come to camp together during Week 1 of camp, some blended with other Pinester Campers and some with their very own staff. Peppermint Ridge is sponsored by the UCC and some of our Peppermint Ridge campers have been in the Pinester program for over 40 years! What a great week to spend at camp!

⇒ Pine Cones

Pine Cones are campers ages 15 through 21 years with special needs. Pine Cones have an exciting week at camp doing archery, tackling the climbing wall, visiting Smokey the Bear at the Ranger Station, doing crafts, dancing, swimming, hiking and singing at campfire!

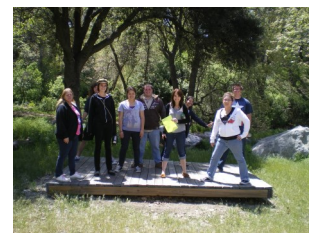
⇒ Seedlings

Seedlings are campers ages 10 through 14 years old with special needs. Caring counselors help to create cherished memories, loving journeys and FUN times. Seedlings have fun and fellowship through games, crafts, hiking, singing, drum circles, swimming and worship.

Pilgrim Pines Summer Camp Programs (cont.)

⇒ Week 0: Young Adult Camp

This is an exciting new addition to camp! Young adults ages 18-35 can come and have their own experience as campers! It's a chance to get away for the weekend and take the opportunity to enjoy God, nature, and each other. We'll share in creative worship, hikes, songs, and s'mores. Come greet friends old and new at Pilgrim Pines!



⇒ Week 1: Counselor-in-Training (C.I.T.)

Youth aged 16 and 17 attending C.I.T. week will receive valuable training in Behavior Management, Team-building Leadership, CPR and First Aid, and gain a confidence boost enabling them to be excellent camp counselors! The training is also a great way to gain training for babysitting and other opportunities. Youth who complete this program will receive a certificate of completion and, with the Director's recommendation, will be able to come back for a different week of camp to co-counsel, along with adult counselors, in our Mini, Junior or Special Needs programs.

⇒ Week 1: Extreme Games

Campers during Week 1 will have the zany fun of some extra-extreme games: ultimate Frisbee, crazy scavenger hunts, and more! Weird science, slime-making, water relays, shenanigan ball- anything is possible during Extreme Games Week!

⇒ Week 2: Outdoor Adventures

Campers will spend the week doing things outside with nature and in communion with God's creation. Activities include hiking, challenge courses, campfire, climbing wall and other exciting activities to get campers outside and learning.

⇒ Week 3: Global Connections: Conference Youth Ministries Camp (CYMC)

CYMC is a program for UCC Senior High campers planned and facilitated by the Southern California Nevada Conference Youth Roundtable. This program is a special camp, with many aspects facilitated by their peers. It will include a service project and all the things that make camp so great, including a few unique opportunities like a walk down to the Regional Water Park for a day of fun in the sun. All campers this week will also explore our Global Connections with fun activities that take us around the world on an adventure!

⇒ Week 4: Creative Expressions

Get your creative juices flowing! Creative Expressions includes all of the usual camp activities with extra opportunities to share your talents and gifts! The week is facilitated by talented staff that encourage expression and learning through the arts—drama, poetry, music, dance, visual art and more!



The Official Pilgrim Pines Camper Check List

There are 6 days of camp, so pack accordingly!



<input type="checkbox"/> Pants	<input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag	<input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent
<input type="checkbox"/> Shorts	<input type="checkbox"/> Pillow	<input type="checkbox"/> Medication (stored with the Nurse)
<input type="checkbox"/> T-Shirts	<input type="checkbox"/> Bath Towel	<input type="checkbox"/> Notebook and Pen
<input type="checkbox"/> Long Sleeved Shirts	<input type="checkbox"/> Washcloth	<input type="checkbox"/> Camera (at your own risk)
<input type="checkbox"/> Underwear	<input type="checkbox"/> Pool Towel	<input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight
<input type="checkbox"/> Socks	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle
<input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste	<input type="checkbox"/> Musical Instrument (at your own risk)
<input type="checkbox"/> Modest Swim Suit	<input type="checkbox"/> Soap and Shampoo	<input type="checkbox"/> Bible/Reading Material
<input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jacket or Sweatshirt	<input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen
<input type="checkbox"/> Closed-Toed Shoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Lip Balm	

**For prohibited items, please see page 5.*

The *Really Important* Things!

Check-In



Registration takes place outside the dining hall where campers will meet their counselors and receive their cabin assignments. *New camper parents/guardians/caregivers are welcome to a camp tour at 4:00 P.M. in the Main Lodge on Check-In day.*

⇒ Pinester, Pine Cone and Seedling

Check-in begins at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday.

⇒ Mini, Junior, Jr. High and Sr. High

Check-in begins at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday.

⇒ Health Screening and Medications

Please be prepared to update any health or medication information with the camp nurse after the mandatory health screening. Medications must be brought to camp in their original containers, clearly marked with name, medication and dosage. Place all medications in a zip-seal bag, marked with the camper's name, camper's age group, and dates of camp.

Check-Out

⇒ Pinester, Pine Cone and Seedling

Check out is at 10:00 A.M. on FRIDAY morning.

⇒ Mini, Junior, Jr. High and Sr. High

Check out is at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday morning.

For both Check-In and Check-Out, please note:

⇒ A parent or guardian must accompany campers to check-in and pick up their camper at check out.

⇒ Check-In/Out will begin promptly as scheduled. Due to limited space, please do not arrive more that 30 minutes before your scheduled Check-In/Out.

Summer Camp Mail

Any mail sent to campers should have their complete name, age group, and week of camp written on the envelope.

Mail should be addressed to:

**Pilgrim Pines Camp
39570 Glen Road
Yucaipa, CA 92399**

Faxes may be sent to: (909) 797-2691

E-mails may be sent to:

pilgrimpinessummercamp@gmail.com

Please NEVER send food. Limit e-mails and faxes to **one per day.** Please send mail early to campers and allow three days for postal delivery.



Pilgrim Pines General Information

⇒ Dress Code

Closed-toed shoes **MUST** be worn at all times. Pilgrim Pines is a mountain camp for children and youth of all ages. Clothing must be suitable for our mixed age groups and the outdoor environment. Any clothing conveying drugs, alcohol, cigarette ads, or crude comments will not be tolerated at camp. Campers wearing clothing deemed inappropriate will be asked to change and/or parents or guardians may need to bring alternate clothing.

⇒ Visitors

Visitors are **NOT** allowed while camp is in session except by special permission of the Summer Camp Director.

⇒ Prohibited Items

Expensive jewelry, fireworks, pets, skateboards, open toed-shoes, alcoholic beverages, drugs, and food (brought or sent) are **NOT** allowed at camp. MP3 players, iPods, cameras, cell phones and personal sports equipment may be brought at your own risk and must be left in the cabin at all times. Note: Cabins are not locked during the day.

⇒ Medications

ALL medications must be turned into the camp nurse at registration. Over-the-counter or oral medication of any kind (including aspirin, ibuprofen, acetaminophen, vitamins, etc.) will not be dispensed to minors without the permission of the parent/guardian or attending physician. Permission is authorized by completing the Health Form during the registration process.

⇒ Parent/Guardian Notification (Accident/Sickness)

Treatment required for camper illness is the responsibility of the camper's primary (parents/guardians) insurance. Should a camper become ill or injured during camp, parents/guardians will be notified by camp personnel, be advised of the situation, and appropriate care determined and implemented. **Parents/Guardians must be able to be contacted at all times during the week.**

⇒ Damage to Camp Property

Camper's parents/guardians will be held financially responsible for any and all damages to camp property.

⇒ Emergency Situations

Should there be an emergency situation at camp, natural or otherwise, camp staff will implement our emergency plan and parents/guardians will be notified as soon as possible. If there is an emergency situation at home, please call the camp directly.

Registration and Payment

Registration is open until June 2, 2014 or until weeks are filled. Campers are able to register beginning February 4, 2014. All campers are registered on a 'first come first served' basis. Space is limited, so please register early. The minimum \$100 deposit is **REQUIRED** in order to reserve a spot for your camper. Phone reservations will **NOT** be accepted. If you would like to receive information by mail, simply email or contact us using our contact information on the front page. *Online registration, instructions and forms are available at our website www.pilgrimpines.com/summercamp.*

⇒ Registration Overview

1. Determine the camp week and program age group (Mini, Junior, etc.) for which you want to register.
2. Go online to complete registration and submit your \$100 deposit, or contact us to request a paper registration if you do not have online access.
3. Look for an email with instructions on how to complete the Camper Profile and Release Forms. Sign and mail, email or fax these forms to the SCNC Conference Office.
4. Check your email or mail for confirmation of your camper's registration and week attending. If you have completed registration and sent in your documentation and have not heard from us after 14 days, please feel free to contact us to check on the status of your registration.
5. Pay the remaining balance for camp either online or by sending a check to the SCNC Conference Office so that it arrives 14 days before the first day of the week for which the camper is registered.

⇒ Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations will be accepted until two weeks prior to the first day of the week the camper is registered. Cancellations will be granted a refund of the registration fee minus the \$100 deposit. There will be **NO** refunds for cancellations received after the deadline.

Camperships and Financial Assistance

We want every potential camper to have the privilege of attending Pilgrim Pines Camp and experience the unique camping experience that only we offer. To accomplish this, we offer financial need-based Campership Assistance at various levels to meet the fees associated with camp. In 2013, we awarded over 100 Pilgrim Pines Camperships to assist campers in having the week of their lives at camp. Although we do have very generous donors who make many Camperships available each year, funds are very limited, so you are encouraged to seek alternative sources, such as your local church first, before applying with us. Campership funds are awarded based on income requirements as outlined on the application form, which will be available online. **All families are required**



register for camp and to pay the \$100 deposit for each camper. The deadline to apply for Campership Assistance is June 2, 2014. Additional information regarding Pilgrim Pines Camperships can be found on our website.

Helpful Tips for Registration

The Pilgrim Pines Registration Staff processes hundreds of registrations each camp season, and we're dedicated to making the registration process easy, smooth, and stress-free. Please keep in mind these tips when registering:

- ⇒ Email is the best way to send your questions, comments, and concerns to the registration staff. You may also call the SCNC Conference Office, but you will need to leave a message and a staff member will return your call.
- ⇒ For online registration, there will be 3 confirmations sent to you during the process: an email after you have completed the online registration, an email/postcard after we have received your Camper Profile and Release Forms, and a reminder 14 days before your week of camp. If you complete a paper registration, you will receive 2 confirmations.
- ⇒ All camp paperwork and checks **MUST** be submitted to the SCNC Conference Office. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND REGISTRATION PAPERWORK OR CHECKS DIRECTLY TO THE CAMP!**
- ⇒ It may take us up to 14 days to process any paperwork that has been mailed to the SCNC Conference Office. If you have sent in paperwork and have not heard from us within 14 days, please feel free to contact us.



Pilgrim Pines Summer Camp Schedule and Fees

<i>Week 0</i>	<i>Week 1</i>	<i>Week 2</i>	<i>Week 3</i>	<i>Week 4</i>
	⇒ Extreme Games	⇒ Outdoor Adventures	⇒ Global Connections ⇒ CYMC	⇒ Creative Experiences
July 2nd - July 5th	July 6th - 12th <i>Special Needs:</i> July 6th - Friday, July 11th	July 13th - 19th <i>Special Needs:</i> July 13th - Friday, July 18th	July 20th - 26th <i>Special Needs:</i> July 21st - Friday, July 25th	July 27th - August 2nd <i>Special Needs:</i> July 27th - Friday, August 1st
<u>Big Feet, Little Feet</u> Children Ages 3 - 8 years \$420 by June 2 \$435 after June 2 *Includes 1 adult and 1 child	<u>C.I.T. Camp</u> Age 16+ by July 3rd Maximum of 20 campers \$420 by June 2 \$445 after June 2	<u>Mini Camp</u> Entering 1st - 3rd grade Maximum 30 campers \$420 by June 2 \$445 after June 2	<u>Mini Camp</u> Entering 1st - 3rd grade Maximum 30 campers \$420 by June 2 \$445 after June 2	<u>Mini Camp</u> Entering 1st - 3rd grade Maximum 30 campers \$420 by June 2 \$445 after June 2
<u>Young Adult Camp</u> Adults ages 18-35 \$210 by June 2 \$225 after June 2	<u>Mini Camp</u> Entering 1st - 3rd grade Maximum 30 campers \$420 by June 2 \$445 after June 2	<u>Junior Camp</u> Entering 4th - 6th grade Maximum 40 campers \$420 by June 2 \$445 after June 2	<u>Junior Camp</u> Entering 4th - 6th grade Maximum 30 campers \$420 by June 2 \$445 after June 2	<u>Junior Camp</u> Entering 4th - 6th grade Maximum 40 campers \$420 by June 2 \$445 after June 2
All Campers are to be picked up between 10:00 and 11:00 am on the last day of camp. <u>Late fees of \$25 per hour, per camper</u> will be charged to anyone picking up campers after 11:00 am.	<u>Junior Camp</u> Entering 4th - 6th grade Maximum 40 campers \$420 by June 2 \$445 after June 2	<u>Jr. High Camp</u> Entering 7th - 8th grade Maximum of 30 campers \$420 by June 2 \$445 after June 2	<u>Jr. High Camp</u> Entering 7th - 8th grade Maximum of 20 campers \$420 by June 2 \$445 after June 2	<u>Jr. High Camp</u> Entering 7th - 8th grade Maximum of 30 campers \$420 by June 2 \$445 after June 2
	<u>Jr. High Camp</u> Entering 7th - 8th grade Maximum of 30 campers \$420 by June 2 \$445 after June 2	<u>Senior High Camp</u> Entering 9th - 12th grade and 2014 grads Maximum of 40 campers \$420 by June 2 \$445 after June 2	<u>Senior High Camp</u> Entering 9th - 12th grade and 2014 grads Maximum of 60 campers \$420 by June 2 \$445 after June 2	<u>Senior High Camp</u> Entering 9th - 12th grade and 2014 grads Maximum of 40 campers \$420 by June 2 \$445 after June 2
	<u>Senior High Camp</u> Entering 9th - 12th grade and 2014 grads Maximum of 40 campers \$420 by June 2 \$445 after June 2	<u>Pinester Camp</u> Adults with special needs, ages 22 and up Maximum of 20 campers \$460 by June 2 \$485 after June 2	<u>Pinester Camp</u> Adults with special needs, ages 22 and up Maximum of 20 campers \$460 by June 2 \$485 after June 2	<u>Pinester Camp</u> Adults with special needs, ages 22 and up Maximum of 40 campers \$460 by June 2 \$485 after June 2
	<u>Pinester Camp</u> Adults with special needs, ages 22 and older Maximum of 40 campers \$460 by June 2 \$485 after June 2	<u>Pine Cones Camp</u> Teens with special needs, Ages 15 through 21 Maximum of 20 campers \$460 by June 2 \$485 after June 2	<u>Seedlings Camp</u> Youth with special needs, ages 10 through 14 Maximum of 20 campers \$460 by June 2 \$485 after June 2	





Campers with Special Needs OPEN HOUSE

Have a question about the Pinester, Pine Cone,
or Seedling Camps?

Come to one of our Summer Camp 2014 Open
Houses to meet some of our staff, take a camp
tour, and get all your questions answered!

Please join us on:

MAY 24: 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. at Pilgrim Pines Camp

or

JUNE 7th: 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. at Pilgrim Pines Camp

IMPORTANT: If this is your Pinester, Pine Cone, or Seedling's first time at camp attending an Open House is mandatory. If your camper has been to Pilgrim Pines but not within the last 5 years, please join us as well.

View the contents of this brochure at

www.pilgrimpinescamp.org/summer-camp.html

For directions to Pilgrim Pines, visit: <http://www.pilgrimpinescamp.org/contact.html>

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