

2015 SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION BROCHURE



Pilgrim Pines 2015 Summer Camp

Summer Camp Schedule

Mini, Junior, Jr. High, Sr. High Dates	Campers with Special Needs Dates
Week 0: July 1st - 4th	Week 0: BFLF is also open to special needs children with accompanying adults
Week 1: July 5th - 11th	Week 1: July 5th - 10th (Pinesters)
Week 2: July 12th - 18th	Week 2: July 12th - 17th (Pinesters & Pine Cones)
Week 3: July 19th– July 25th	Week 3: July 19th– July 24th (Pinesters & Seedlings)
Week 4: July 26th - August 1st	Week 4: July 26th - July 31st (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 (626) 798-8082 pilgrimpinescamp@gmail.com www.pilgrimpinescamp.org Like us on Facebook @ Pilgrim Pines Camp!







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.

2015 Camp Theme

POWER UP! LIVING IN THE SPIRIT

When campers hear "power up," they think about turning on an electronic device. They know what it means for a cell phone to have a full charge, and they are rarely far from the power source that keeps them electronically connected. But where does the true, reliable, and never-ending power to live as Christ calls come from? It comes from the Holy Spirit.

In a time characterized by the relentless bombardment of information, perpetual connection to the digital universe, and endless texts, tweets, and instant messages, camp offers an opportunity to unplug in order to connect in new ways with God and others. You are invited to relish the spotty cell reception of camp and delve into experiences and moments that reveal the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.



Pilgrim Pines 2015 Summer Camp



New info!

Keep an eye out throughout this brochure for the NEW icon. It lets you know of new stuff and changes that have been made to our program and registration process for 2015. If you have any questions about our changes, please feel free to contact us!

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 mountainside. 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 experience working with people who have special needs Our counselor to camper ratio is 1:5, one counselor for every five campers.
- ⇒ <u>Junior Counselors</u> are ages 16 and 17 and volunteer in the cabins with an adult counselor after completing a week long special training session.
- ⇒ Health Center Staff are on duty 24 hours a day each week of camp.
- ⇒ <u>Pastors at Camp</u> 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 AGE GROUP 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 3-9, 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 camps activities- crafts, campfire, singing, dancing, and learning! Young campers with special needs are welcome also, with their "Big Feet" adult along.

Mini Camp

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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.

Juniors, campers entering 4th through 6th grade, participate in iconic Pilgrim Pines activities. Juniors campers participate in an early morning Polar Bear Swim, spend a night under the stars, hike, and share 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, and enjoy 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 discussions, swim, hike, share their talents 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. Each week has a special theme specifically for Senior High Camp, and information on each theme is on the next page.

ROGRAMS 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.



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⇒ *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 Peppermint 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!

\Rightarrow 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 WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Senior High campers have an additional Weekly Program theme that, along with the Power UP! Theme, help to define the different weeks of camp offered specifically for this age group. These themes are:

Week One-Leadership Training (C.I.T)

Designed for incoming 11th graders 12th graders, and 2015 graduates, youth attending Leadership Training week will receive valuable knowledge in Behavior Management, Teambuilding 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 successfully 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, with our Mini, Junior or Special Needs programs. Youth selected to return for Junior Counselor positions must be between 16-17 years of age. Youth in 9th & 10th grades for this week ONLY can select to join the 'Middlers' program, for those between the grades of 7th-10th grade.



Global Connections: CYMC Weeks focus on making connections with other campers, other communities, and with others around the world. Planned and facilitated by the Southern California Nevada Conference Youth Roundtable, each week of camp has activities centered around themes created by youth. The two weeks of camp will be linked with special activities and use of technology that integrates our theme and focuses on our camp ideals. Global Connections: CYMC weeks promise to include a service project and all the things that make camp so great!

⇒ Week Four- 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!

So why the two separate weeks of CYMC?

CYMC has been one of the most popular and enjoyed weeks at camp, and we thank everyone for making that happen! In recent years, CYMC has been fully booked, and even overbooked, to the point where we had to turn away campers that wanted to attend, as well as overextend camp facilities and staff to allow the most campers to experience this special week. So in an effort to have a quality experience for all those wanting to attend CYMC Week, the Youth Roundtable has agreed to split CYMC camp into two weeks- Week Two and Week Three. To better explain what happens at CYMC camp, the title "Global Connections: CYMC" was created. Several steps will be taken to ensure that both weeks of CYMC are connected, including joint programming and planning, and letters and virtual meetings to link the two groups of attendees. We suggest that you check with your church's Youth Minister/Leader to find out what week your church will be attending Global Connections: CYMC. We look forward to welcoming everyone who wants to attend this new program and welcome any suggestions or comments!



THE OFFICIAL PILGRIM PINES **CAMPER CHECK LIST**

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There are 6 days of	camp, so pack accordingly! 5	titems are a must!
Pants *	Sleeping Bag *	Insect Repellant *
Shorts *	Pillow	Medication (stored with the Nurse) *
T-Shirts *	Bath Towel *	Notebook and Pen
Long Sleeved Shirts *	Washcloth	Camera (at your own risk)
Underwear *	— Pool Towel	Flashlight *
Socks *	Toothbrush *	Water Bottle *
— Pajamas *	Toothpaste *	Musical Instrument (at your own risk)
Modest Swim Suit *	Soap and Shampoo *	Bible/Reading Material
Warm Jacket or Sweatshirt *	Deodorant *	Sunscreen *
Closed-Toed Shoes *	Lip Balm *	
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		prought up, camper will face disciplinary
action, up	to and including being sent ho	ome immediately.

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. *Parents/guardians* MUST remain with their campers until the check-in process is complete, which may take up to an hour.

⇒ 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.

A valid photo ID is required for all persons checking out a camper.

⇒ 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 limit e-mails and faxes to **one** per day. Remember to send mail early to campers and allow three days for postal delivery.

DO NOT send food to camp!

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 required to change and/or parents or guardians may need to bring alternate clothing.

\Rightarrow 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 toedshoes, alcoholic beverages, drugs, and food (brought or sent) are NOT allowed at camp.

⇒ Electronic Items

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. If an electronic item is a distraction for campers, it may be taken away at the Director's discretion, and returned on the last day of camp.

⇒ 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 1, 2015 or until weeks are filled. Campers are able to register beginning February 3, 2015. 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.org/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. You will receive an immediate auto confirmation email that your registration has been completed, and an email payment receipt. You may also download a paper registration from our website or contact us to have one mailed to you.
- 3. After you have received the auto confirmation, check your email or mail for confirmation of your camper's registration and week attending. Electronic registrants will receive an additional form by email to sign and mail back to our office. If you have completed registration and have not heard from us after 14 days, please feel free to contact us to check on your registration.
- 4. 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.
- 5. A reminder will be sent 2 weeks before your camper attends camp to remind you of any payments or paperwork needed.

⇒ Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations will be accepted until two weeks prior to the first day of the week the camper is registered. The \$100 camp deposit is **NON REFUNDABLE**. 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 2014, we awarded almost \$25,000 in Pilgrim Pines Camperships to assist campers in having the week of their lives at camp. Although we 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, 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 a MINIMUM of \$100 for each camper. The



<u>deadline to apply for Campership Assistance is June 1, 2015</u>. 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 (pilgrimpinescamp@gmail.com) 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 auto email after you have completed the online registration, an email/postcard after we have confirmed your camper's week, and a reminder 2 weeks before camp. If you complete a paper registration, you will receive 2 confirmations.
- ⇒ This year, a doctor's signature is not required for health forms, unless you're registering a camper with special needs. All release and health forms will be part of the online registration process, and a signature is required on the form emailed to you when your camper's registration is confirmed.
- ⇒ 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 & FEES

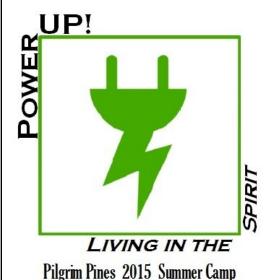
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All Campers are to be picked up between 10:00 and 11:00 am on the last day of camp. Late fees of \$25 per hour, per camper will be charged to anyone picking up campers after 11:00 am.					Big Feet, Little Feet Children Ages 3 - 8 years \$425 by June 1 \$450 after June 1 *Includes 1 adult and 1 child	July 1st - July 4th	Week 0
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Campers with Special Needs OPEN HOUSE

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

Come to one of our Summer Camp 2015 Open Houses to meet some of our staff, take a camp tour, and get all your questions answered!



Please join us on:

APRIL25: 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. at Pilgrim Pines Camp

or

JUNE 13th: 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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