

General Camp Information

MOON BEACH CAMP is nestled in the Northwoods, between Eagle River and St. Germain on the shores of Moon Lake. Cabins overlook Moon Lake in the native pine and birch trees. Here you'll enjoy clear waters, mixed forests and interesting nature trails. Enjoy the peaceful quiet of northern Wisconsin at Moon Beach Camp.

PILGRIM CENTER is located on the southeast shore of beautiful Green Lake. Enjoy the rolling countryside and farmlands surrounding Pilgrim Center. From cabins in the woods to Oak Mound Lodge, housing facilities at Pilgrim Center are designed to meet the need of each age group and program. Pilgrim Center's central location provides an easy drive from most Wisconsin towns. Pilgrim Center offers the adventures and opportunities of outdoor ministries close to home!

REGISTRATION FOR MOST CAMP EVENTS is held between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday and camp ends at 10:30 a.m. on the following Saturday unless otherwise noted. Exact registration time for your event will be detailed on your written confirmation upon registration. **Please do not plan on arriving before 3:00 Sunday**, as the staff will be busy preparing for your arrival.

BRING a sleeping bag or bedding and a pillow. Also, bring swimsuits, flashlight, clothes for warm, cool and/or rainy weather, sturdy shoes and jeans for hiking. Don't forget soap, toothpaste and toothbrush, towels and washcloth.

CAMP POLICIES Pilgrim Center and Moon Beach Camp are operated under policies and guidelines developed by the United Church Camps, Inc. Board of Directors to conform to federal, state, and local laws and regulations. All guests are asked to cooperate and adhere to these policies. Questions about guidelines, policies or operations should be directed to the Managing Director at the appropriate site.

CELL PHONES, PAGERS, PERSONAL MUSIC DEVICES Youth camp participants: Please do not bring cell phones or pagers. Camp is focused on building a community in this place, not about the distractions cell phones or pagers may impose. In an emergency there is a phone in our



office. Walkmans, MP3 players, and other personal music devices will be permitted, though use will be limited to rest hour and bedtime. Do not bring electronic handheld games.

DRUGS, ALCOHOL, WEAPONS, AND FIREWORKS are not permitted or tolerated. For safety reasons, pets are not permitted at any event. Smoking will be permitted only by persons over 18 in designated areas. Smoking is not permitted in any building on either UCCI site.

CABINMATE REQUESTS We recognize that individuals often come to youth events with friends or to reconnect with friends from past years. At the same time we want to encourage campers to get to know other people and make new friends. In effort to balance these two realities we will make every attempt to honor **one mutual cabinmate request** (i.e. you and the other camper must request each other). Please write your request on your registration form.

RULES FOR ACCEPTANCE and participation in our programs are the same for everyone regardless of race, color, gender, age, handicap, religion, national origin or sexual orientation.

Both of our comfortable sites are available for year 'round retreats for church or private groups. Contact the Managing Director at either site for a brochure and more information.

FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION see our Web site at www.ucci.org/faq or call the Managing Director at either site.

Frequently Asked Questions

general camp and program questions

I have never been to camp before. Will I be the only new camper there?

No. Each season we greet many new guests. About 30 percent of our campers are new each year. We're happy to say that camp is one of those places where people connect with each other, with new people, with their inner spirit, and with God. Many campers return year after year simply to reconnect. We look forward to welcoming you and hope that you, too, find this to be a place of community, rest, and a place to connect.

How do I find my way to camp?

We've learned that both sites are difficult to locate on most web based mapping sites. You can get close with Mapquest (and others), but the last mile or so is incorrect or confusing. We highly recommend that you visit our Web site at www.ucci.org and get driving directions from us.

How is the food at camp?

We are very proud of the program, facilities, and especially the food at our sites. Most of our food is home-made in our kitchen. Fresh fruits and vegetables are part of every day's menu. We offer a salad bar at almost every meal and a fresh fruit basket where campers can help themselves to a healthy snack any time throughout the day. We offer a vegetarian alternative at all meals and make every effort to accommodate special diets.

I have special food and/or accommodation needs. Can you help and how do I communicate my needs?

We are committed to working with you to do our very best to meet your needs. Please communicate with the Managing Director as soon as you can (either before or right after you register) so we are aware of your needs and can make appropriate arrangements.

Are there laundry facilities at camp?

Yes, there are coin washers and dryers at both sites.

Youth Camp Frequently Asked Questions

Can I call my child at camp? Can my child have a cell phone or pager at camp?

No. Please. The success of this camp experience is largely built on the fact that individuals come here, away from the demands and distractions (and labels) of the outside world, to build an intentional Christian community. Campers come here to build friendships with people here and to learn to be part of this group and accept each person in the group. Cell phones, pagers, and calls from outside this community prove

to be a distraction and, too often, campers do not focus their energy and attention on this community, but on the outside influences. In the event of an emergency or problems at camp the management staff will contact parents. We do have office business phone lines, and we'll use them to call you if the need dictates.

What happens if my child gets homesick?

Your influence on your child's experience starts well before you arrive at camp. When you talk about camp use words and statements that exude confidence in your child. Don't say, "Just try it for one day, and if you have problems just call and I will come get you." Instead, speak of how exciting this will be, how much fun you are sure they will have, and how proud you are of them for trying something new.

When you arrive at camp and you settle your camper in, please try not to talk about this in front of your child. Too often these overheard conversations plant the idea in a camper's head that they will probably be homesick. Spend more time talking about new experiences, how proud you are of them and how brave they are for trying new things. Tell them that, "Yes, sometimes it is scary to be away from home," "We're happy you will be at camp with friends (or we're sure you will meet many new people at camp)," and/or, "Yes, we will miss you, too, but we will have a busy week and we're sure you will, too."

Assure them that you are always just a letter away. Tell them that if they do miss home their counselor is always available to talk to them. Remind them that even adults (like our counselors) miss home, too, but they have a great time at camp.

Please do not tell your child that they can call home anytime they like. Our staff is competent in handling these situations which happen quite regularly at camp. We've found it much more successful when we work with your child to identify their feelings, to acknowledge that they are normal, and to provide a support for them as they gain some independence in a healthy Christian community. Should we have extended problems beyond normal fears, the Managing Director or the Health Center Director will call you to share our experiences and ask for your input.

There are many frequently asked questions — far too many to list here. You can find a comprehensive list of questions — and answers — on our Web site at www.ucci.org/faq

