

Our Sacred Space

Pilgrim Heights Camp & Retreat Center Newsletter



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Enjoy, Explore and Remember

2nd Annual
Day of Discovery and Dedication
May 2nd 9 am – 3 pm



As employers, churches, organizations and families, we shall discover how connecting with nature improves our work, worship and relationships, as well as, dedicate our talents and treasure to enjoy and responsibly support and advocate for the stewardship of natural resources.

Extended Stay Options

Stay Friday night before
or Saturday night after
with dinner, campfire and breakfast available each day

For the First-Timers:

This is a great opportunity to see what Pilgrim Heights has to offer on the pilgrimage of discoveries. Don't miss lunch, followed by a brief update, discussion, and dedication.

For Recent Participants and Guests:

Share the highlights of your Pilgrim Heights experience on Memory and Vision boards at each station and let us know what you want to see here at Pilgrim Heights in the future.

For those that haven't come in years:

Discover the progress that has been made since you last visited Pilgrim Heights. Join others in nostalgia; share your vision.

For Vendors:

See how the services you provide impact our guests and participants and discover the hidden treasures of Tama County for yourself.

Earn (or Give) a
\$25 Scholarship

<http://www.pilgrimheights.org/attend-our-events/retreats/day-of-discovery-dedication/>

To accomplish great things we must first dream, then visualize, then plan... believe... act!

Alfred A. Montapert

Recognizing a Need and Incorporating Your Ideas

There are many needs to be addressed around the grounds and your ideas are welcomed. Take ownership of one of your ideas; and make it happen.

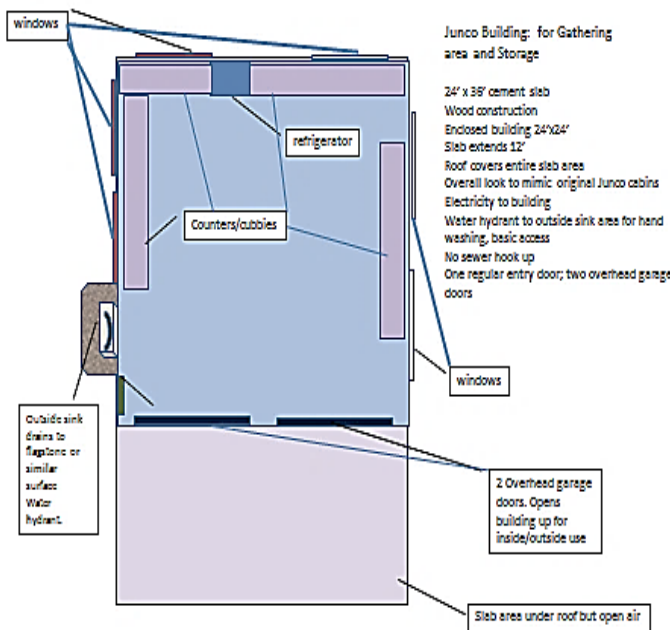
Working together with Your Volunteer Time and/or Funding

You are needed and appreciated in the process of developing the Nature and Explore Area which is now underway. Participation is the key to the development of this rewarding space as well as the maintenance other existing areas throughout the grounds.

Schedule a Spring Work Project

Over An Afternoon A Day..... A Weekend..... A Week

Act now and gather your friends, employers/employees, church members, clubs or other groups and work together to learn, play, improve and create a project for many to enjoy throughout the year. There are buildings to maintain and build, pathways to create and restore, gardens to plant and nourish...taking action will insure successful and rewarding activities for everyone of all ages to enjoy in this Sacred Space of Pilgrim Heights.



Get a date reserved for Your Group!

<http://www.pilgrimheights.org/how-to-help-out/perform-a-service-project/signup-to-volunteer/>

We Can't Do It Alone – We Need Your Time & Talents!

Qualifications / Responsibilities of a

Camp Dean

Attend Dean Training
 Mature, Fun-loving Adult
 Plan Detailed Weekly Schedule
 Define Camp Session Goals & Outcomes
 Write Pre-Session Camper Letter
 Arrange for Counselors (2 M & 2 F)
 Recruit Campers
 Lead Bible Study
 Communicate Needs and Expectations
 Encourage Fun & Safety

Qualifications / Responsibilities of a

Camp Counselor

16+ yrs old & 4 yrs older than campers
 Supervise Campers (Day & Night)
 Assist in Implementation of Weekly Schedule
 Assist with Session Goals & Outcomes
 Recognize Age-Group Characteristics
 Distinguish Multiple Intelligences
 Manage Behavior
 Recruit Campers
 Encourage Fun & Safety

Not Sure if You're Up to the Task?

We'll Train You at CIT Camp!

Sat, June 13th 1pm – Wed, June 17th 7pm

Welcome New Board Members!



Vic Bjork taught science at Bennett Community Schools for 12 years before moving on to the Iowa Juvenile Home where he taught for 21 years. He developed an accredited course on fishing (with the help of the DNR).

In 2006, Vic retired. For the last five years, Vic has been a volunteer at Pilgrim Heights where he uses his knowledge of fishing to organize the equipment for the summer season. He has attended Wilderness Leadership School and is very interested in ecology and the natural world. He believes that despite all our technology, we are creatures of nature tied to the Earth that gives us everything for life. Vic would like to help our visitors understand that connection.



Leon Root is a retired Deputy Sheriff from Latimer, IA. As a Deputy Sheriff, one of his most rewarding duties was as DARE Officer.

He and his wife have been married for 44 years and have three daughters and four grandkids. And that is why he has decided to serve on the Board of Our Sacred Space, Inc.

Leon believes kids are our future! He thinks that camp is a great way to get kids and adults away from their computers and tablets and outside enjoying nature. And he wants to be part of the continuing mission and service at Pilgrim Heights Camp & Retreat Center.

A Day Away with the Psalmist – 1st or 2nd Thursdays of the month from 9am-3pm

<http://www.pilgrimheights.org/attend-our-events/retreats/praying-with-the-psalmist/>

Spend a Day Away exploring the Psalms, deepening your relationship with God through prayer.

February 5 th	"Praying the Psalms"	The Psalms and Jesus
March 5 th	"Along the Way"	Psalms for the Journey
April 9 th	"Singing the Psalms"	Psalms for a Lifetime



Noticing the Shift in 2015 – Last Saturday of the month from 1pm-7pm

<http://www.pilgrimheights.org/attend-our-events/retreats/the-shift/>

Notice what awaits in the simple wisdom and heartwarming story of Jones. Based on a remarkable true story, *The Noticer* beautifully blends fiction, allegory, and inspiration; providing simple, yet powerful distinctions about love, relationships, value, and integrity; inspiring you to take that first step toward a major life change.

February 28 th	The Noticer, Chapters 4-6
March 28 th	The Noticer, Chapters 7-9
April 25 th	The Noticer, Chapter 10 & The Noticer Project
May 30 th	The Noticer Returns, Chapters 1-4
June 27 th	The Noticer Returns, Chapters 5-7
July 25 th	The Noticer Returns, Chapters 8-10
August 22 nd	The Noticer Returns, Chapters 11-12
September 26 th	The Noticer Returns, Chapters 13-15
October 24 th	The Noticer Returns, Chapters 16-17
December 5 th	The Noticer Returns, Chapters 18-19 & Epilogue



Pilgrim Heights Virtual Birthday Party – Sunday, February 15th

<http://www.pilgrimheights.org/attend-our-events/retreats/virtual-birthday-party/>

Set aside part of your day, during worship or independently, to celebrate the continuing existence of Pilgrim Heights. We'll provide an electronic recap of the prior year's highlights and a glimpse into the remainder of the New Year for you to view and share with those you love.

Men's Spring Service Retreat – March 27-28

<http://www.pilgrimheights.org/attend-our-events/retreats/men-s-retreat/>

The topic will be: The War (WW II), the Church, and Civil Rights and Liberties today.

Spring Cleanup – April 24-26

<http://www.pilgrimheights.org/attend-our-events/retreats/spring-work-weekend/>

2015 Summer Camp Schedules coming soon – June 8th - August 8th

<http://www.pilgrimheights.org/attend-our-events/camps/>



Environmental Education Day Camps & Residential Christian Camps **POWERUP!**



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