

Greetings Senior High campers!!!

Can you believe summer is nearly here?! I hope you are all as excited as we are to come to Pine Mountain this summer! There are all kinds of things in store for us, including s'mores, the view from Chapel Rock, sleeping out under the stars on Pinkham Ledge, and of course, all the great things that will happen in our community we build together during Senior High Week!

I'm so excited to be your dean this summer. My name is Emelia Attridge, and if you've been to Horton Center before, you might recognize me as a former staff member! I was the Arts and Crafts director for the past two years, and also one of the deans for Arts on the Mountain last summer – what a blast! I am a Member in Discernment in the United Church of Christ, which is the denomination Horton Center is affiliated with. A Member in Discernment is someone who is considering a path towards ministry. I am currently working towards my Masters of Divinity at Boston University School of Theology, and I work at a UCC church in Lexington, MA. When I'm not at school, I help serve on the Outdoor Mission Group – a fun volunteer group that oversees things at Horton Center all year long! I'm originally from Manchester, NH, I love all things Harry Potter, arts and crafts, and my favorite thing about Horton Center is probably the gorgeous views, guaranteed laughs, and great songs (I love camp songs!).

For those of you returning to camp you will be happy to know that we are continuing the tradition of having a **hike day, sleeping out under the stars at Pinkham Ledge** (weather permitting), putting on a **talent show** and many of the other activities you enjoyed from past years. It will be an awesome week!

Our theme this summer is “Branching Out, Connecting Through Christ,” and we'll be having a lot of conversations about what it means to connect with one another, through our own experiences of connecting with the Holy, and how we listen for God's voice even when we're feeling like we're lost in the wilderness. I think this is an important theme given current events, but also where we are in our own lives in high school.

To help you prepare for the week, Sunday evening we will be introducing ourselves at our Opening Campfire. Each year we get a little silly by dressing up at our campfire as a fun way to introduce ourselves. This year, we're asking the question, “When I 'grow up,' I'd like to be ____.” Come as your dream career—maybe you're a teacher or a doctor, or maybe you're something you wish you could be, like a wizard! There are no impossible dreams—be creative!

As you know, you will be enjoying a week of freedom from technology—this means no cell phones. If you would like to take pictures during our week, cameras are certainly welcome. Please see below for a list of items to remember to pack for the week. In particular, please note that it is important that you bring a backpack for hike day, appropriate shoes, and two water bottles

Arrive at camp on Sunday, June 25th at 2:00pm (please don't come before 2:00, as we need time to get things ready for you). Please let Horton Center know if you are running late and therefore arriving AFTER 3:30 pm, at 603-545-9660. Please note that the camp road is steep and narrow in some places, but what awaits you at the top is well worth it! Take the road slow, 15mph or less, and make good use of the turn outs on the road. There will be a staff member at the bottom of the road to greet you and give you further instructions. Camp will end too soon for most on July 1, with pick up from 9am to 10am.

I can't wait to greet returning campers and welcome campers new to Pine Mountain!

Blessings,

Emelia Attridge

SUGGESTIONS OF THINGS TO BRING TO CAMP

o Casual relaxing clothes (tee-shirts, shorts), enough clothes for the week, extra socks etc.

o Warm clothes for cold days and nights (Jeans/pants, sweatshirts)

o Warm sleeping clothes

o Rain gear

o Bible, Notebook or stationery and pen

o Bathing suit and Beach towel

o Shower shoes

o Musical instruments

o 1 nice outfit (not too formal) for our last night special dinner

o Bathroom items in an easy to carry bag or bucket (towels, washcloth, soap, Toothbrush, floss, comb/brush etc.)

o Sleeping bag and mattress pad (like thermarest) for Pinkham Ledge sleepout, or bedding and pillow

o Comfortable sneakers/hikers

o Small backpack for hike day

o Flashlight

o Insect repellent (non-aerosol please!) And sunscreen (SPF 30 or more)

o 2 Water bottles with your name written on it

o Costume for the campfire

o Money for camp store account (Remember, \$1 for ice cream!) and for the mission offering (which will benefit Daisy's Children in Honduras)

o Alarm Clock

In **bold** are the most important items! Don't forget these please!