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SUMMER CAMPS

You & Me Camp – July 21-24 grades 1-4* with an adult

Kids Camp – July 24-27 grades 2-4*

Intermediate Camp – July 14-20 grades 5-6*

Junior High Camp – July 14-20 grades 7-9*

Senior High Camp – July 21-27 grades 10-13*

Family Camp – July 28-Aug 3

Camp Together – August 4-10 (a family camp style program for all ages)

RETREATS

Women's Retreat – May 17-19 ages 16+

Emerging Young Adults – June 14-17 ages 19-35

The * indicates the grade entering. The EARLY BIRD deadline is April 15.



SUMMER CAMPS

You & Me Camp – June 14-16 grades 1-4* with an adult

Kids Camp – June 14-16 grades 2-4*

RETREATS

Men's Retreat – Feb 1-4 ages 16+

Jr & Sr High Midwinter – Feb 9-11 grades 7-12

Women's Retreat – Oct 4-6 ages 16+





N-Sid-Sen and Pilgrim Firs are the camp and retreat centers of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ.

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It's time to unplug and jump into a week of awesome, low-tech fun!

At N-Sid-Sen & Pilgrim Firs, kids (and adults) can be kids and get dirty, have fun and make memories that last a lifetime! Camp is about connecting face to face with cabin-mates and caring leaders. Camp is a safe place to try new things, learn about God, and grow as a person. Camp is a place to laugh, sing, play and pray together!

Faith-Based Immersion Experiences

Life often seems to be moving at warp speed. And sometimes, in the midst of everything with which we fill our lives, our faith, richer connections with others, and breathing deeply in God's natural world fall by the wayside. That's why it is so important to embrace opportunities like summer camp at N-Sid-Sen and Pilgrim Firs, to immerse ourselves in the gifts that await if only we slow down, truly connect with others and intentionally seek something different.

Our Leadership is Key

Our entire caring team, from managing director to experienced volunteer session directors, trained cabin leaders, certified health care & waterfront staff, and the site hospitality team are dedicated to creating a safe and welcoming environment for our campers. They provide positive leadership and guidance, and are screened and trained in accordance with our Safe Conduct procedures. In addition, they receive job-specific training and support appropriate for their position.



Awesome, Low-Tech Fun

God's Inspiring Creation

Meaningful Connections with Peers & Leaders

A Place of Welcome & Respect

Open Space to Laugh, Learn, Sing, Play, and Pray Together



About Us

N-Sid-Sen and Pilgrim Firs are the camp and retreat centers of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ (UCC). The UCC is a mainline protestant denomination, which promotes the respect and acceptance of all God's people - no matter their country of origin, race, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, or religious background.

Both have a long tradition of serving children, youth and adults through summer camp and year-round retreat experiences. Each provides unique opportunities for exploration, growth, rest and renewal. Our guests and campers come from a wide variety of backgrounds, faith traditions and community groups.

N-Sid-Sen is nestled along the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho among nearly 300 acres of woodlands, creeks and meadows. We can accommodate groups of 16 to 150.

Pilgrim Firs is located just outside of Port Orchard, Washington. With over three miles of trails meandering through fields, meadows and woodlands, and Lake Flora tucked inside its 120 acres, Pilgrim Firs is an oasis in the midst of suburbia. We can accommodate groups of 16 to 100.

Activities

There is so much to do and see at N-Sid-Sen and Pilgrim Firs! Depending on the ages and interests of the groups, these are just some of the options available at both sites.

Canoeing • Crafts • Basketball • Beach Fun Crazy Skits • Nature Discoveries • Goofy Songs Team Building • Water Games • Camp-Style Worship Paddle Boarding • Labyrinth • Swimming • Faith Chats Campfires • Field Games • Hiking • 9-Square

N-Sid-Sen Extras: River Floats, Volleyball, Tubing, Water Mat, Picnic BBQ Pilgrim Firs Extras: Pride Garden, Serenity Garden

Theme: Linked by Love

We know that love comes from God, and sometimes we experience it directly. More often, God's love is manifest in relationships of all kinds that weave in and out of our lives. We see God's love in close friends and family – those we are born into and those we chose along the way. We see God in quiet moments where we are present with each other and in acts of profound grace when we have been far apart. We hear God in life guiding and life changing words of truth from those who know and love us. We know that such love links our lives, teaching us about commitment, intimacy, grace, and faith. As we seek to create and strengthen life giving relationships, we remember that such love flows from God, links us all together, and we give thanks.

Lodging

Each site has distinct styles of lodging. Our youth camps stay in more traditional cabins. Our families stay in all the varied types of lodging, depending on the session.

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Cabins: 12 cabins with a centrally located shower house. Each has bunkbeds for 8-12, windows, electricity, and a curtained changing area.

Ford Cabin: Built in 1926, this building includes beds for 4 (one twin, one double, one bunkbed), a great room, small kitchen and bathroom.

Spirit Lodge: 12 sleeping rooms – 8 with two twin beds, 4 with one double bed, one twin and two single top bunks. This lodge accommodates up to 32. Single-use bathrooms are located in the hallways and the first floor is fully accessible.

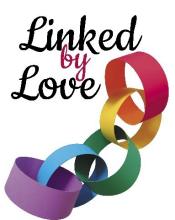
PILGRIM FIRS

Cabins: Eleven cabins with bathrooms in the cabin. Each has beds for 8-10, windows, electricity, and a common area.

Huckleberry House: This lodge includes a meeting space for up to 16, and 4 bedrooms with 4 twin beds and a bathroom.

South Lodge: With 12 sleeping rooms, this lodge accommodates up to 29 in twin beds. Bathrooms are located in the hallways. The first floor of Spirit Lodge is fully accessible.





Early Bird Deadline: Monday, April 15



Meals

Our meals are camper-friendly with lots of fruits and vegetables. There are plenty of healthy options and daily snacks.

Partnering with parents, and **with advance notice**, we strive to accommodate special dietary needs whenever possible. Contact us to discuss options.

Transportation

Transportation to and from camp is the responsibility of each family. We recognize that N-Sid-Sen and Pilgrim Firs can be a 5-6 hour drive, but we think the experience is worth it! And there are some intriguing options.

- Carpool with friends and family.
- Encourage your congregation to organize carpools.
- Plan a getaway to Coeur d'Alene, Spokane or any of the many inviting towns and nearby recreational areas before, during or after your camper's session.







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Join Our Team this Summer!

VOLUNTEERS are the heart of our summer camps! Serving as a **Session Co-Director**, **Cabin Leader**, **Nurse**, or **Resource Person** is a great way to share your faith and make a difference. Volunteers serve for a session and work as a team to provide a fun, safe and faith-filled program.



PILGRIM FIRS

Action Work Weekends

May 2-5 (Th-Sun) June 13-17 (Th-Sun) Come for a day or two or the full time. info@n-sid-sen.org



Mar 25-27 (Mon-Wed)

April 12-14 (Fri-Sun) Sept 17-19 (Tu-Th)

Come for a day or two or the full time. info@pilgrim-firs.org

Tiered Pricing & Financial Assistance

Tiered Pricing

We are passionate about the power of church camp and committed to ensuring that N-Sid-Sen and Pilgrim Firs are accessible for children and youth, no matter their family's financial situation.

We recognize that families are differently gifted and have different financial constraints. We seek to balance the cost of providing a quality camping experience with options for families to pay at the level that best fits their budget. To do this we have a three-tier fee program.

Each family chooses the rate that is most suitable for their circumstances. This choice is confidential.

Gratitude Tier

This higher tier more closely reflects the true costs of providing our camp experience, including facility maintenance, equipment repair and replacement, program development, and insurance. It addresses increasing costs for food, fuel, and staff. Even if you cannot afford to choose the Gratitude Rate in any given year, we hope seeing this higher tier helps to increase awareness of the actual cost of the camp experience – costs we must seek to make up throughout the year.

Direct Cost Tier

This tier reflects a payment that covers the direct costs of a week of camp for a camper: programming, food, and summer staff.

Subsidized Tier

This tier covers a portion of the direct costs, but not all of them. The balance of the fee is covered by general support donations to N-Sid-Sen, and other groups and individuals who pay higher rates throughout the year.

Financial Assistance

Please do not let finances prevent your child from attending camp this summer! If the Subsidized Tier is still too high for your family, there are several financial assistance options available.

First, we recommend checking with your church. Many UCC congregations pay a portion of the camp fee for their members.

If more support is needed, contact N-Sid-Sen or Pilgrim Firs to receive a financial assistance application or find one on our websites: **www.n-sid-sen.org** or **www.pilgrim-firs.org**. Assistance is available for families receiving state aide and others with significant financial needs.



ALL Campers receive the SAME EXPERIENCE, no matter which tier is selected or if financial assistance is received.

UCC Church Scholarships!

Many United Church of Christ congregations in the Pacific Northwest Conference pay a portion of the camp fee for their members.

> Check with Your Church.



Session Descriptions

You & Me Camp – two locations Entering Grades 1-4 with Parent or Adult Buddy

You and Me Camp gives younger explorers the opportunity to experience camp with a trusted adult. The schedule includes many traditional activities like campfires, time in and on the water, arts and crafts, and games. There will be lots of time to explore and have new adventures as well. Most of your days and evenings will be spent with your buddy, but there will a scheduled time or two when adults will gather with adults and the younger buddies with each other and leaders. With this age group, flexibility is important. If your child needs a nap or quiet time away from the group, you are encouraged to do what works for you. *The event at Pilgrim Firs is two nights, the one at N-Sid-Sen is three nights.*

June 14-16 at PILGRIM FIRS near Port Orchard, WA Tier Rates per Person: \$190 / \$165 / \$140 July 21-24 at N-SID-SEN near Harrison, ID Tier Rates per Person: \$255 / \$230 / \$205

Half a week just not enough time?

At N-SID-SEN, You & Me Camp can be paired with Kids Camp for a full week of fun and adventures for appropriately aged younger buddies (those entering grades 2-4).

You & Me pairs depart after breakfast and the closing on Wednesday, eat lunch on their own (Harrison and Coeur d'Alene have great options), and return in the afternoon for Kids Camp check-in. Remember to pack enough for a full week!

Kids Camp - two locations

Entering Grades 2-4 in the Fall

These shorter sessions with smaller group sizes are ideal for this age group. They are just stepping out in the world, and there is so much to experience! Making a new friend, exploring the trails, jumping in the lake – or even just wading – may seem like simple fun. In reality, they are gaining critical social skills, independence and a greater awareness

of God and creation. Being away from home can present some challenges, but with gentle encouragement from our caring leaders, campers grow in confidence. Favorite activities include swimming, story times, crafts, campfires, lying on the dock and watching fish, worship... and of course, making s'mores. They also love spending time in their cabins with their bunkmates and cabin leaders. *The session at Pilgrim Firs is two nights, the one at N-Sid-Sen is three nights.*

June 14-16 at PILGRIM FIRS near Port Orchard, WA Tier Rates per Person: \$215 / \$190 / \$165 July 24-27 at N-SID-SEN near Harrison, ID Tier Rates per Person: \$275 / \$250 / \$225



Grades 1-12?!

During our Youth Camps, when multiple age groups are in camp at the same time, the different sessions operate fairly autonomously.

Most of the mixed interaction times are during meals and events specifically designed for the extended age group.

Cabin and family groupings, as well as shower times are by session. For example -Kids Campers live with other Kids Campers.

Bedtimes are determined by the session and are appropriate for the age group.



Intermediate Camp + July 14-20

Entering Grades 5-6 in the Fall

Explore and experience N-Sid-Sen for a full week; it's a safe and welcoming space. New friends and lots of fun are just the beginning. Growing and playing together, exploring God's creation, building a Christian community – that's Intermediate Camp! There's just more time for more of our favorite activities and to take on new responsibilities – like cabin chores and hopper duties. Because they are older, and their gross motor skills are more developed, Intermediate Campers can try their skills at canoeing and paddleboarding. Favorite activities include the water mat, swimming, team building, crafts, campfires, worship, wacky games and star gazing. They, too, like spending time in their cabins with their new friends and cabin leaders. **Tier Rates per Person: \$595 / \$545 / \$495**

Jr High Camp + July 14-20

Entering Grades 7-9 in the Fall

Jr High campers come together to rekindle old friendships and discover new ones in a safe and welcoming environment. In addition to meeting those in their assigned cabins, campers connect with folks in family groups for deeper conversations and outdoor fun. Jr High campers mix it up with choice time activities, cool crafts, the sports court, hiking, 9-Square, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, tubing, water skiing and more. They love spending time with their peers - just hanging out - so there are a variety of structured and less structured opportunities to do just this. There is also an optional midweek river float trip. Favorite activities include all-camp games, worship that they help to create, choice times, aqua Olympics, nightly campfires full of music and fun, and just hanging out with friends. **Tier Rates per Person: \$635 / \$585 / \$535**

Sr High Camp July 21-27 Entering Grades 10-13 in the Fall

A week to be your authentic self, make good friends and have loads of fun. Sr High campers can get super crafty, spend extra time at the waterfront, or learn a new skill. The sense of community extends beyond family group times to epic volleyball games, choice times with new friends and inspiring God Times. Evenings include stargazing, a nightly campfire and dancing. It is a judgement-free zone where you can just be you. Favorites include the picnic in the meadow paired with an evening at the waterfront, creating amazing worship, the coolest

cabin leaders, and hanging with friends at the lake, in the craft room, and while floating down the river. It's also a lot of fun to interact with the younger kiddos attending You & Me and Kids Camp during meal times and special events. **Tier Rates per Person: \$635 / \$585 / \$535**





Float Trips

Jr High / Sr High / Family Camp / Camp Together

Midweek, there is an **optional river float trip**.

This is a day-long adventure on a slow meandering river branch. Most places are only knee deep, with a couple of deeper pools.

Our flotilla of rafts, tubes, and canoes is accompanied by a certified lifeguard, nurse or EMT, and plenty of N-Sid-Sen leaders.

We provide the sack lunch; campers bring the sunscreen.

Transportation to the river and back to camp is provided.



Emerging Young Adult Camp + June 14-17 Also Known As – EYA

Age 19-35, and out of high school

Looking for a faith-centered way to reconnect with N-Sid-Sen and your peers? Check out this Thursday to Sunday long-weekend retreat. Play together and explore the ways God is moving in the world and closer to home. Forrester Lodge is home-base for this time together, with lodging in cabins.

Canoe, hike, play 9-Square, and visit the town of Harrison for one of those famous ice cream cones. Get a little dirty and a little sweaty with an optional service project. Worship by the campfire and sing with friends - new and old. There will be plenty of free time to connect, wander or just retreat. Come on your own or grab a friend or two. **The Lake is calling you home!**

Rate per Person: \$265 / \$240 / \$215

Family Camp + July 28 – Aug 3 Camp Together + August 4-10

Both sessions are open to all ages and all configurations of families – singles, pairs, nuclear, extended.

Rates per Person:

Young Child (under age 3): no charge	
Child (3-7 years):	\$460/\$410/\$360
Youth (8-12):	\$525 / \$475 / \$425
Adults & Teens:	\$550 / \$500 / \$450

Join families of every size and description from across the Pacific Northwest Conference and beyond. Gather and enjoy all that N-Sid-Sen has to offer. We'll worship, play, visit and share a campfire together. Be prepared for silly songs and significant conversations. At Family Camp, we love playing music and there's space for you to bring your instrument and join in – no matter your skill level.

Skiing, tubing, swimming, sunning and even floating the river are all options during these sessions. Bring your sunscreen and enjoy the

water! Our days begin with morning watch at the outdoor chapel and "officially" close with evening campfires. However, porches, decks and rocking chairs may call your name. Many gather after campfire to sit and visit with other families.

Families participate in most activities together, however, there will be time for different age groups to gather, including adults.

Come on HOME to the lake!





Register EARLY for Family Camp and SAVE

Save \$50 for each child, youth, teen and adult registered by the

Early Bird Deadline

Online Registration, with non-refundable deposit, must be completed by **Monday, April 15**.



Registration / Payments / Cancellations

Register Online!

Go to www.n-sid-sen.org or www.pilgrim-firs.org and follow the directions on the website. Online registration requires a minimum, non-refundable deposit of \$100 per full-week camp per person, \$50 per part-week camp per person.

Payment Plan

When you register online, it's easy to make payments to your account at your convenience. No special arrangements are needed.

Final Payment

The **FAMILY SHARE** of the camp fee is the portion of the fee paid by the family, as opposed to a share paid by a church or agency, or allocated from the scholarship fund. This **FAMILY SHARE** must be paid in full 14 days prior to the start of the camper's session. Earlier payments are welcome. If your church pays a portion of the camp fee, we will bill them.

Remember to order your Camp T-Shirt when registering.

We'll have it waiting for you when you arrive!

Cancellations

The deposit is non-refundable.

If a registration is cancelled in writing at least 30 days in advance of the start of the camp session, the full camp fee (minus the \$50 or \$100 deposit) will be refunded.

When written notification is received between 14 and 29 days, up to \$75% of the total camp fee will be refunded. When less than 14 days of notice is received, no refund is given.

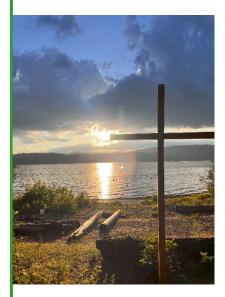
If case of sudden illness, accident, or emergency, we can transfer your registration to another age-appropriate session – if space is still available. If sessions are full, then a full refund will be considered.



Early Bird Discounts

Register early to **SAVE \$50** on full-week youth and family camp sessions and **SAVE \$25** on part-week sessions.

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Note:

If a session has ten or fewer registrations, we reserve the right to cancel that session up to ten days prior to the start date. In this case, the family may select a different session or receive a full refund.

Ways to SAVE!

Early Bird Discount: Register by April 15 & SAVE

- Full-Week Youth Camps \$50 per camper, per session
- Part-Week Youth Camps \$25 per camper, per session
- You & Me Camp \$25 per camper
- Family Camps \$50 per camper

Online Registration, with payment of non-refundable deposit, must be completed by **Monday, April 15** to receive this discount.

Bring a Friend and SAVE

We want to spread the Good News about N-Sid-Sen & Pilgrim Firs and you can help! This is a special opportunity for Summer 2024, so don't miss out!

When you bring a friend to camp who is NEW to N-Sid-Sen or Pilgrim Firs Summer Camp or has not attended since 2019, you save and your friend saves!

- Full-Week YOUTH Camps \$100 for returning camper & new camper
- Part-Week YOUTH Camp \$50 for returning camper & new camper

This special discount does not apply to Family Camps.

 For You and Me Camp, pairs can bring friends and save \$50 for a new camper or \$100 for a new pair of campers. Each new friend saves \$50.

What if we are ALL new to N-Sid-Sen or Pilgrim Firs?

Two friends, both new to N-Sid-Sen or Pilgrim Firs summer camps, can register and each receive \$100 off their full-week youth camp or \$50 off their part-week youth camp.

What if I recruit LOTS of friends new to N-Sid-Sen?

GREAT! You receive the appropriate discount for the first friend and 50% of the appropriate discount for each additional friend.

Please be aware that if several friends are recruited, they will likely not all be in the same cabin. Please see the brochure section entitled: **Cabin Buddies**. There will be opportunities for friends in different cabins to spend time together.

Sign up for the **Bring a Friend** discount when registering online. The discount will be applied after both friends/pairs are registered.

NOTE: Some may opt not to take this discount, and that's okay.

This special initiative is made possible by generous donations.



QUESTIONS? Want to learn more?

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More Information

Check-in & Pick-up Days and Times

N-Sid-Sen:

- Check-in for MOST sessions: Sunday at 4 pm
- Pick-up for YOUTH sessions: Saturday at 11 am
- Departure for You & Me Camp: Wednesday at 10 am
- EYA: Check-in Thursday at 4 pm; Departure Sunday at 10 am
- Departure for Family Camps: Saturday at 11 am

Pilgrim Firs:

- Check-in: Friday from 6-7 pm (eat dinner before arriving)
- Pick-up/Check-Out: Sunday at 11 am

Registration Confirmations

You will receive confirmation of your completed registration within an hour or two of your online registration and payment of deposit.

Information Packet

Information to help you and your camper prepare for camp will be available after May 15 in your UltraCamp online account and on our websites. The Packet includes the Parent & Camper Guide, a packing list, and directions to camp.

Health Form

The Health Form is a part of the online registration packet. A FULLY COMPLETED Health Form is an absolute requirement for every camper, including adults. A physical exam is NOT required. Current health information, immunization dates, details about medication and an authorization for treatment are required.

The Health Form must be fully complete a minimum of 7 days before the start of a camper's session. We highly recommend reviewing the completed form 7-14 days prior to camp for updates to medications and health concerns.

If your camper has significant health or dietary issues or needs, contact the appropriate camp office **BEFORE** registering.

Cabin Buddies

TWO campers may request to bunk together. However, they must be within one year of age AND both request each other when registering online. All written requests are considered, **BUT NOT GUARANTEED**.

It's fun to share a week of camp with old friends. Campers are encouraged to recruit their friends. However, if numerous friends are recruited, not all can be in the same cabin.

We try to avoid putting more than two friends together because it can be overwhelming for the rest of the cabin, especially for those who come without a buddy. We also avoid putting siblings together, allowing each to have their own unique camp experience.

Camp provides great opportunities to make new friends and build new relationships. It is our responsibility to assign campers in the way we feel is in the best interest of the whole camp family.



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Cabin Groupings

Cabin assignments are based on age and grade. Whenever possible, campers living together are within 1-2 years of age. Throughout the week, there are opportunities for friends and siblings of various ages to spend time together.

