



Come to Silver Lake This Summer! 2012 Summer Calendar



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Pre-Camp
June
17-23

9th-12th Pioneer \$350
Graders (Limit: 24)
Dave Peters & Scott Waddell
Be a part of the most exciting week of the summer. Pioneer 2012 is a service conference for Silver Lake. We will repair buildings, clean up the camp, and help get ready for the summer season. Bring your work gloves, musical instruments, favorite tunes, and your Bible and join us for Pioneer 2012 at the Lake!

Help us keep Silver Lake conferences affordable for all
The Silver Lake Board of Directors is keeping the cost of summer conferences as low as possible at \$425 in this difficult economy. The weekly rate of \$425 is subsidized through the generosity of churches and individuals of the Connecticut Conference of the UCC. The true cost to host a conferee (camper) for a week of life-changing, community-building outdoor ministry at Silver Lake is now \$525. We invite you, if you are blessed and able to pay the un-subsidized cost of \$525, to choose this option when you register. When you do this, you are contributing to this crucial youth ministry in Connecticut and helping Silver Lake to keep camp affordable for everyone. Thank you for your trust and support, and for sending your child to church camp in good times, tough times, and "Best-time-of-my-life" times.



Grade going into in September 2012:

4th, 5th & 6th Grade Conferences

7th & 8th Grade Conferences

High School Conferences

Week 1:
June
24-30

Diary of a Wimpy Camp Kid
4th Graders (Limit: 40)
Simone Monique Barnes & Morgan Aery
What misadventures will befall our fictitious campers? Falling in deer poop, dropping a retainer in the compost toilet, getting loud hiccupps while saying Grace? And what will their friends say and do? Using journal writing, art making, readings, wacky recipes, along with music, creative devotions, nature walks, camp fire, swimming, ropes course, a talent show, and other outdoor fun, together we'll discover the story of a Silver Lake Camp Kid...you!

Muggles and Wizards
4th Graders (Limit: 40)
Griffendor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, or Slytherin: Come join us as we explore the world of Harry Potter and how it connects with God's call to each of us! Bring your favorite Potter memorabilia and your sense of fun! We'll look for God's call in the wizarding world and in our own. We'll play, pray, swim, sing, gather for campfires and vespers—and even get in a game of Quidditch!

Secrets of the Kingdom
7th 8th Graders (Limit: 40)
Jack Davidson
Storytelling is as ancient as human communication, from writing on the walls of caves to oral tradition to written words to campfires and dinner. Jesus used stories—parables—to teach us what it means to live in his kingdom. We'll explore a new parable each day as we enjoy swimming, challenge courses, arts and crafts, sports, and making new friends at Silver Lake.

Counselor-in-Training
15 & 16 Year-olds (Limit: 32)
Betty Gelling
So you want to be a counselor at Silver Lake? Then this is the conference for you! You will learn how to lead games, what it takes to get a roomful of conferees quiet, how to keep them safe, how to help God change their lives while enriching your own, why singing is a great way for a group to get to know each other. You'll get all the training that will make you a great counselor later this summer or next summer!

SLCC Survivor
9th 10th Graders (Limit: 48)
Robin Shabunia & Lauren Hadcock
The call is out! Whether you're an athlete, a brain, a builder, or a teammate, we need you! Bring your spirit, talent, imagination, and creativity. We're going to play games, invent a new sport, play the old favorites, and explore the Bible's stories of survival as we dive into all the possibilities of teamwork and problem solving. It's an active week, so gather your gear, pack your enthusiasm, join us, and find out that you CAN survive!

Week 2:
July 1-7

All God's Critters
4th Graders (Limit: 32)
Dawn Karlson
All God's Critters have a place in this conference! Bring your laughter and all your gifts and talents as we learn about God's people in the Bible and in our world and help build our great community of "critters" through games, crafts, music, nature, storytelling, friendship, and fun. Experience all the critters that Silver Lake has to offer, from ducks and rabbits to salamanders and frogs. All are welcome to join the fun—especially if you have never been to Silver Lake before!

Clowns for God
5th 6th Graders (Limit: 40)
Jenn Gingras & Cynthia Robinson
The apostle Paul said he was a fool for Christ; this week we will be clowns for God. We'll name and baptize our clown character, design a unique clown face, and put together a costume. Through silly hijinks, balloon animals, Bible stories, and leading worship, we'll discover why both laughter and silence can bring us closer to God and each other. Of course, we'll also enjoy all the usual Silver Lake fun: swimming, challenge courses, campfires, and running around outside in God's backyard!

Creation Chorus
5th 6th Graders (Limit: 32)
Paige Besse-Rankin
God creates and so do we! What does the earth teach us about God? How can we be faithful in taking care of this gift God gave us? How can we unleash our own creativity? This week we will learn from God's creation at beautiful Silver Lake. We will also explore our own creativity with music, crafts, drama, and writing. And we will enjoy all Silver Lake has to offer with swimming, challenge course, singing, basketball, worshipping, and a whole lot more!

The Feeding Games
7th 8th Graders (Limit: 40)
Ken Peterkin
District 12 comes to Silver Lake! While Gale and Katniss had to struggle to feed themselves and their families in the Seam, we'll reverse that and discover how each of us can make a difference in feeding the world! Come, join the games as we learn about those who struggle to put food on the table and have opportunities to fill the bowls of the hungry—along with the usual Silver Lake fun of swimming, challenge courses, campfire stories and s'mores.

Silver Lake's Funniest Videos
9th-12th Graders (Limit: 40) \$465
Erica Meyer & Julie Henion
Video is a medium that is used to make people laugh, make them cry, to help them encounter reality as well as escape from it. We will write, produce, direct, and film our own videos while we enjoy all the Silver Lake fun—the challenge courses, the lake, the songs, the great outdoors, the food, and much more! Together we hope to discover more about God and ourselves through the lens of a video camera.

Week 3:
July 8-14

Silver Lake Sampler
4th 5th Graders (Limit: 40)
Don Bailey-Francois & Lisa Crocker
Love God, love your neighbor, and love yourself. If we do these three things, then nothing can stop us from having a great time wherever we go! Come join us for a week of getting to know God, new friends, and ourselves through playing outside, singing, laughing, swimming, climbing, worshipping, running, games, and lots more! We'll sample all that Silver Lake has to offer and have the best week of the summer together!

Got Spirit?
5th 6th Graders (Limit: 40)
Carol Cyr
Have you got spirit? The spirit of adventure? The spirit of friendship? The Holy Spirit? We will spend time getting to know ourselves, our new friends, and our Creator this week as we play hard, sing loud, laugh a lot, reflect, swim, climb, play "Mudge Madness," run, and enjoy God's backyard! Imagine the spirit of a whole group of friends joined together for a week. Ordinary things may become extraordinary.

Bon Voyage! \$470
7th 8th Graders (Limit: 40)
Want to sail like the ancient explorers? Raft the river like Tom Sawyer? Paddle with friends like Native Americans? Sailboats from the Thimble Islands, canoes, kayaks & more are ready for you to hoist the sails, grab a paddle and navigate this week of floating, boating adventures! We'll also enjoy Silver Lake's off-water fun: games, worship, ropes courses, campfires, singing and more. Grab your sunscreen, your swimsuits, and come aboard!

Sing Praise \$495
7th 8th 9th Graders (Limit: 40)
Val Tutson & Vin Urbanowski
Let all the earth sing praise...and dance, and paint, and make music. We'll explore our different ways of prayer and worship as we join forces to create an original Biblical musical and share it with the Silver Lake community. Come exercise your gifts and talents and perhaps discover some new ones as we journey together in a new mission.

God's Girls *GIRLS ONLY*
8th-12th Graders (Limit: 40)
Missy Sturtevant & Liz Miller
Do you allow others to decide who your friends should be? This week we'll talk about how to be sisters and fight the messages we get to compete with others. Get ready for a week of great talks and learning about how God wants us to love and support each other, not break each other down. Join us for this fun-filled conference as we experience as a community what it means to be one of God's Girls. This conference is open to female-bodied and girl-identified conferees.

UCC National Youth Event
13-16 Year-olds Purdue University, Lafayette, IN
July 10-13 \$425 double/\$500 single
National Youth Event will be filled with inspiring youth just like you eager to be in community where they can engage social and human justice and a sacred and safe space to encounter God. Imagine that! NYE is a place for youth to come and learn and experience spiritual and leadership formation. Your NYE Youth Vision Team selected Isaiah 43:19 as your spiritual mantra for NYE 2012. Imagine the new thing God is doing through and with the Stillspeaking Youth of the United Church of Christ, right now. Go ahead. Dare to Imagine! Register online at www.ucc.org by May 21.

Week 4:
July 15-21

Water World
5th 6th Graders (Limit: 48)
Brian Borry
What a wonderful world: swim in it, paddle it, drink it, magnify it, splash in it, spray it! We'll delight in God's special creation, our vital resource: water. Ducks, fish, and frogs: look out, we're about to dive into your world! We'll also sing, have campfires, climb high and low ropes, do art, play basketball, worship by the lake, and explore all the land activities as we celebrate the wet, wild, and wonderful creations we each are!

God Song
5th 6th Graders (Limit: 40)
Laurie Ludwig
Do you love to sing, act, write, dance, create art, or play an instrument? Join us as we form a community of creative spirits, discovering each other's talents and enjoying all the fun Silver Lake has to offer! We'll swim, sing, go for nature walks, write and perform, conquer the challenge courses, form a band or two (bring your instrument!), gaze at the stars, learn a dance, eat s'mores, play games...and on the way we'll create an amazing worship service!

Fun in the Son
7th 8th 9th Graders (Limit: 64)
Brian Lapis
The recruitment for the new summer season is here! If you're a free agent, a rookie, or a pro, we need all types of players for our team. Everyone has different athletic abilities and new ones yet to be discovered. Bring your spirit, talents, imagination and creativity. We're going to invent a new team sport, still play all the old favorites, and even explore other cultures' pastimes, too. It's an active week, so grab your gear, pack your enthusiasm, and join the Fun in the Son team!

Rock of Ages
9th-12th Graders (Limit: 40)
Chris Hale & Amber Bigely
The roar of the crowd. The buzz of guitars. The flashing lights. Ever imagined yourself as a rock star? Bring your instruments, voices, and energy and spend a week at Rock of Ages! From folk to punk, hip hop to metal, R&B to fusion, we'll explore and write original music for worship and fun, make music videos, put on a concert, and learn more about the first big frontman, Jesus. So come live the "rock star" life—eat fine camp cuisine, swim in the lake, and goof around with new friends and band mates.

A Dangerous Thought \$450
9th-12th Graders (Limit: 40)
Sam Coelho & Minnie Yordon
Everyone knows the story of David and Goliath. In his battle against the giant that day, David believed in himself and in God. And he changed the world. Bring your work gloves, your musical instruments, and your open heart and join us for a week of service to Silver Lake and to the wider community, and as we ponder that dangerous thought that we can make a difference in the world. We'll also explore the best of Silver Lake: swimming, challenge courses, campfires, and more.



Week 5:
July 22-28

Mom & Me \$425/family
4th Grader & Mom (Limit: 26)
Note: Week ends July 25th
Amie Giguere
Join us for a short week at camp and bring your mom along! We will spend our time together exploring nature, creating, singing, playing, and enjoying the camp experience. We will also give Mom the opportunity to investigate the local shops and "do lunch," and have some moms' support time while you make new friends and engage in your first experience at Silver Lake Conference Center.

God's Imaginarium
5th 6th Graders (Limit: 40)
Alison & Craig Patton
Imagine how much fun God had creating everything from the horny toad to the platypus...and every one of us! We'll spend our week being creative like God—designing and building crazy stuff and playing in and exploring God's backyard at Silver Lake: from swimming in the lake to scaling the Crow's Nest. Discover what fun and amazing things we can do together using our imaginations and all of the other cool stuff God has made.

I Learned It All in Volleyball
7th 8th Graders (Limit: 48)
Drew & Debby Page
Hit the ball over the net. Don't let it hit the ground. Sound simple? So do other rules we face each day, but somehow it all gets complicated. We'll discuss these "rules" and learn a little about ourselves and each other as we examine our place in God's world, all through the game of volleyball (sneakers required!). This is for beginners, but veteran players are welcome. Of course, we'll also go swimming, have a campfire, sing songs, and enjoy the great outdoors at Silver Lake!

Down and Dirty
7th 8th Graders (Limit: 40)
Pam Arifian
Dig down deep into God's plan for the earth, your cabin mates, and you. Find what the Bible says about taking care of the earth and what you can do to make a difference. We'll explore the ways Silver Lake has "gone green" while doing fun things with mud and earth. Get your hands dirty in the garden, take a hike, find out where our garbage goes, take advantage of the adventure courses, basketball court, arts, and more. This conference has it all: dirt, new friends, God—and you!

Sanctuary: The Search for Amazing Peace
9th-12th Graders (Limit: 40)
Karl Duetzmann & Bill Higgins
If there is one thing that everyone looks for, it is peace. "It is what we have hungered for. Not just the absence of war. But true peace. A harmony of spirit." A safe place within our lives, our communities, and our world. Sanctuary will be a week for learning about being peace makers and peace bringers through our life as a conference, with a special emphasis on worship, music, poetry, and drama, with Bible study and games.

Off-site Conference
Hammer and a Nail \$525
10th - Post High (Limit: 24)
Brad & Susie & Libby Craig
Are you ready to venture beyond the boundaries of Silver Lake? Are you willing to stretch your limits, work hard, and change the world as you know it? Come be a part of this unique and exciting mission conference as we spend a week working with H.O.M.E. Co-op in rural Orland, Maine. Together we will build homes, work on a farm, cook in a soup kitchen, laugh, hike, play, sing, and build an amazing community as we experience what it means to love our neighbors. An advance meeting will be held for parents and conferees, and transportation to Maine is provided.

Week 6:
July 29-Aug. 4

Weave Us Together
4th 5th Graders (Limit: 32)
Cheryl Anderson & Tom Cayer
You weave cloth—what else can you weave? How about weaving branches into a shelter? Have you ever woven a human knot? We'll weave all sorts of materials, on different kinds of looms—from friendship bracelets and baskets to floor looms. God will weave our lives together with new friends as we use ancient ways to build fires, make tools, and create. Come enjoy the fun of Silver Lake—from waterfront to wigwag; teepee to high ropes; dishroom to staff show! Great for first-timers or returning conferees.

Does God Have a Big Toe?
5th 6th Graders (Limit: 32)
Karen Ziel & Lynne Dolan
When you gaze at the stars, kick a soccer ball, swim in a lake, hike a trail, is God there? How about at a campfire or at the top of the Crow's Nest on the ropes course, or on the basketball court, is God there? Have you ever wondered, "What's God really like?" Come and explore the wonders of Silver Lake—the wonder of creation. Explore in stories, song, games, and more the nature of God...I have a big toe, you have a big toe, does God have a big toe, too?

Exploring God's Creation \$475
7th 8th Graders (Limit: 48)
Craig Breisemeister & Jillian Dufresne
If you feel closer to the Spirit when you are out of doors than when you're in church, this conference is for you! Come with us as we scale mountains, canoe on a river, and climb the ropes courses, all the while exploring what it means to be a part of God's creation. We will also have time to enjoy all the usual Silver Lake fun like swimming, basketball, singing after meals, and, of course, making new friends!

Written Word \$450
9th-12th Graders (Limit: 24)
Josh & Emmi Sander
Calling all poets and dreamers, weavers of story and tales, lovers of the written word and the WORD. We were all created in God's image. One of the ways we were created in God's image is that we, ourselves, are creators. Come explore God's image in our own and each other's creations as we climb waterfalls, write poems, songs, and stories, and share our collective creation with all of Silver Lake!

Sacred Journey
10th-12th Graders (Limit: 40)
Gordon Rankin and Ho Jun Chang
Did you ever think you could be a friend to somebody from the other side of the world? This unique and rare conference brings together youth from Connecticut and South Korea. We'll learn about each other as we have fun swimming, singing, and playing at Silver Lake. All activities will be bilingual and bicultural. So come join us as youth from two countries embark on a sacred journey of fun, friendship, and faith.



Week 7:
Aug. 5-11

Family Camp (sessions 1 & 2)
\$215 per person (Limit: 7 families)
Note: Half-week conference
#1 Aug. 5-8 Grant Gelling & Steve Podoll
#2 Aug. 8-11 Martha Bernier & Molly Baskette
Families of every size and description are welcome to gather and enjoy all that SLCC has to offer. We'll worship together, be challenged by the ropes courses, hike to Bash-Bish Falls (a favorite for the kids), and learn what it means to be a family in our complete world. We'll go on a night hike and explore the stars, eat s'mores and sing around the campfire. Bring Grandma, Uncle George, and Cousins 3.

40 Hours in the Wilderness
7th 8th Graders (Limit: 40)
Andy Wicks & Emma Russell
Become connected to the Holy Spirit through the outdoors and learn a few wilderness survival skills. Experience the bounty of Silver Lake through canoeing, swimming, climbing, hiking, and camping. Spend the week with new friends growing as a team while we all overcome challenges and learn new skills. We will camp out at the waterfront at least one night, eat by the fire, and enjoy the community we build together.

Breaking Bread \$450
7th 8th Graders (Limit: 32)
Simon Murtha-Smith & Sarah Gudernath
Get and give this summer at Silver Lake! Breaking Bread is about creating community and friendship. We'll take hikes, have a blast on the ropes course, swim, play games, make art, play music, AND take a day trip to help out in the local community. Bring your heart, your creativity, your energy, and musical instruments and join us for a joy-filled week.

God Slam
9th-12th Graders (Limit: 32)
Marji Hughes & Kimberly Berenotto
This week we will transform our thoughts and feelings and experiences of God, family, friends, and life in general into the written, spoken, or performed word. We will express ourselves and discover the voice within each of us that has a lot to say but doesn't often speak. We'll also take the opportunity to broaden our world through the challenge course, swimming, music, arts and crafts, and all Silver Lake's unique opportunities.

God Show \$495
10th-12th Graders (Limit: 40)
Don & Ledell Mulvaney
Bring your instruments, voices, your inner talents, and your imagination and join the company of "The God Show." Stretch yourself in a safe spiritual community as we discover our relationship with God, each other, and ourselves. We'll write and perform an original musical that explores stories of the Bible and what difference they make in our lives now. Plus swimming, being outdoors, a campfire, and more. This is a musical theater conference: We work hard and play hard!



Week 8:
Aug. 12-18

All God's People
10th-12th Graders (Limit: 60)
Muslims, Jews, and Christians all worship the same God. We are all God's people. Come create an amazing, inclusive community where we will live, eat, play, and worship together at Silver Lake. Join leaders and counselors from each of these faiths as new friendships bloom, along with understanding and appreciation for our diversity. Be a part of this dynamic youth summit of fun, reflection, challenge course, service projects, art, great discussions, swimming, prayer, team-building games, sports, campfires, singing, and celebrate "All God's People!"



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