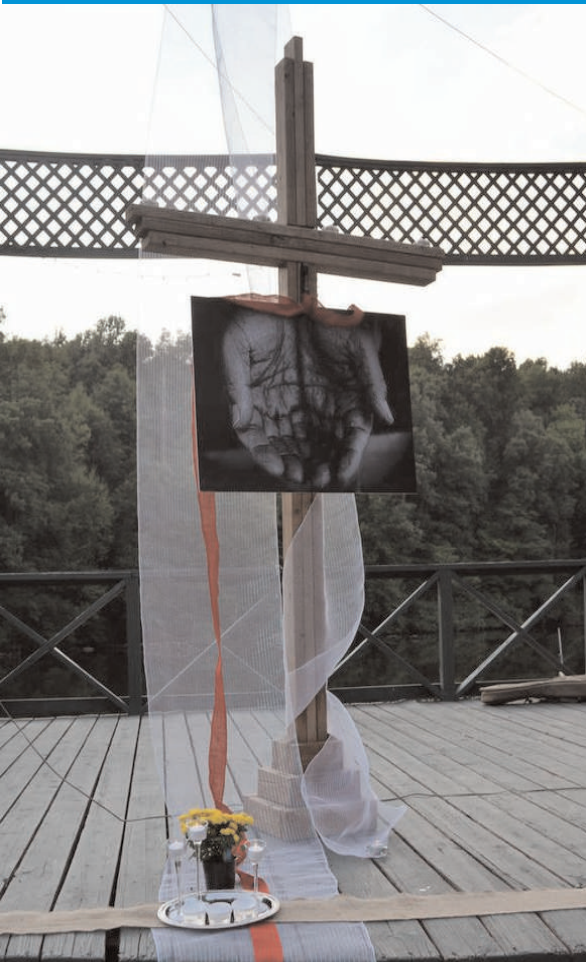


Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership School



August 9-16, 2015
Super Heroes

The mission of **Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership Ministries** is to develop leaders in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the one holy, catholic and apostolic church; to train young women and men to serve Christ's church more ably by personal spiritual growth and increase of knowledge; develop in them a deeper loyalty to their Savior Jesus Christ; and instill in them a true sense of their responsibilities as Christians.

Pinecrest - one of the oldest camping programs in the Lutheran Church - holds its annual session the second week in August as part of the camping program of the Metropolitan New York Synod.

Pinecrest's week-long program is conducted at Camp Louemma in Sussex, New Jersey, approximately two hours from New York City. Cabin villages with plenty of indoor and outdoor meeting and recreation areas, swimming pool, lake, and athletic fields make up the setting for this unique leadership/camping experience.

The **Pinecrest** Program has remained relevant for more than half a century through active involvement of campers who serve on the board of the directors and participate in the planning of each annual session. The **Pinecrest** program is led by a volunteer staff of adult leaders, many who developed their own skills as **Pinecrest** campers.

The Program

The program includes morning classes, afternoon activities, free time, evening programs, and a variety of worship experiences. The canteen, available during free time and evening breaks, offers refreshments and **Pinecrest** clothing items. Each year the activities revolve around a central theme and include individual and cabin competition, athletic contests, game nights and entertainment. Individual talent opportunities as well as group activities help **Pinecresters** develop and demonstrate leadership skills. Detailed information on "what to bring to camp" is mailed to each registrant prior to the session.

The Pinecrest Community

The Pinecrest community resides in cabin villages. Each cabin is under the guidance of a *cabin leader*, a veteran camper chosen for his/her leadership skills demonstrated in previous sessions. The cabin leaders elect a Student Council to serve as camper representatives for the following year.

Pinecresters respect the rights and needs of others, as well as themselves. They subscribe to a specific set of rules and a basic "conduct code" based upon common courtesy and respect for others in the Pinecrest community. Expressing concern for society's growing dependence on alcohol and other drugs, Pinecrest does not allow these substances at camp.

Worship and Classes

Worship and Classes are an integral part of the Pinecrest experience. Morning Worship, Vespers after dinner, "Spiritual Horizons" at the close of evening programs, plus nightly devotions by cabin groups form the daily worship experiences. A candlelight service is conducted on the final evening of the session and Pinecresters join in a Communion Service on the closing day.

Classes are held each morning. As a camper, you will select one general and one Bible course, or if eligible, may choose to enroll in the Seminar program, which meets daily for both class periods. The faculty is composed of Lutheran pastors and other leaders who volunteer their time and talents to this important training program by instructing all classes, leading Vesper services and participating in informal discussions throughout the week.

Registration

Attendance for the full session is required. The seven-day session costs \$350 for first-year campers and veterans who send in their registration before July 12. Registration costs \$400 after July 12 for veteran campers. Send completed registration forms to the registrar to reserve your spot. A \$50 deposit is due by July 1, with the remaining balance to be paid by August 9.

Balance and Waiting List

All balances are due by August 9. Early registration and timely payment of tuition is recommended. All registration received after July 12 will be placed on a waiting list for acceptance, based on available space.

Scholarships

Assistance is available to assure that no one is denied this opportunity due to financial need. Many congregations offer assistance. Consult your pastor regarding local programs. Partial, and in some cases full, scholarships are also available from Pinecrest through the support of alumni. To request a scholarship send a detailed letter to Reverend Danielle Miller, 62 Davison Ave., Oceanside, N.Y. 11572 or email pastordanielleolc@gmail.com.

Contact Information

All registration questions can be directed to Paul Miller at 914-420-7826 or the Pinecrest Publicity team at pinecrest-buzz@gmail.com

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Bible Classes:

A) Smart People, Wise Faith: There are all sorts of smart people who've spent lifetimes thinking about God, meaning, faith, and life. Be inspired by people like Paul Tillich, Barbara Brown Taylor, John Caputo, Simone Weil, and Cornel West. See the world in new ways through the eyes of the wise!

B) Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep: Prayer. We know it's important – but how do we do it? Why do we do it? What does the bible say about it? How should we approach God? And how do we react to God's responses? What happens when God answers no, or not now? Can we pray for ourselves? Is prayer just for asking for things? Is meditation prayer? Explore together the depth, breadth, and power of prayer.

C) Songbook: The Book of Psalms is the original songbook. Psalms are all about how people understand their relationship to God and to each other. These psalms were sung in good times, hard times, and prayers to God. In this class, we will reimagine the psalms through music, movement, and art.

D) Can't We All Just Get Along?: We live in a world that has a multitude of faith expressions, philosophies, and experiences. What do the stories and parables of Jesus have to say about living together in community with people from all walks of life? How do we authentically follow Jesus and still live in harmony with those who believe differently? What does it look like to truly love the person in front of you when their experience is so vastly unlike yours?

Life Classes

E) Why Bad Things Happen to Good People: There are things that happen in life that leave us questioning God's presence and our purpose. Have you ever wondered where God was during a tough time? Why bad things happen? Or where we can find hope in difficult situations? Explore these questions and many more in a safe and supportive environment.

F) It's Not Easy Being Green: God created the world and declared it good. How can we be partners in God's good creation? How can we care for the world God made in ways that make a difference and connect us to our Creator? Note: This class has a hands-on service component.

G) Who Does God See?: Jesus tells us, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' But many of us spend a lot of time disliking ourselves. Ninety-one percent of American women and 43 percent of men are unhappy with their bodies. Yet God looks at us and sees us as wholly beautiful and worthy. How do we begin to see ourselves through God's eyes?

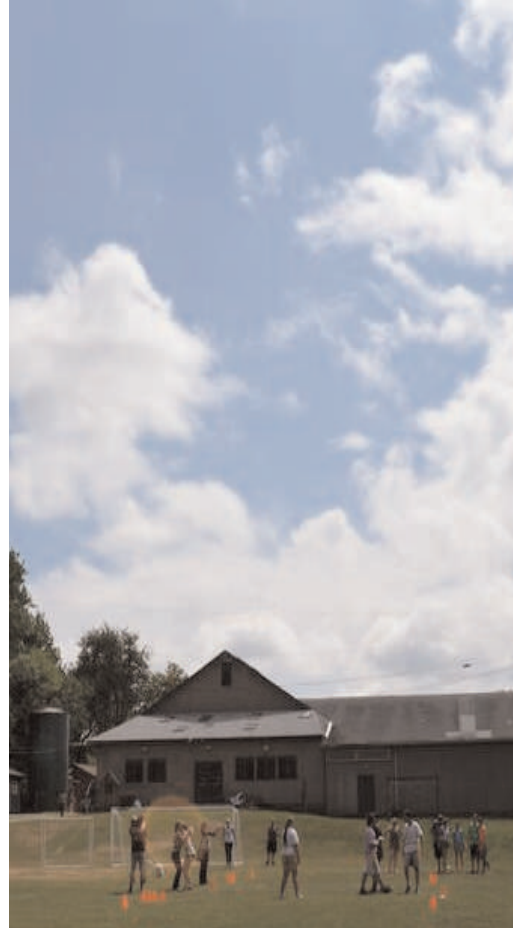
H) The Little Things are the Big Things: Life is made up of many small things that add up to big things. But sometimes we get so lost in the large events that we lose sight of the everyday blessings. Take time to step back and practice the art of mindfulness as we look for God in life's little moments.

Seminar (18+) - What Now?

Okay, God loves me. I get it. But now what? How do I respond? What is God calling me to do with my life? How do I listen to God? What signs are there to help guide me? So many questions, and they are all good! We'll tackle all of them in this in-depth seminar.

Leadership Development Cabin Leader Class

CLASS FOR CABIN LEADERS ONLY This class takes the place of daily cabin meetings and looks to enhance the leadership skills of our Pinecrest cabin leaders. Cabin Leaders will use this time to grow as leaders and to best serve the Pinecrest community.



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**Registration Form
(please print all information)**

Mr. _____
Miss. _____ Email Address _____
Address _____ Age as of 12/31 _____ Date of Birth _____
Town/Post Office _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone(_____) _____

Course Selection

Choose your courses carefully and indicate a second choice as classes become filled quickly.
You must be 18 years of age to enroll in the seminar.

1. Select one Bible Course (Insert Letter) _____ 2. Select one Life Course (Insert Letter) _____
Second Choice (Insert Letter) _____ Second Choice (Insert Letter) _____
Or Select Seminar (Campers 18 or older Only) _____

Pastor's Signature or email required _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (2015 Tuition: \$350/400)

Church _____

Church Mailing Address _____

I give permission to my son/daughter _____ to attend Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership School. I will allow for any medical attention deemed necessary by a physician should my son/daughter be injured during the school session.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Pictures of your child may be used in Pinecrest Promotional material. If you wish not to allow such pictures to be used, please check this box:

