



Come to Silver Lake This Summer!

2009 Summer Calendar



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Pre-Camp
June 21-27

Pioneer \$295
9th - 12th (Limit: 25)
Dave Peters & Scott Waddell
Be a part of the most exciting week of the summer. Pioneer 2009 is a service conference for Silver Lake. We will repair buildings, clean up the camp, and get it ready for the summer season. Bring your work gloves, musical instruments, favorite tunes, your Bible and join us for Pioneer 2009 at the Lake!



Week 1:
June 28 - July 4

Celebrating Christmas Around the World!
4th & 5th (Limit: 32)
Tanya & Katie Platt
Is Christmas your favorite holiday? Ours too! Come and find out how people all over the world enjoy celebrating this festive day. From pinatas in Mexico to Yule Logs in England, we will explore the traditions that make this holiday special. In addition to our Christmas celebrations we will enjoy all the fun that summer has to offer, such as campfire carols, swimming in the lake, and playing on the ropes course. Throughout our week of holiday cheer we will look for the true meaning of Christ in Christmas.

WGOD
5th & 6th (Limit: 48)
God is still speaking. Can you hear God's voice? We will share the message of our still speaking God as we produce our own Silver Lake radio show and create our own Silver Lake newspaper for the week. We will also have lots of time to swim, climb, and play in God's backyard at Silver Lake! Bring your best DJ voice and learn about some ways we can experience and share the message of God's love.

Mission Possible
7th & 8th (Limit: 40)
Rachel Buck & Matt Peters
We all have a mission in life. Whether it is to be a leader or to follow, a movie star or a sports figure, or just a good person, God will be with you every step of the way. Come spend a week with us to explore your mission through games, songs, swimming, climbing, making friends, and worshipping God. Remember with God, all things are possible.

Counselor in Training
15 & 16 year olds (Limit: 32)
SLCC Staff
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; 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!

Questions, Commas, & Canoes
9th-11th (Limit: 32) \$425
Charlie Kuchenbrod & Debbie Kirk
Who am I? How does God fit into my life? Where can I find answers? Are there any periods at the end of our answers, or only commas? Join us for a week of fun, friendship, reflection, ropes courses, great discussion, swimming, prayer, campfires, singing, worship, night adventures and more. We'll also spend a day canoeing or rafting down the Housatonic. Bring your questions and we will look for faithful responses.



Week 2:
July 5-11

Silver Lake Sampler
4th & 5th (Limit: 40)
Don Bailey Francois
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!

Water World
5th & 6th (Limit: 48)
Jeff Lukens & Joanna Vastola
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 & low ropes, do art & ceramics, worship by the lake, explore all the land activities as we celebrate the wet, wild and wonderful creations we each are!

Facing Life's Little Challenges
7th & 8th (Limit: 40)
Jonathan Lee
Join us for a very active week as we challenge ourselves, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We will be making connections with new friends and deepening our connection with God and Jesus Christ as we spend the week on the SLCC Challenge Course and all your favorite Silver Lake activities. Come and let's face life's little challenges together!

Good News!
7th & 8th (Limit: 40)
Simon Murtha Smith
Bring your creativity, talents, voice, instruments, dancing feet, light heart and endless enthusiasm and we'll form a safe, open and bonded community. We'll share our creativity and think about the real Good News. We'll sing, we'll laugh, we'll be outdoors and we'll search for more from our faith and our lives. Discoveries and creations along the way will trickle into our worship service and into the world around us. Plus we'll swim, run & play in God's backyard! Don't worry about how artistic you are - there is room for you no matter what! Come, share and be filled!

Written Word \$405
9th - 12th (Limit: 24)
Emmi Hanson & Josh Sander
Calling all poets and dreamers, weavers of stories and tales, lovers of the written word and of the WORD, to share a Silver Lake experience that will provide you with lots of material worth writing about. We will climb waterfalls and ropes, read poetry and psalms, and contemplate visions and revisions as we look for new metaphors to express our faith. Bring your journal and your favorite pen, bring your sense of adventure and your sense of humor, and join us.



Week 3:
July 12-18

Mom & Me \$385/family
4th Grader & Mom (Limit: 26)
Betty Gelling
Note: 1/2 week, ends July 15th
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 Mom's support time, while you make new friends and engage in your first experience at Silver Lake Conference Center.

Reach the Sky!
5th & 6th (Limit: 32)
Karen Ziel & Lynne Dolan
"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Join us and discover your hidden potential! Find out just how high you can soar. Once you realize the gifts God has given you and what they enable you to do, "the sky's the limit"! Enjoy a fun filled week discovering your potential and that of your new friends. We will challenge you in new ways, physically, mentally and spiritually through team-building activities, climbing, swimming, playing, singing, worship, and a whole lot more!

iFaith
7th & 8th (Limit: 40)
John Hudson & Suzi Townsly
iPods, iPhones—things which enable you to bring along your connections to music, friends and the culture—and that you can't bring to camp! iFaith is about a faith that you can bring along with you, that will connect you to music, friends, the culture and God. iStuff is cool, but iFaith is jammin'! All this, plus the SL fantastic fun of swimming, high ropes, being outdoors, lotsa stars and new friends.

Sing Praise \$455
7th - 9th (Limit: 40)
Val Tutson & Danielle Grise
Let all the earth sing praise...and dance, and paint, and make music. We'll explore our different ways of prayer and celebration as we join forces to create an original Biblical musical. Come share your gifts and perhaps discover some new ones as we journey together in a new mission.

Footprints
9th & 10th (Limit: 48)
Da Vita McCallister
What footprints have you left along the path of your life so far? We all leave our individual mark on people and places we meet along the way... We'll look at where we've been and where we might be going & get to know ourselves, our neighbors & Jesus a little better. We will leave our footprints on the beach, sports field, in the kayaks, by the streams & waterfall, the chapel, the volleyball court, & the campfire. Bring your favorite footwear and be ready to have an active, fun week!



Week 4:
July 19-25

Working for Peanuts
5th & 6th (Limit: 32)
Stacy & Debbie Mecca
Join us as we discover how to reach out to our friends, community and the world with the help of our favorite Peanuts characters! With Charlie Brown and his friends by our side we will find ways to give back, have fun, and make our mark on the world! Come play games, swim in the lake, climb the high and low ropes course, share some laughs, enjoy nature and worship together as we learn how the littlest things can make a big difference!

GodSong
5th & 6th (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 the all fun Silver Lake has to offer. We'll swim, sing, go for nature walks, write and perform, conquer the challenge course, gaze at the stars, learn a dance, eat s'mores at a campfire, play games and much more...and on the way we'll create an amazing worship service filled with music, dance, art and drama. Come share your talents and discover others!

Traveling Light \$455
7th & 8th (Limit: 24)
Lisa Sullivan & Skip Jaret
Join us as we Travel Light by exploring the ways that God carries our burdens and how we can lighten each other's loads. We will take 2-3 serious 6-8 mile hikes along the Appalachian Trail and a week-ending canoe trip down the Housatonic river. Come experience the spirit of Silver Lake as we learn how to Travel Light.

Fun in the Son
7th - 9th (Limit: 64)
Brian Lapis & James Kenny
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!

Voices
9th & 10th (Limit: 40)
Cindy & Dave Cayer
Looking to find your voice in this noisy, hectic world? Come listen, really listen to each other, while together we discover God's creation in the wilderness, take prayerful journeys, and create a unique, spiritual community. Supportive voices on the ropes course, quiet on night hike, songs at a campfire, cheering on the ball field, yelling at the waterfront - we'll find and use our inner voices. Be ready for lots of activity and quiet time too as we listen for God's voice and direction for our life's journey.

Off-site Conference: Hammer and a Nail \$455
10th - Post High (Limit: 24)
Brad & Susie Craig
Join us for a week working with H.O.M.E. Coop in Orlan, Maine. Together we will build homes, work at the craft market, soup kitchen, & generally experience what it means to love our neighbors. A trip is also planned to visit Acadia National Park. An advance meeting will be held for parents and conferees. Transportation is provided for this conference.

Week 5:
July 26 - Aug. 1

Adventurers & Storytellers
5th & 6th (Limit: 40)
Jenn Gingras & Matt Braddock
Stories, myths and legends are how we come to know about ourselves, God and each other. We'll explore stories like Harry Potter, The Lord of the Rings, Star Wars, SpongeBob and Narnia and connect them with stories of friendship, love, and faith in the Bible. There is a story in each one of us, so we'll also tell our own stories through art, music, writing, comics and drama. Come spend time making fun memories and be a part of the Silver Lake adventure story!

Blue Marble
5th & 6th (Limit: 24)
Scott Morrow
What is the Blue Marble? It's the earth as seen from outer space. Come join us and we'll explore how to see God's view of the world, imagine no boundaries, check out sustainable lifestyles, seek ways to simplify our lives, get to know each other and ourselves as children of God. Let's look at ways we can help preserve the Blue Marble for future generations! Of course we'll also have the usual Silver Lake fun swimming, high & low ropes, sharing music & worship, and playing in God's great outdoors!

Exploring God's Creation \$425
7th & 8th (Limit: 48)
Craig Breismeister & 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 climb mountains, canoe on a river and climb the ropes course, all the while exploring what it means to be a part of God's creation.

God's Girls *GIRLS ONLY*
8th - 12th Grade (Limit: 40)
Jen Brennan & Missy Sturtevant
There's pressure all around us to fit the image of the "perfect" girl. Who do you allow to define your beauty? Get ready for a week of music, movies, games, lots of girl talk and much more as we learn about ourselves and the unique bonds we have as sisters in Christ. Together we'll take a look at what God's plan is for us, as we discover that beauty is only SOUL deep. Join us for this fun-filled conference as we experience what it means to be one of God's Girls!

Sanctuary: The Search for an Amazing Peace
9th - 12th (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, & our world. Sanctuary will be a week for learning about being Peace Makers & Peace Bringers through, worship, study, music, drama and games.



Week 6:
Aug. 2-8

All God's Critters
4th (Limit: 32)
Carol Cyr
All God's Critters have a place in this conference! Bring your laughter and all the gifts and talents of who you are as we learn about God's people in the Bible, 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: ducks, rabbits, tortoises, spy on the waterfowl of the Lake, check out the salamanders and frogs... All are welcome to join the fun, especially if you have never been to Silver Lake before!

Pirates of the Carabiner
5th & 6th (Limit: 24)
Ahoj ye maties - Dare ye discover if pirates pray as we cross a cats walk, climb to the crow's nest for a high jump or go for a whale watch. Our band of pirates will work as a supporting team when we go for a mohawk walk, blindly find our way through a maze and swing on a vine across the shark pit or feel like a wild woomie. Come aboard and be one of God's pirates on this challenge conference as we search for the hidden treasures of Silver Lake. Yo, ho, ho, and a bottle of juice!

I Learned it All in Volleyball
7th & 8th (Limit: 48)
Debby & Drew Page
It's amazing what we learn from a simple game. Teamwork, sportsmanship, how things seem to always bounce...it all applies to everyday life. Join us for a week of volleyball where we will explore the game, and some others, and its connection with life and faith. 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!

Get Smart
7th-9th (Limit: 48)
Andrew Lovig & Michael Griffin
Have you ever found you can accomplish more with a partner or a team than you could on your own? Even when one of you is a joker and the other a secret-agent, teammates use the talents they possess to make the team better. Through a week full of sports, games and fun you will learn how to work in a team toward a common goal. And together, through Jesus' teachings, we will discover our strengths and work toward putting them to good use for God's team.

God Show \$455
10th - 12th (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 during this week of fun as we discover our relationship with God, each other and ourselves. We'll be writing and performing an original musical that explores stories of the Bible, and what difference they make in our lives now.



Week 7:
Aug. 9-15

Family Camp (sessions 1 & 2) \$165 per person (Limit: 7 families)
Note: 1/2 week Conference
1-Aug-8-12 Lynn Stefanowicz & Sandy Millsbaugh
2-Aug-12-16 Betty & Grant Gelling
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 course, hike to Bash-Bish Falls (a favorite for the kids), and learn what it means to be a family in our complex 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. Please join us for fun-filled family days at Silver Lake!

Muggles and Wizards
5th & 6th (Limit: 40)
Jenn Long & Adrienne Walicke
Come join us as we explore the world of Harry Potter and how it connects with God's call to each of us! We'll play, pray, swim, sing, gather for campfires and yepers...and even get a game of Quiddich in! 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. You will even receive your own unique, carved wand!

Circle of Friends
7th & 8th (Limit: 48)
Ken Peterkin
Do you like to make new friends? Do you like to be outdoors? Then this is the place for you! What's better than a walk in the woods? How about a walk in the woods with a good friend? We will spend the week learning to be the best friends we can be to each other, to ourselves and to God. We'll laugh, sing, play, climb swim, worship and enjoy the awesome sacred ground we call Silver Lake as we make new life-long friendships! Bring your positive attitude, your enthusiasm, and get ready for a great week!

Running the Good Race
7th & 8th (Limit: 40)
Molly Baskette
Jr. High is a time of competition and cliques, who's in and who's out. We'll explore the themes of competition and cooperation through games, movies, and art & music, with scripture as the ground beneath our feet. We'll ask the questions: is it ok for Christians to compete? What's wrong with being the best that you can be—doesn't God want that? How are some games (and sports, and schools) set up so that the winners win big and the losers lose hard? And then we'll also swim, climb, sing, run outdoors, and enjoy the great feeling of being in God's backyard!

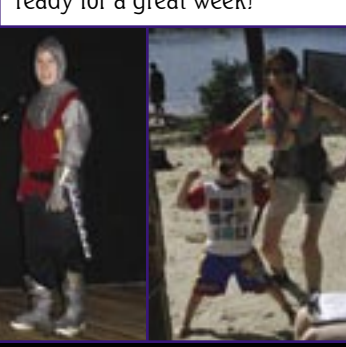
God Slam
9th - 12th (Limit: 32)
Marji Hughes
This week we will transform our thoughts and feelings and experiences of God, family, friends and life in general into the written, spoken, or performed word. We will express ourselves and discover the voice within each of us that has a lot to say but doesn't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



Week 8:
Aug. 16-22

SLCC Alumni/ae Conference
Cost: \$205 (Adults only)
Sun-Wed, August 16-19th
Chuck Ericson
It's back by popular demand! If you are over 21 and were ever a Summer Staffer, Dean, Counselor or Conferee then this is for you! Join Silver Lake Alums from the past 52 years as we get together to reminisce, mentor the 2009 staff, work, worship and enjoy Silver Lake. Arrangements to stay the whole week are possible. To register go to: www.silverlakect.org.

Church Family Retreats!
Come to Silver Lake with your family and other families from your church to enjoy all the Silver Lake fun activities: swimming, high & low ropes courses, nature, arts & crafts, singing around the campfire, s'mores, and lots more! Get your pastor to call Silver Lake and book your Church Family Retreat today!



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