



Horton Center is a summer camp with

program for children, teens, and adults that

sits atop Pine Mountain in the heart of the Presidential Range near Gorham, New Hampshire. Owned and operated by the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ, Horton Center is dedicated to building community, and to discovering and tending the divine spark within each of us. The camp is surrounded on all sides by National Forest and includes two separate mountain peaks. Emphasis is placed on community building and exposure to the natural world. Options include rock climbing, archery, caving, and hiking as well as traditional camp activities. Our program leaders and counselors are volunteers, carefully trained and screened with protocols in place for physical and emotional safety. At Horton Center we promote a respite from our technology centered world and allow children to unplug. We encourage campers to think for themselves and tend their own connection to creation and to others to find a deeper connection to God and their authentic self.

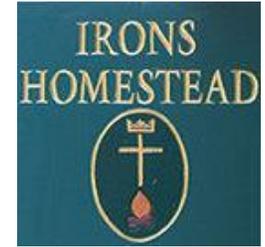
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Covenant Hills Christian Camp is in the midst of transition in 2016. The **Vermont Conference** is moving forward and offering two fun weeks of summer programming for children and youth under the direction of Horton Center for the 2016 summer season. Horton Center is the New Hampshire Conference UCC Outdoor Ministries camp located on Pine Mountain in Gorham, NH.

There are two weeks being offered. The first is July 10-16 at Horton Center for campers entering 6th-8th grades. The second offering is July 31-August 5 at Rock Point, for campers entering 4th-8th grades. Rock Point is located in Burlington, VT and is the site of the Episcopal Conference Center on Lake Champlain. We look forward to this collaborative effort of Outdoor Ministries!

Vermont campers are encouraged to consider either session or one of the sessions offered from any of our other fine New England UCC camps.



Irons Homestead is a sacred space that enables lives to change through encounters with God, nature and others. Nestled in northwest Rhode Island it is open year-round to adults, children and youth. It offers all the traditional summer camp activities including waterfront, plus the quiet and solitude of retreat. Consider visiting us for your:

Mission trip – Serve at mission sites around the state of RI using the Lodge as your home base.

Church Camp- You bring the campers and staff, we provide housing, food and programming. We will work with you to create a custom experience just for your congregation. Come for a weekend, half-week or full week.

Retreats or Charges- Need to step back or gear up? Our 32-bed facility is just the place.

Prices will vary depending on what activities you choose. Check out our webpage: www.ricucc.org/ministries/irons-homestead for more information or call 401-710-9478.



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For over 40 years, people have been coming to attend **UCC Star Gathering Conferences**. The **Family Conferences** are open to all – singles with or without children, couples with or without children – with all ages invited and included! Each year there is a Guest Speaker and a Minister of the Week who provide leadership on a topic and during the morning chapel services. There is children's programming for infants thru 8th grade in the mornings, with lots of activities available in the afternoons and evenings for all. Your time on Star Island can be as filled as you would like it to be or can be completely unscheduled.

The **Youth Conferences** run separate, but simultaneous to the family conferences, and are open to any youth entering 9th grade through the summer after high school graduation.

Pilgrim Lodge is the Maine Conference UCC Summer Camp on the shores of the stunningly beautiful Lake Cobbosseecontee in West Gardiner, Maine. It's about two hours away from the Mass/NH border on I-95. Inspiration is infused into lives through the power of love, nature, and God. Amidst all the fun of summer camp (and we do mean fun!) we teach stories from the Bible,



as well as critical thinking. We find creative and fun ways to bring meaning and enjoyment to worship. We celebrate and explore the awesome power of metaphor. We set the table for the feast God offers, without the arrogance of assuming we have all the answers, or that everyone's experience of God is identical. We encourage and enable people to listen for God; we do not claim to speak God's voice. Often empowerment comes from recognizing the divine through healthy human connection: Christ is in the eyes and hearts of our brothers and sisters. In seeking, and finding that connection in one another, we recognize it within ourselves. Outdoor ministry has two foundational elements: community and creation. As our culture is increasingly withdrawing from community we believe that intentional periods of living together surrounded by the beauty of the earth, away from the stress and strain of ordinary, technology-centered routines, give our spirits a chance to be open to life in a real and vital manner. Pilgrim Lodge is accredited by the American Camp Association.

Nestled in the scenic foothills of the Berkshires in northwestern Connecticut, **Silver Lake** offers a fabulous, outdoor, UCC summer camp experience for youth age 8 to 18. At Silver Lake you can challenge yourself on the high and low ropes courses, sing fun songs around the campfire, shoot hoops on our basketball court, swim in our beautiful unspoiled lake, walk in the woods, run on the ball field, and so much more! Why do kids return Silver Lake every year? The fantastic food, great outdoor activities and wonderful friendships they make so easily here! Most of all, kids say Silver Lake is a place you can just be yourself and everyone accepts you for who you are.

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