

NNESRE – 2025

Geneva Point Center – 108 Geneva Point Road, Moultonboro, NH 03254, (603) 253-4366

This Year's Theme: *"In Harmony!"*

109th Annual Session

August 2 to August 9, 2025

NNESRE– Our 109th Annual Session

We are an interfaith, interracial, family-oriented, and open community that shares a weeklong experience of living and learning. Each year we explore a new camp theme that is woven into our various educational courses, activities, worship, and music. There are program opportunities for spiritual development, socio-political awareness, artistic expression, personal growth, and renewal. The camp philosophy directs us to bring newly acquired insight and knowledge back to our homes, places of worship and communities in a collective effort to make our world a better place.

Geneva Point Center is located on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee in central New Hampshire and features 195 acres of beautiful beaches, woodland trails, and recreational facilities. Each day begins with optional activities such as a morning walk/run/swim or a community led Morning Watch service followed by breakfast and then classes for all ages. Afternoons are open for rest, relaxation, and recreational pursuits. The waterfront offers swimming, paddleboats, canoes and kayaks. Following dinner and our Evening Watch service there are programs designed to provide fun for all ages, including folk dancing, storytelling, the "Hoot" talent show, a Coffee House, campfire singing, a drum ring, and much, much more.

***Please join us this year to experience "Winni,"
a loving and supportive community and tradition.***

NNESRE Mission Statement: The Northern New England School of Religious Education (NNESRE) is an inclusive, intergenerational community welcoming all people. NNESRE conducts an annual session offering courses and activities that provide opportunities for spiritual development, socio-political awareness, artistic expression, personal growth and renewal.

Your NNESRE Staff for 2024

Carrie Leap and Travis Leap, Co-Deans
Jason Wells, Chaplain
Leslie Dockendorff, Business Manager
Jennifer Porcari, Program Coordinator
Kate Fioravanti, Archivist

Ben & Michele Bates, Ed School Co-Coordinator
Parker Davis, Evening Coordinator
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Trevor Morrissey, Business Committee Chair



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“IN HARMONY”

This year, we’ve chosen the theme “In Harmony” to highlight the role music plays in bringing us together at Geneva Point Center. Whether it’s singing around the campfire, dancing in the barn, or enjoying performances at the Hoot and Coffee House, music is at the heart of our community. This theme also reminds us that true harmony is built on collaboration, understanding, and shared experiences. In this nurturing environment, we encourage you to celebrate differences, discover new rhythms, and support one another as we create beautiful music together.

The peaceful surroundings of Geneva Point Center provide the perfect backdrop for connection, where the sounds of the forest, the water, and the wind blend with the laughter of families and friends. This dynamic atmosphere fosters both serenity and joy. At Winni, “In Harmony” is more than a musical concept—it’s a philosophy that extends to every aspect of life. Through shared moments, laughter, and creative expression, we build lasting memories and strengthen our bonds.

We hope to see you this summer!

In Harmony,


Travis and Carrie Leap, Co-Deans

COMMENTS



A Note from the Business manager:

Recent Changes to be aware of:

- **2025 Rates.** GPC has raised rates up a bit. Rate increases range from 2%-7%. The more affordable housing options are only up 2%, while rates for our higher level units rose by 7%. Food is up 7%. The 2025 rates reflect the rising costs of everything from food and labor to utilities, energy, housekeeping and maintenance supplies, and insurance. They are also intended to help keep up with the cost of both maintenance and improvement needs across our campus. We plan to continue working hard to make GPC a better and better place.
- Registration fees are \$170 for over 21 and \$160 for under 21 but we also have an early discount of **\$10 per attendee if you register by April 15!**
- GPC has a **\$50 lost key charge**, so please keep track of your keys!
- **Please add a 3rd choice on lodging** and consider sharing cabins like Dock Road with other families to accommodate all of our returning and new campers!
- GPC has increased the meeting space by 3% however the business committee has negotiated a **discount this year for meeting space!** 
- **GPC has increased all the meals by 7% and increased the charge for special diets to \$4.55 per meal (\$91 per week) for vegan and gluten free.** Vegetarian will be considered standard and not have an extra charge.
- **CREDIT CARDS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS** by using the form below. A fee of 3% will be added.
- GPC will still be placing linens on beds versus making them unless otherwise instructed. This keeps the turnaround process much quicker. As a result, they are providing linen sets for rooms (that come with them) but guests will be making their own beds. Anyone, for whom this may be a difficulty, may request to have their beds made up for them by GPC.

Not Just Food and Lodging Please note that all GPC rates cover much more than just food and lodging. You are also paying for the beautiful location and its amenities, including stunning vistas, beaches, boats, lifeguards, trails, green spaces, playgrounds, gardens, and our expanding collection of onsite recreational opportunities. Those fees also help to pay for other less noticeable amenities such as the guest laundry, and a Wi-Fi system that covers acres and acres of GPC's main campus.

Adult Education Classes

Three periods of 55-minute classes beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day, Sunday thru Friday

Winni 2025 – In Harmony Adult Education Program

Welcome to Winni 2025 Adult Education. NNESRE offers weeklong classes in three categories: Social/Political, Personal Development, and Religion and Spirituality. Read on for class descriptions and instructor bios. We've got a great lineup featuring some familiar faces and new instructors. Looking forward to seeing you in class!

Please note that class offerings are subject to change.

Religion and Spirituality

Liberation Theology

The ideas put forth as "liberation theology" can be attributed both to the writings of Gustavo Gutiérrez in Latin America and James H. Cone in the United States, each of whom used this formulation in 1968. Latin American liberation theology and black liberation theology emerged concurrently, yet independently, in relation to two distinctive forms of oppression and suffering in the contexts of Latin America and the United States.

This class will look at how various liberation theologies engage scripture and define theology in a way that always acknowledges the preferential option for the poor and oppressed that is made evident throughout scripture.

Marilyn Kendrix is a graduate of Yale Divinity School with a Master's of Divinity, who worked for over 15 years as an Organizational Development Consultant principally at AT&T and also in other profit and not-for-profit settings prior to her ordination. Marilyn has served on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Conference United Church of Christ. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, her Executive MBA and an MA in Industrial and Organizational Psychology, both from the University of New Haven. In 2021, Marilyn retired from serving as Bridge Conference Minister of the newly formed Southern New England Conference, United Church of Christ. Marilyn is married to her best friend, Alan, and together they have 3 children, 6 grandchildren, one great granddaughter and one dog, Dash.

The Bhagavad Gita: A Hindu Bible

Many modern Hindus consider the Bhagavad Gita to be a "Bible" of Hinduism. This course will offer a brief study of this 700-verse work and an introduction to some of its key concepts and teachings. We will read select passages of the Gita in class and discuss their significance. I will provide background on the history of this poem in the larger epic poem Mahabharata. We will also look at how some important twentieth-century figures--such as Mahatma Gandhi and J. Robert Oppenheimer--interpreted the Gita and used it in their own lives. Students will also be encouraged to compare the Gita's teachings with other spiritual traditions.

Richard Davis has taught in the field of Religious Studies for thirty-five years, at Yale University and Bard College. He is the author of several books, including a "biography" of the Bhagavad Gita in the series Lives of Great Religious Texts. He currently teaches a course on Lives of Religious Founders part-time, in a Connecticut prison, through the Wesleyan Center for Prison Education.

Yoga - Mind, body & spirit in harmony

This powerful form-based class is taught from the foundation up, benefiting beginners and seasoned yogis alike. Inviting breath, body, movement into harmony. Throughout class we will explore deepening our grounding, foundation, and steadiness, which in turn offers us greater joy, connectedness and enlightenment. We will then be able to anchor these qualities into the workings of our everyday life creating more harmony within.

Saskia Bergmans is a mother, yoga teacher and coach bringing yogic practices and spirituality into the daily lives of her clients for over 20 years. Saskia teaches the yogaspirit® lineage, in her community yoga classes, workshops and in 200hr Yoga Teacher Training Programs. She cultivates learning in her students, guiding a multi-level class from the physical foundation of the body to the healing components of yoga. Saskia holds a safe and sacred space for her students to regain and build confidence in themselves and their body's, through her yoga classes, spiritual mentoring, meditation classes & workshops. She grew up in England and The Netherlands and has lived in New England since 2000.

Personal Development

Bulgarian Dancing with Bari and Barb in the Barn

Barb and Bari went to Bulgaria and learned brilliant new-to-Winni Bulgarian dances from Iliana Bozhanova, an internationally recognized dance leader. We're bursting to share these with our barn-dancing buddies! We will be taking a deep dive into Bulgarian dances from different folk regions. Learn about Balkan musical rhythms, dance styling, and the influences from neighboring countries. We'll teach some complex dances slowly and thoroughly with a lot of repetition. You might even hear a bit about our travel adventures! Bring your dancing shoes, water, and an open mind for this Bulgarian bonanza!

Barb Siftar – Folk Dance leader at NNESRE for over 15 years and staff of the Eastern Cooperative Recreation School where she has led singing and folk dance for many years. Specializes in intergenerational beginner groups. Sometimes she can be found singing.

Bari Prince – Dancer and dance instructor with a background in multiple dance forms including Israeli and International Folk. Has taught dance to preschoolers through adults in a variety of settings and can often be found swimming.

In Musical Harmony

Sing rounds and choral pieces in beautiful harmony – from gorgeous to hilarious, tender to spirited, easy to deliciously challenging – in 2, 3, 4 and more part harmonies! If you love to sing in harmony, join in the heart-moving and fun and empowering music we'll create together each day. Ability to read or follow music is helpful but not required.

Joanne Hammil is a composer/songwriter, choral director, music educator and performer. Her passions for singing in harmony and creating community through music infuse her songwriting and teaching. She directed the Greater Boston Intergenerational Chorus for 20 years, The Choral Connection for 30 years, and has presented many hundreds of workshops and concerts for national conferences, institutes, community sings, schools and festivals throughout the country. Her own songs have been performed and recorded by many artists and have become exciting standards in songbooks, harmony circles and choir repertoires.

Landscape Art with pencils, watercolor and acrylic

With an emphasis on non-judgement, we will draw and/or paint a journey of discovery, of nature and self. No matter what your past art experiences are, all are welcome to join. All you need is an openness to create art in harmony with nature. We will explore the Geneva Point Center campus, moving around to find locations to draw; a we will focus on a different general area every day. This class will start with sketching and move to adding watercolors or acrylics as you desire. Together, we will create art in the moment, using what is in front of you, and feeling that artmaking peaceful-excitement inside.

Michael Morse holds a BFA in painting from Rhode Island School of Design and an MFA in Computer Art, from the School of Visual Art, NYC. He is an accomplished artist with past work shown in galleries on Martha's Vineyard and Boston.

Social/Political

Aging, Retirement, and The Good Life

Two social workers will guide you gently through the process of things that may happen as you get older to your body, your mind, your money, your relationships, and self-image. And the emphasis here will be how to build the "good life" in your retirement or later years - strategies that can maximize well-being, wealth, and ability to enjoy your present moment (whatever shape you are in). Discussions will be encouraged to affirm where you are at, where you are going, and how you wish to get there.

Leslie Ganley and Bill Milford are both long term Winni community members with experience in social work and teaching (Leslie - High School, Bill - University). Having both retired within the past few years, they come at this topic not as experts but as curious investigators who have gathered information and insights from knowledgeable sources during the year to share with Winni community members for discussion. This course is open to all ages and will rely on participants personal insights and sharing to form the class discussion.

Poetry for Our Time

The class will read and discuss one or two poems each day. The daily focus will be on a theme, such as: poetry itself, nature and the environment, race relations, gender issues, spirituality, justice, and mercy, etc. Our conversations will likely consider story and background of the poet, the poem's structure and the poet's choice of particular words or phrases, as well as whatever meaning we are able to draw from it - for ourselves, for our respective communities and for the world. The poems will be distributed and/or sent in digital format each day for review on the following day.

John Shaw, for the last five years John has been the "poet laureate" designated by a group of about a dozen men to select the poems for discussion each week. John has been a practicing attorney in Middletown, Connecticut, for over fifty years and has advised small "legacy" congregations in Connecticut who may be planning to close.

Meditations on Racial Healing

Racial justice and racial reconciliation are needed for people to live in harmony. It may also be that people are experiencing spiritual conflict, shame, guilt or resentment in their lives due to racism, and meditations on healing help create internal harmony and harmony with God. This class will be based on the book: *The Night is Long but Light Comes in the Morning: Meditations for Racial Healing*, by Catherine Meeks. Each day we will read one of the meditations and have a discussion about it together. The class is appropriate for anyone interested in addressing racial justice in the context of spirituality and a desire for healing, no matter what stage of the justice or spiritual journey you are in at the moment.

Deborah McCarter, PhD, RN is recently retired from her role as nursing professor at Saint Anselm College. She has been on a personal and professional journey of anti-racism and racial reconciliation, and had the opportunity to learn from the book author, Catherine Meeks, while living in Atlanta for a year. She has participated in Sacred Ground circles in her Episcopal church in Goffstown, NH, a film-and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Her journey began in her passion for maternal-child health, discovering the health disparities that women of color experience, which motivated her nursing research program. She is not an expert in the topic of racial justice--instead, a traveler on the journey with a desire for community and with faith in the power of the Creator to heal.

Living Your Best Life, Even, or Especially, at End of Life

Living our best life is important at all ages and stages, including the last chapter of our life. It's gratifying to spend life in harmony with ourselves and with those in our circles. When we're on our personal road to end of life, why not surround ourselves with the best care possible, which is covered by insurance, 24/7 support, and includes services like massage therapy, pet therapy, and a volunteer, just to name only a few of the options out there! What are the misconceptions in our culture about end of life and end of life care? Take the mystery out of the terms and options, get a massage yourself, or just come learn what you may not yet know about end of life care.

Kathy Pike is an end of life social worker and a yoga teacher. She is a long-time practitioner of yoga, meditation, and mindfulness and mom to two great young adults who are long-time Winni campers.



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Winni Education School 2025



Ed School is an engaging morning program for children and teens that meet Sunday through Friday of the Winni week. Winni's youth enjoy fun and fellowship while adults have the opportunity to attend their own classes. Ed School seeks to provide the young people in the Winni community with similar opportunities for meaningful community-building and personal growth to those that adults enjoy during their own morning classes.

The typical Ed School day begins after breakfast with a family singalong in the Outdoor Chapel. Teachers collect their students from the singalong and each age group travels to their respective classrooms together. During class, teachers lead a range of team-building activities, crafts, games, and projects. School-age groups also engage in an age-appropriate exploration of the Winni theme. At the end of second period, school-age campers are escorted to the waterfront for supervised swimming and beach fun during third period. Preschool students are invited to spend third period at the Siftar Cottage playground with supervision by a chaperone. Parents pick their children up after third period, before lunch. High school-age campers are encouraged to attend the adult morning classes in addition to their own high school-specific meet-up in the afternoon.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with Ed School Coordinators, Ben and Michele Bates if you have any questions. Interested in teaching Ed School? Be on the lookout for the Interest Survey coming soon! We look forward to a wonderful Winni week together!

Ben Bates, bates.benjamin@gmail.com, 617-833-7720
Michele Bates, michele.despres@gmail.com, 617-833-5566

How Fees Are Determined

All lodging fees are based on a complete occupancy theory; meaning, the more filled beds you have in your room, the lower your costs per person will be. So, if you stay at Lakeview Lodge then your fee for the week is \$1582, regardless of whether you are a single or you fill it up with four happy campers.

Conference fees cover faculty/staff subsidies, program expenses and meeting space. Our conference fees for 2025 will be: \$170 for those age 21 and over and \$160 for those under age 21. If you register by April 15 you will receive a discount of **\$10 per person!**

Scholarships

Scholarship assistance is available upon request (please email business manager for an application). These funds are designed to offset some of the costs for those who may otherwise choose not to attend *Winni*. All scholarship requests **must** be in writing and sent in with the **registration** to the Business Manager and will be reviewed and authorized by the Scholarship Committee. Notice of scholarship grant will be provided with final invoice and scholarships will only be given to lodging under \$1143 a week to prevent “upgrading”. If you are granted a scholarship and would like to “give back” by providing volunteer assistance during the week, please contact the Deans (Carrie and Travis Leap) about your willingness to do so.

Check In Reminder

REMINDER CHECK IN TIME 3:00 PM SAT AUGUST 2, 2025 AND CHECK OUT TIME 10:00 AM SAT AUGUST 9, 2025.

Registration

Registrations received before April 15 will be evaluated for accommodations as follows:

1. Those with disabilities/special needs
2. Seniority (“I resided there last year”)
3. Faculty/staff member status
4. Best use of space, or other criteria determined appropriate by the Business Committee.

“Seniority Status” can only be granted for registrations received prior to April 15. Registrations received after April 15 will be assigned lodging by date received. So, if you’d like to sleep in the same bed as last year then please have your registration completed with the room number and mailed prior to April 15.

Please **e-mail** the Business Manager, Leslie Dockendorff at jdock488@sbcglobal.net if you desire a more detailed description of lodging areas and amenities.

Pillows and blankets are standard for all rooms. **Linens** (two bed sheets, one pillowcase, two bath towels, and one wash cloth – towels renewed mid-week), however, are only included for the following rooms: Lakeview Lodge/Cabins, Gibbes, State Line, Cottage F, Cabin Z, and Chapel Line. Others may rent linens for **\$16.25 per set (extra towel set \$10.00)**. **This fee will be added to your May final invoice** after lodging assignments have been finalized. Please contact GPC (603-253-4366) directly to rent **motorized carts**.

Instructions:

1. Begin by completing your **identifying and contact information.**

2. Add your **children's names, date of birth, and grade this fall.**

3. Write in your **1st 2nd and 3rd choice for lodging.**

4. **Complete the Conference Fee Box**, lower right below including applicable discounts and total your fees.

The rates for lodging and meals are provided so you may estimate your final invoice.

5. **Sign the form**, mail this page **and your check payable to NNESRE for the Registration Fee ONLY**,

to the business manager at the address provided. Please direct questions to the Business Manager's e-mail

address below. *We'll be back in May with your final invoice and lodging location.* Also, if you know of

someone who does not use e-mail but would like to receive this registration notice, then please clue us in.

And, in 'Winni Spirit' PLEASE share this document with friends and family!!

2025 "WINNI" REGISTRATION FORM -- April 15 Deadline for \$10 discount

First time at NNESRE? Please check here so that we may send you an introductory package _____

Those under 18 and not attending with a parent require an adult sponsor enrolled at NNESRE. Adult: _____

Special dietary Requirements: ***Dietary charge \$4.55 per meal (\$91/wk.) for all guests asking for vegan or gluten free.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail address: _____

Number of days attending: _____

Child's Name - Date of birth- Grade this fall

Accommodations (add comments on back if necessary):

1st Preference:

2nd Preference

3rd Preference

<u>Lodging</u>	<u>Rates/wk.*</u>	<u>Sleeps (#rooms)</u>	<u>Weekly Meal Rates</u>
Lakeview Lodge full bath	1582	4 (10)	Full rate age 15+ 401
Gibbes House full bath	1501	2 (1), 3 (9)	Youth, age 13 thru 14 348
Lakeview Cabins full bath	1582,1534	2 (4), 3 (2)	Child, age 3 thru 12 246
Cottage F full bath	1295	3 (3)	Infant thru age 2 0
Trees full bath	1143,1052	4 (4)	Special diet (vegan, gluten free) per wk. 91
Cabin Z full bath	1305	2 (1)	
Chapel Line Cabins full bath	1305	4 (8)	
Pasture Line Cabins ½ bath	1143	10 (3)	
College Row Cabins ½ bath	1305,988	6 (6)	
Peat and Repeat Cabins ½ bath	1143	7 (2)	
Cottage E full bath	1143	4 (3)	
Dock Road Cabins ½ bath	988	7 (9)	
Malden 2nd floor full bath	1524	8 (1)	
State Line Cabins ½ bath	1305	4 (4)	
Inn 1st ½ bath	777	1 (1)	
Inn 2nd ½ bath	777	2 (2)	
Inn 2nd shared full bath	732	2 (8)	
Inn 3rd floor	n/a	2 (0)	
Tent with electric hook-up, RV	320, 412	4 / site (4)	
Tent w/o electric	293	4 / site (20)	

Mail this signed registration form and your Conference fee check payable to "NNESRE" to:
 Leslie Dockendorff
 Business Manager
 488 Quinnipiac Ave.
 North Haven, CT 06473
ldock488@sbcglobal.net
 (203) 915-6109

Conference Fee Box due Apr. 15

Age 21+ @ \$170.00: # _____	\$ _____
Age 3-20 @ \$160.00: # _____	\$ _____
Pre-Apr 15 th Discount \$10 each # _____	(\$ _____)
Sr. Citizen (65) discount \$5 each # _____	(\$ _____)
First time at Winni discount \$10 ea.# _____	(\$ _____)
Total =	_____

Linens: yes _____ no _____

Signed: _____

Authorization for Credit Card Use

PRINT AND COMPLETE THIS AUTHORIZATION AND RETURN WITH REGISTRATION or FINAL INVOICE
All information will remain confidential and will not be retained

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Credit Card Type: _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Discover

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Card Identification Number: _____ (last 3 digits located on the back of the credit card)

Amount to Charge: \$ _____ (USD) **Plus a credit card fee of 3% will be added to total charges.**

I authorize **NNESRE** to charge the amount listed above including the credit card fee of 3% to the credit card provided herein. I agree to pay for this purchase in accordance with the issuing bank cardholder agreement.

Cardholder – Please Sign and Date

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Return the completed and signed form to the following:

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