

# goals

- Know God and witness his character through exposure to nature and individual and team worship outdoors.
- Know and understand oneself, others, and the environment.
- Gain an appreciation and respect for the natural world.
- Develop responsibility, concern, and respect for others.
- Form and develop new friendships across conference using teamwork to accomplish goals.
- Develop good work and service ethics through physical labor that invigorates the body and mind.
- Practice leadership, problem solving, and planning skills.
- Experience joy and fun through recreational experiences and project accomplishments.
- Become good stewards of the earth respecting the delicate ecological balance that effects life on it.
- Develop practical land management skills that can be used, in their future life, as they own homes and property.
- Accept responsibility for and ownership of our Camp Lawroweld.

# Aim

Recognizing that students benefit not only intellectually and physically from experiencing the natural world, but spiritually as well, the Northern New England Conference hopes to encourage students to engage in activities in God's classroom, so that they might discover God through His creation and by discovering Him seek to know Him more deeply.

"God has endowed us with a power not wholly unlike His. To us has been given a degree of control over the forces of nature. As God called forth the earth in its beauty out of chaos, so we can bring order and beauty out of confusion. And though all things are now marred with evil, yet in our completed work we feel a joy akin to his, when, looking on the fair earth, He pronounced it "very good." Education p. 214, 215

## Importance of Labor in God's Creation

"At the creation, labor was appointed as a blessing. It meant development, power, happiness. The changed condition of the earth through the curse of sin has brought a change in the conditions of labor; yet though now attended with anxiety, weariness, and pain, it is still a source of happiness and development. And it is a safeguard against temptation. Its discipline places a check on self-indulgence, and promotes industry, purity, and firmness. Thus it becomes a part of God's great plan for our recovery from the fall.

The youth should be led to see the true dignity of labor. Show them that God is a constant worker. All things in nature do their allotted work. Action pervades the whole creation, and in order to fulfill our mission we too must be active.

In our labor we are to be workers together with God. He gives us the earth and its treasures; but we must adapt them to our use and comfort. He causes the trees to grow; but we prepare the timber and build the house. He has hidden in the earth the gold and silver, the iron and coal; but it is only through toil that we can obtain them."

Education, p. 214.

# Academy Outdoor School



September 29 - October 2, 2009  
Camp Lawroweld  
Weld, Maine

**"In the growth and development of nature were (are) revealed the principles of His (Christ's) kingdom."**  
**Ministry of Healing p 54**

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## Camp Lawroweld

Camp Lawroweld is a youth camp owned and operated by the Northern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. It is a picturesque camp located on Lake Webb, a lake surrounded by beautiful mountains such as Mt. Blue and Mt. Tumbledown, in Weld, Maine. The camp property consists of approximately 225 acres of assorted forests, wetlands, meadows, streams, and lake frontage making it a wonderful environment to teach in nature's classroom.

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All who are under the training of God need the quiet hour for communion with their own hearts, with nature and with God.”  
Ministry of Healing, p. 58.

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## Learning

### Worship

- Individual and Team Worship Outdoors
- Group Worship

### Leadership

- Organization Skills
- Self-government
- Teaming

### Basic Skills Training

- Forestry Plan
- Forest Measurement Exercises
- Tree Identification
- Tool Care and Tool Safety

### Trail Building

- GPS
- Signage
- Trails
- Trail Bridges

### Wetland Projects

- Drainage Ditch
- Wells
- Site Work
- Pond
- Brook

### Building Projects

- Alternate Waste Management System
- Harvesting
- Outhouse Construction
- Foundation Ditches
- Nature Center
- Work Station

### Timber Stand Improvement for Pine Plantation, Softwood Regeneration, and Hardwood Stand

- Pruning Crop Trees
- Selecting Crop Trees
- Releasing Crop Trees
- Selecting Trees for Harvest
- Harvesting

## Recreation & Fun

- Law Olympics
- Games

## What to bring

- Modest Swimwear & Towel
- Sack Supper (PEANUT FREE)
- Warm Sleeping Bag
- Water Bottles
- Safe Work Shoes/Boots (Wetlands Groups bring old sneakers/rubber boots)
- Warm Clothing
- Rain Gear
- Boots for Wetlands
- Flashlight
- Work Gloves & Safety Glasses (these will be provided if needed)

## What **not** to bring

- Electronic Devices

## sick code

- Infirmary for the sick
- If a student needs to stay in the infirmary during the day, they will stay in the infirmary until bed time

## dress code

- Modest
- Work Clothing: Long pants, long-sleeve shirts, work shoes/boots
- Safety Glasses and Gloves (provided if needed)