

Hello Kids Camp Families!

Kids Camp is quickly approaching and we hope you are getting excited about spending four days together (June 20-23) around this year's theme of The Missing Peace! Sara Jo Waldron, youth pastor at Hillsboro MB Church will be our camp speaker. Sara Jo will help us search through God's Word and help us discover the missing peace. The Kids Camp Band, who will lead us in worship songs during each chapel session, will join her. And the rest of the schedule is packed with plenty of other great activities, too!

WHAT TO BRING:

- Bible and a pen/pencil for chapel and devotions
- Sleeping gear: sleeping bag, blankets, sheets, pillow, etc.
- Each room has 2 twin beds and there will be up to 4 campers per room, so not everyone will have a mattress. You might consider bringing an air mattress or camping pad.
- Swimsuit, towel (or two) and sunscreen, even if you don't plan to do the swimming activity. Everyone participates in a water event on Thursday. Plus, you'll want a dry towel for after your daily shower!!
- Personal items: shampoo, soap, toothpaste, washcloth, etc.
- Water Bottle marked with your name. It'll be handy when you're out in the sun!
- Offering Project: Our offering will go to support Kyle and Danae Schmidt who will be serving with MB Mission. We'll be learning more about their mission during chapel sessions. Money raised at all three summer camps (Sr High, Jr High, and Kids Camp) will be combined to support the Schmidt's ministry.
- Spending Money: Your counselors will collect your personal money when you arrive, place in an envelope with your name on it, and deposit it into our Camp Bank. Withdrawals can be made each afternoon to purchase things from the snack bar (limit \$4 per day) or Tabor's bookstore (no limit). You can also make withdrawals to donate to the offering project. If your child is riding in a bus/van and you are sending money for lunch on the way home, please place it in a sealed envelope marked "Saturday lunch." That makes it SO much easier for the people in the bank to make sure they aren't spending it.
- **Parents/Guardians – To help the bank withdrawal process go quickly, please send small bills - preferably as \$1, \$5 or \$10 bills.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Personal junk food stash: This includes all candy, pop & energy drinks. Pop will be available during lunch and at the afternoon snack bar along with Gatorade, candy, chips, cookies, etc. Anything not purchased at the snack bar may be confiscated by the counselors and will not be returned. Parents/Guardians, please help us by not sending food or drink with your camper.
- Electronics (cell phones, music systems, electronic games, etc.) are NOT permitted at camp. If your child signed up for photography, they need to bring a camera with batteries or chargers and a memory card. Parents may call or text director (number at end of email) in case of emergencies. When texting, please identify yourself so we can quickly respond to your concern.
- Valuables: Please leave any valuable jewelry or other expensive personal items at home, as we cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.

As you arrive:

1. Camp check-in begins at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday. NOTE: this is earlier than last year! At the check-in tables, you will find out your mod (group of 8-12 campers in a dorm segment), your counselors, and other last minute information you'll want to know during camp.

- a. Girls sign-in at the girl's dorm quad located on the north side of D Street (near Subway restaurant).
- b. Boys sign-in at the men's dorm quad located on the south side of D Street.

2. ALL MEDICATIONS, prescription and over-the-counter, MUST be labeled with child's name and taken to the nurses in the cafeteria during check-in. There will be NO MEDICATIONS (including multivitamins, allergy medication, inhalers, etc) in the mods with campers regardless of child's age or ability to self-administer. This is to help keep all our camper's safe. Epi pens will be with camp counselors and/or nurses. The camp nurses will be inside the cafeteria to visit with parents, go over medications, and answer questions (please look for signs). Leave ALL MEDICATIONS in its original packaging or it will not be administered. If you are not personally bringing your camper to drop-off, please instruct the adult accompanying them to bring all medication to the camp nurses. The nurses welcome notes from parents about medications, administration methods, or directions from parents if parent is not able to visit with nurses.

**New medication or diagnosis since registering? If there are any new medical concerns not indicated on your registration form, please contact the camp director by June 17th so we can connect you with the nurses. A lot of preparation is done prior to camp, so knowing ahead of time will speed up the process for everyone.

3. What's next? After checking in and unpacking, your counselors will lead some get-to-know-you activities and an interactive tour before supper at 5:30.

At the end of camp:

- Pick-up is 11:45 a.m. on Saturday in the MODS. To ensure a safer hand-off transition, significant changes to the checkout process were made last year.
- Final Chapel: Parents are not invited to the last chapel. Although this has been a long-standing tradition, space concerns, the strain on the air conditioning system, and the implementation of a checkout procedure warrant the change. This change was made last summer and it worked well.
- Checkout: Parents/guardians/drivers will need to checkout campers from counselors in the mods. Be sure to collect clothing, beddings, toiletries, medications, and remaining bank money. Check the lost & found (just outside the cafeteria) for any misplaced items.

Miscellaneous:

- Bank Money: Money not claimed at the end of camp will be donated to the offering project.
- Lost & Found: Items not claimed after 2 weeks will be donated to a relief organization.

We are looking forward to another amazing week of camp! Campers, one very important way to help you get ready is to pray that the Lord will prepare you for camp and invite others to pray with you and for you before, during and even after camp is over.

We're excited and (almost) ready for Kids Camp!! If you, your parents, or group leaders have any questions whatsoever, don't hesitate to contact me!

Parents, families & drivers are invited for refreshments as you drop off your camper on Wednesday afternoon sponsored by Tabor College Alumni Office. Ask at registration for location of the refreshments.

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