

Cross Creek Backyard Kids Camp

Summer 2012



What? 7 – 8 backyard camp locations all meeting during the same week this Summer, reaching the children in our neighborhoods for Christ. Kids Camp at each location will run for 1½ hours either in the evening or morning. It will go for 3 days, and then on the 4th day there will be a cookout party in Ross Bridge for all children and parents to attend.

When? Kids Camp locations will meet July 23rd-25th, and a closing party for everyone (parents included) will take place in Ross Bridge the evening of July 26th.

Who? Cross Creek Backyard Kids Camp will be advertised for children age 4 – 10, however children younger than that are welcome to attend if accompanied by a parent. Teachers and helpers are certainly welcome to bring their younger children with them.

How to Host? We are asking for 7 or 8 different families in the church to volunteer to host a kids camp in their backyard or garage (a good option in the case of rain). These families will be given invitations to distribute to their neighbors, and then on the days of, they will simply welcome people, mingle with adults and children who are there to help them feel at home, and build relationships simply by being a host/hostess. There will be a team of volunteers from our church who will come to their location and orchestrate the teaching and activities each day of the backyard kids camp.

How else to be Involved? If you do not feel led to host a backyard camp, but would still like to help out, there are several other important ways to help! We need at least 3 or 4 adults to commit to teaching or helping in one or more of the following ways at each backyard camp location:

Lead Teacher – Each kids camp location needs one lead teacher who will teach the Bible lesson and memory verses, lead a short review game each day, and oversee the overall program, following a provided schedule. All of the teaching materials will be provided for you.

Craft leader – Set out craft supplies, show children how to assemble a simple craft, help them with it, and clean it up afterward. Craft supplies and instructions will be provided for you.

Music leader – lead children in 5 minutes of music either with a music CD, with an instrument (guitar?), or just a cappella. (Your choice) Music will be provided for you depending on how you choose to lead the music time.

Games leader – lead children in a 15-minute intro activity as they arrive (hidden objects, Simon Says, Red Light Green Light, etc.) and lead a 10 minute organized recreation time at the end. Game ideas and supplies will be provided for you.

Be a Friend – If for some reason you are unable to help in any of the above ways, we would still love for you to come to a kids camp location each night and just be a friend to the children who come. A smile and welcoming spirit could be the key to winning a child's heart for Christ!