

# Summer Explosion

## Academic Skill Review and Enrichment

Date: June 13 – July 8, 2005  
Time: Monday – Friday,  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Who: Children who have completed  
Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades  
Tuition: \$275.00 (10% discount if  
registered by May 1<sup>st</sup>)

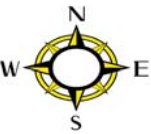
The program will focus on review and reinforcement in language art (reading and writing) and math skills. Each week will include academic and recreation activities. Special Chapel services and weekly field trips each Friday. Class size limited to fifteen students each.

## Learning Disabilities Remediation & Enrichment

Date: June 13 – July 8, 2005  
Time: Monday – Friday,  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Who: Children who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> –  
6<sup>th</sup> Grades  
Tuition: \$275.00 (10% discount if  
registered by May 1<sup>st</sup>)

Two classes will offer continued remediation of basic skills for students with significant learning needs. Individualized instruction in reading, written expression and math will be complemented by time recreation activities. Special Chapel services and weekly field trips each Friday. Class size limited to eight students each.

# JAM Camp '05: Camp Castaway



Our theme for this *two-night* camp will be *Camp Castaway!* with our theme verse coming from John 15:5, “Without Christ we can do nothing...” **Jesus And Me** Camp is designed for rising 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders and will be held July 25-27 at Camp Trinity. Camp gives children the opportunity to be in a place where they can grow in their personal relationship with God and also be involved in such activities as swimming, canoeing, campfires, and crafts. Grab a flyer in the church office and sign-up for camp or go to [www.jamcamp.us!](http://www.jamcamp.us!)

# Salt & Light '05 Friendship



This week-long overnight camp for rising 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be held July 31 – August 5, at Lake Williamson Camp Center.

Friendships can bring us all the best things in life, but they can also be a source of great pain. Although God has designed us to need relationships with others, it takes skill and wisdom to find, develop, and keep healthy friendships. As 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders, kids are just beginning to understand how important friendships are in their lives. Oftentimes, kids are left to learn about friendships from their own feelings and what they see modeled around them by parents, other adults, TV, etc. At Camp, the kids will have the opportunity to learn biblical principles and basic skills of being a good friend. Helping the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders discover that Jesus is the best friend they can have, and how to follow His example of being a friend to others, will equip them to enjoy healthy relationships now and in the future.

But this is also summer camp, so there will be a variety of activities, including a climbing wall, water balloon fights, paddle boats, hiking, volleyball, swimming, crafts, night games, basketball, obstacle courses, putt-putt golf, and very messy games....to name but a few! Grab a flyer in the church office and sign-up for camp!

# Sunday School

This ministry is the backbone of the children’s program. Here the child receives instruction in the basics of the faith from caring and involved teachers. Our Sunday School curriculum is:

*True to Scripture  
Teacher Friendly  
Leaner Sensitive*

*Nursery – Children birth up to three year olds are cared for by loving members of our congregation in the Nursery Wing during Sunday School and Worship Services..*

Red Team (DOB 9/1/00 – 8/31/01)	Room 134
Blue Team (DOB 9/1/99 – 8/31/00)	Room 132
Purple Team (DOB 9/1/98 – 8/31/99 & Kindergarteners)	Room 130

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Room 133
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Room 131
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Room 113
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Room 126

[www.kirkkids.org](http://www.kirkkids.org)

# Children’s Worship

For those who desire a Worship option for their pre-school children (3 year olds - Kindergarten) - *Kids Own Worship* provides a Worship experience at the child's developmental level during the 11:00 Worship Service. Helpers are needed for crafts, music, recreation, and storytelling.



# The Writing Academy

Students entering 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade are invited to attend the creative writing class. Each child will experience the writing process as they write, illustrate and present original poems and stories. Reading, writing, and speaking skills will be enhanced, as the students become authors!

Monday – Friday,  
June 27 – July 1  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Cost: \$80.00  
Classes taught by Cathy Hickel



# Next Stop - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Come for a week of fun activities designed to prepare your child for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. We will enjoy reading, writing, math, literature, and outdoor play. We’ll even sit in desks and eat lunch together!

Monday – Friday, June 13 – 17, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
*or*  
Monday – Friday, July 18 - 22, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Cost: \$80.00  
Classes taught by Cathy Hickel

# Hola Amigos!

A fun exploration of the language and culture of Spanish speaking countries near and far, including food, music, games and crafts.

June 20 – 24	
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
June 27 – July 1	
Pre-K- 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Cost: \$85.00  
Classes taught by Senora Landholt

# American Girls @ THE KIRK

It’s American Girl week! Girls entering 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades are invited to join our class as we learn from the American Girl dolls. Bring your doll and join the fun!!

Monday – Friday,  
June 20 – 24,  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Cost: \$80.00  
Class taught by Cathy Hickel



Summer Splash Con't

Pour the juices into the bags, keeping the flavors separate. Freeze these bags.

Form groups of three. Give each group a wooden block, three clear plastic cups, three plastic spoons, and three bags of frozen juice, making sure each group has all three flavors. Show children how to use the block to crush the juice. Then tell them to layer each of the three crushed juices in the clear cups to make this yummy refreshing snack.

POP DROPS  
For each child, you'll need a small paper cup, a Tootsie Pop sucker, and about 4 ounces of a lemon lime soft drink. Unwrap the suckers and place one in each paper cup. Pour the soft drink into the cups. Freeze the cups until solid. Children can tear off the paper cups and hold the Pop Drop Pops by their sticks to eat them. Success Tip: At first the sucker sticks will lean to the side, but you can straighten them after the pops have been in the freezer for about 1 1/2 hours.

MONDO FLOATS  
For every six kids, you'll need a new, clean sand bucket (with a clean shovel); a quart of vanilla ice cream; a 2-liter bottle of root beer; straws; and spoons. (Individual cups are optional.) Have kids use their shovels to scoop ice cream into their sand buckets, then pour root beer over the top. Add straws and enjoy!

BIG FISH SNACKS  
You'll need vanilla wafers, vanilla pudding, blue food coloring, whipped topping, chocolate wafer cookies, clear plastic cups, and plastic spoons.

Crush vanilla wafers to form a layer of "sand" in the bottom of each cup. Spoon in vanilla pudding made with a few drops of blue food coloring. Top with whipped topping "sea foam." Create a big fish floating in the "water" by pushing a chocolate wafer cookie halfway into the pudding sea.

MODEL SAILBOAT  
You'll need Fruit Roll-Ups fruit rolls, strips or packets of fruit snacks, paper plates, and plastic knives. Have each child use a roll-up and contrasting fruit snacks to design and form a sailboat.

An Ocean of Devotion

SPLIT SEA SOUP  
Put two bed sheets in the bottom of a small inflatable pool, bunching up one edge of each sheet in the center so you can grasp and separate the two. Fill the pool with water balloons. Have one child walk across the water balloons, lifting each foot high above the balloons between steps. Then read the story of God separating the Red Sea in Exodus 14:21-31. Say: When the Israelites looked over the water, all they saw was how it would crash over them, like the water from the water balloons crashed over our friend's feet. But God had a different plan. Pull back the bed sheets to separate the water balloons, leaving a path through the pool. Have the kids walk across the path. Say: God did a miracle to keep His people safe. We remember this story because it helps us know just how powerful our God really is. Use the sheets to remove the water balloons. Then form two teams for kids to use up the water balloons on each other.

NOWHERE TO HIDE  
Choose a child to be "It." Arm this child with a water-filled squeeze bottle. Have children hide while 'It' closes his eyes and counts to 40. 'It' will hunt for the hidiers and squirt them when found. Afterward, gather the children and read aloud Jonah 1:1-17. Ask: Who can hide from God? Say: God was counting on Jonah to carry His message. God counts on us to carry His message today, too. There's no way to hide from God, even if you're just a little squirt! Squirt the rest of the bottle into the air, letting the water fall on the children.

Splash and Dash Games

CROSSING THE SEA  
What You Need  
•a sprinkler  
•a garden hose

Choose a child to be Moses. He or she will control the sprinkler by holding on to the hose with it "crimped" to stop the flow of water. Designate two "safe" areas with a large "sea" between them. Line  
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up the rest of the kids along one of the safe zones. Moses will stand in the middle of the sea with his or her back turned to the other kids and crimping the hose. When Moses says, "The Israelites are safe and dry. Now let the Egyptians try," the rest of the children run to the other side before Moses squirts them with water.

HAILSTONES PLAGUE  
What You Need  
•sponges or washcloths (two or three for each child who's playing)  
•a large tub of ice water  
•a stopwatch  
•a whistle

Form two teams. Choose one team to throw wet sponges or cloths while the other team dodges them. Blow your whistle to signify the beginning and ending of each 1 1/2-minute round. At the end of each round, return all the "hailstones" to the bucket of ice water, and have teams switch roles. Keep this game moving at a fast pace!



Mr. Vogel's Basketball Camp

Once again we are very excited to bring you Mr. Vogel's Basketball Camp for girls and boys. Campers will learn not only the fundamentals of the game, but also what it means to play sports for the glory of God.

Details:		
July 11-15		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	9:00 am – 11:30 am	
July 18-22		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	9:00 am – 11:30 am	
4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	

Cost: \$85.00, (includes tee-shirt and daily snacks)

Sign up with Mr. Vogel. (tvogel@kirkdayschool.org)

\*\*Parent Information\*\*

1. Sign up for activities by calling the church office or by contacting the teacher or website.
2. Grade level for *Summer Events* represent grade *completed*, unless otherwise noted. Detailed flyers for specific events are available in the church office.
3. Some activities have group size limits, so please sign-up your child early to reserve a spot. Other events do not require a sign-up, but your reservation will be helpful for planning purposes.
4. Parents are strongly encouraged to participate as chaperones, helpers or teachers.
5. Please be respectful of our volunteers' time, and remember that parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up their children *on time*.
6. Some programs do charge a fee for supplies and curriculum. Our desire is for your child to participate in **any** program they choose. If finances are needed, scholarship funds for all activities are available, simply contact Pastor Barksdale.
7. All activities begin and end at the Kirk, unless otherwise noted.

For more information contact:  
Rev. Barksdale Pullen  
Minister of Children's Nurture  
(314) 434-0753, ext. 248  
bpullen@kirkofthehills.org



Art Camp with Mrs. Vogel

A week of creative and messy fun! We'll do 4-5 art projects, have snack breaks, receive a super cool tee-shirt and end the week with an art show!

Details:		
July 11-15		
Kind/1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	9:00 am – 11:30 am	
Kind/1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	
July 18-22		
4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9:00 am – 11:30 am	
2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	

Cost: \$100.00, (includes tee-shirt and daily snacks)



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## Calling All Hands

Do you remember how startled Jesus' closest friends were the night He wrapped a towel around His waist and washed their feet – a job that none of them wanted to take on? Do you remember what He said to explain His actions to them – and to us?

*“You call me Teacher and Lord, and it is right that you do so because that is what I am. I, your Lord and Teacher, have just washed your feet. You, then, should wash one another's feet. I have set an example for you, so that you will do just what I have done for you” (see John 13:13-15).*

The children of the Kirk have a need for adults to guide and teach them about faith in God - Adults who care, adults who seek to know and follow God in today's world.

We have many opportunities for you to “*test the water*,” to be part of a team that works together providing support and encouragement for each other as we “pass on the faith to the next generation.”

Recognizing that God is the giver of many different gifts; we are asking you to prayerfully consider God's call to you. If you feel called to this ministry, please give Pastor Barksdale a call at the church office (314-434-0753, ext. 248).



# Children's Ministry

## Kirk of the Hills

**Summer**

### Summer Splash

By Bev Harman, Lori Niles, and Mary Davis  
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Use these crafts, snacks, devotions, and games to beat the heat and change a potential summertime slump to a splashing success!

School will soon be out, and children will be searching for things to do. How can you possibly find enough fun-filled activities to wet their appetites for the things of God?

Chill out! We've got plenty of mix-and-match plans to help you keep kids shrieking in delight with wild, wet fun all summer long. Use these ideas for your family, or invite the kids in your neighborhood.

#### *Beachy Crafts*

##### SAND CASTLE CLAY

You'll need a big kettle (check thrift stores for a throw-away), water, cornstarch, fine grain sand, and a large plastic bowl.

In the kettle, bring 4 1/2 cups of water to a boil. Add 3 cups of cornstarch and bring to a boil again. Gradually add 6 cups of sand, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.

Transfer the mixture into a plastic bowl, and let it cool. This is enough clay for about a dozen kids to make small sand castles or other sculptures. Air dry the finished creations.

##### GIANT AQUARIUM

Wash an old sheet in the washer and spin dry it. A blue sheet is best! Store it damp in a plastic bag until you're ready to use it.

When children arrive, hang the sheet in an area where it won't catch too much wind. Keep it moist by occasionally spritzing it with plain water.

Fill spray bottles with one part tempera paint and two parts water. Have the kids create an aquarium scene by spray painting fish and sea plants on the sheet. The imperfect form of the sea life makes it look as though you're really looking through water!

##### POOL PAINTING

Line the bottom of a small inflatable pool with butcher paper. Put tempera paint in pie tins. Have kids roll tennis balls in different colors of paint, then toss them into the pool. Have them work in teams to move the balls inside the pool, creating cool free-form paintings.

##### WATER SHADOW ART

After a dip in the pool, have kids lie down on a warm sidewalk, and quickly get up. Before the water shadows dry, have kids outline their bodies with sidewalk chalk and fill in their features.

#### *Yummerific Snacks*

##### TRIPLE SLUSHIE SNACKS

You'll need three flavors of juice, one small resealable plastic bag for each child, wooden blocks, clear plastic cups, and plastic spoons.

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