

Dear Parents,

We are very thankful for the opportunity to have your child at KidsKamp, summer camp. We are looking forward to a sunsational summer where our goal is to "Make a Difference." We are extremely fortunate to be a ministry of First Baptist Church and appreciate the support they give our program in getting it set up and housed to help reach the children in our community.

We would like to welcome your child/children to our program, and we hope that his/her experiences here will be happy ones. As parents, we welcome your questions or suggestions. Please note that safety is our number one priority. Our church has video cameras installed in many areas, barracuda devices to put on the doors to keep them from opening, and we limit the traffic of adults in the hallways as much as possible. We also keep the outside doors locked once camp begins. The best assurance of the success of our program is the close cooperation and understanding of parents & staff.

This handbook has been prepared so that you know our policies and better understand our program as we work together to create a safe & exciting summer here at KidsKamp.

We hope you and your children enjoy their summer here with us!

Sincerely,
Taska Lipham
Director

Ages

2-year-olds (must be 2 by the first day of camp)

3-year-olds (must be 3 by the first day of camp)

4-year-olds - 13 years

Classes are grouped by Pre-K - 6th grade determined on the last school year camper completed.

(For example: camper 1 completed first grade prior to camp, then camper 1 will be in a first-grade class group.)

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday - 9:00am - 3:00pm

Before Care Hours - 7:00 am - 8:45 am

After Care Hours - 3:10 pm - 6:00 pm

Registration and Session Fees

Registration fees and session fees are non-refundable.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

PLEASE NOTE: KidsKamp is financially self-supportive. First Baptist Church **does not** provide any financial assistance to camp. Our budget which includes facilities, counselors, salaries, activities, and supplies are based on planned attendance; therefore, we require payment based on scheduled days.

Each child must be registered for camp before attending.

Registration fees must be paid at the time of registration.

Registration fees are non-refundable. Registration fee is \$50.00 per child which will include a free t-shirt while supplies last.

KidsKamp does not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, color, creed, gender, national origin, ancestry, handicap, or disability.

Failure of a parent to comply with the requested information or to follow the policies of KidsKamp may result in the child having to withdraw from camp. KidsKamp reserves the privilege of dismissing any child, if after entering, he/she is unable to participate in group experiences, function in the daily camp setting, or fees have not been paid.

Illness

If a child develops symptoms of an illness, the parent or other designated person will be notified. Parents will also be contacted if the child is involved in a serious accident. If the child needs emergency medical care and the parent cannot be reached, KidsKamp will seek emergency medical care for the child. Permission for this is granted to the camp on the Registration Form.

Parents will need to make arrangements to pick up a sick child as soon as possible after being called. We do not have a sick room at camp. Any person other than the parent picking up a sick child will need to bring identification.

Do not send your child to camp if he/she shows signs of illness or has been running a fever within the past 24 hours. All children must be free of fever, vomiting, or diarrhea for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medication, or any other medication before he/she can attend or return to camp.

Medication

We will give medication only when absolutely necessary at parents' request. Before medication will be given, the parent must provide a written prescription from a doctor. Medicine will only be administered under these conditions:

1. All medicine must be prescribed by a physician and in the original container.
2. Over the counter medication will only be given as prescribed in writing by the doctor and in the original container.
3. All medication must have a written notice of side effects attached to the medication form.
4. No aspirin or similar medication (Tylenol, Aleve, etc) will be given to a child for any reason.
5. Breathing treatments will not be administered.
6. Children requiring epi pens and day to day medication must bring them to camp daily.

Full Time

Monday - Friday = \$125.00 per child

We do offer a discount for families with 2 or more children.

Please see camp director for details.

Part Time

Two days - \$70.00

Three days - \$90.00

Daily Rate (Drop-in rate) - \$35.00

Before / After Care

Before and Aftercare is not available to any child in the 2-year-old program unless prior arrangements are made with the director. All other children enrolled at KidsKamp can use before care at no charge. Aftercare is charged at a rate of \$3.50 per hour, charged in 30-minute increments with a minimum 1-hour charge if camper is put in aftercare at 3:15pm. Aftercare charges are due no later than Monday morning. Any unpaid charges will incur a \$1 per day / per child late fee until the weekly aftercare charges are paid.

Payment Policy

KidsKamp strives to offer affordable summer camp for your child, and it is our goal to remain economical. At the same time, we must meet our financial obligations in order to provide this camp for our community. Camp fees are due the Thursday prior to the week of camp. If camp fees are not paid by Monday at drop off, you may NOT leave your child at camp. If you have a special circumstance, that must be discussed with the camp director. KidsKamp accepts cash, check, money order, Venmo and Zelle for payment.

NSF fee is \$25.00. After one NSF check, all remaining camp fees must be paid by cash, credit, debit, or money order. KidsKamp reserves the right to collect the NSF check at any time, (if it is not paid) through electronic draft, re-deposit, or through the District Attorney's Office if necessary.

- ❖ Any family experiencing financial difficulties is encouraged to talk with the camp director about other payment options.

Food

Unless otherwise noted, campers will need to bring a lunch and drink daily. Camp provides snacks daily. If they stay in aftercare, they will be provided a snack but may bring their own if they choose. KidsKamp encourages parents to send lunches that do not have to be heated. For your child's safety, only counselors are allowed to use microwaves.

Clothing / Backpacks

For camper's safety, camp T-shirt is required every day & may be purchased and ordered at registration. They may wear any type of shorts, pants, and shoes. Flip flops are okay to wear. All children should have a change of clothes with them each day.

PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS. We do not check backpacks daily for camp payments, forms, notes, etc. Please let us know when you drop your child(ren) off if they have payments or notes that need to be removed.

*******Two- and Three-year old's will need a nap mat. You may include a cover that will be sent home on Fridays or the last day of the week your child attends.**

Discipline

If there is a problem with a child that requires discipline, a "Time Out" technique is used. The counselor will talk with the child and, if necessary, separate the child from the group or activities. The child will always be under the supervision of the counselor or another designated staff person. The Director and / or Assistant Director may be called to remove the child from their group until he/she is able to go back to the group and participate. No counselor is allowed to hit a child or humiliate them by yelling at them. Counselors are not allowed to do anything that would negatively affect a child's self-esteem.

The Director reserves the right to move any camper to another class that will best fit that child's needs if necessary.

One Can Make a Difference

One morning a man was taking his morning walk along the beach. He noticed many starfish along the water's edge. As he walked, he came upon a child picking the starfish up and throwing them one by one back into the water.



"Why bother?" the man asked.
"There are hundreds of them along the shore. You can't possibly make much of a difference."
The child reached down, picked up another starfish, threw it back into the ocean and turned to the man and said,
"Made a difference to that one!"