

## CAMP FRIENDSHIP 2009

**Dear Parents,**

Thank you for allowing us to spend time with your child during Camp Friendship. We hope this summer brings joyful memories for both you and your child. Provided is some camper information--if you have concerns or questions please contact :

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### **Mission:**

To provide a secure, nurturing, fun environment for children 5 months to 1st grade in which they can flourish socially and emotionally. In a Christian environment, the children will explore and receive guidance while participating in activities where they can develop positive self-concept and experience success.

### **Dates & Themes:**

**June 30--Camp Daze** kickoff (campfire songs and tents)

**July 7--Five Little Monkeys Jumping on a Bed** (bounce house and PJ day)

**July 14--Pirates and Princesses** (story telling, treasures and adventure)

**July 21--Safari Day** (with special guest Lucas Miller, the singing zoologist)

**July 28--Hero Day** (dress as your favorite one, if you please)

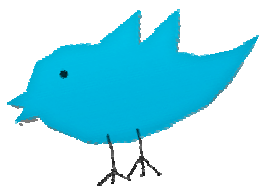
**August 4--Wild Water Day** (wet, wet, water activities and water slides)

### **Arrival and Departures:**

Children need to be escorted to their classrooms by an adult and left only with Camp Friendship staff. Children will only be released to persons listed on the child's release form. Parents may send a note or inform the teacher if another person will be picking up that day. The person picking up the child may be asked to show a driver's license. This summer we will be the first to use the new Atkin Learning Center at First United Methodist Church. Entrance to camp will be through the door on the West/Elm Street side of the church building. **YOU MUST SIGN YOUR CHILD IN AND OUT EACH DAY ON YOUR CLASS'S ATTENDANCE SHEET.**

Children should be dropped off from **9:25 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.** and picked up from **2:20 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Any remaining children will be taken to the workroom at 2:40 p.m. Please be punctual. Many of our teacher's also have children in the program and need to prepare for the following week's activities.

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## **Class size:**

Class size will be small enough to ensure an adequate teacher/student ratio based on age level. Children are placed in the appropriate class based on their age.

## **Illness:**

A child that has fever, evidence of a fresh cold, discharging eyes, vomiting, or diarrhea should not attend camp. A child should be free of symptoms for 24 hours before returning to camp.

## **Lunches:**

Each child should bring his/her own lunch and drink( s). Lunchtime is important and is greatly anticipated by the children. Please send nutritious lunches that your child can eat independently packed in an insulated container with cold packs. You need to also send a water bottle. With this many campers and high temperatures here in Texas, our children need to stay hydrated. We will have sign up sheets for appropriate snacks that will be posted on the bulletin boards by the first day of camp. Please help out with class snack/drink donations if you can. Please label ALL lunch boxes, cups, water bottles, etc. with your child's name.

## **Clothing:**

Children should wear comfortable, washable "play" clothes that he/she can manage by themselves. Shoes should be sturdy and protect feet during active play--the rubber playground mulch tends to get in and under open-toed sandals and causes the kiddos lots of frustration. Please send an extra set of clothes. Please apply sunscreen BEFORE your child arrives at camp and send a hat if you think it will be helpful during outside play. It will be HOT!

## **Curriculum:**

Depending on the age level, there will be time devoted daily to the following areas:

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| *Gym                   | *Nap/Rest time         |
| *Music                 | *Art/Craft/Center time |
| *Outdoor play          | *Snack time            |
| *Story time            | *Lunch time            |
| *Special Entertainment | *Chapel                |

## **Guidance Techniques:**

Guidance will be based on an understanding of the child's needs and development. The staff will focus on positive guidance and praise for appropriate behavior. Guidance will be direct and consistent when necessary and if usual measures are not successful, parents will be contacted.

## **Cost:**

The cost is \$120 per child plus a \$20 registration fee. All fees are due at the time of registration. Each child will be enrolled for all six camp days. Refunds or reductions are not available for the time a child is absent.