



HELP!

Our families can't afford camp!

While we have tried to keep camp as inexpensive as possible, we recognize that there are families who just can't afford it. This doesn't mean their kids can't go. God will provide, and we are here to help. Below are 10 ways to help families in your church afford camp

- 1) PRAY: Trust God, and teach your kids to trust Him to meet their needs.
- 2) Promote early: People often can give small amounts if they know in advance that expenses are coming.
- 3) Give people options: Utilize a variety of payment plans and fundraiser options. \$10 PER WEEK can add up quickly.
- 4) Make camp a priority: If it is a priority to the pastor it will be a priority to the congregation.
- 5) Let the kids take responsibility for aspects of the fundraisers: It will mean more if they have a part in the process
- 6) Utilize scholarships for those who are really in need.
- 7) Pay for counselors out of budget money: This shows camp is a priority.
- 8) Utilize one or two effective fundraisers. (see back for ideas)
- 9) Have people without children sponsor a child (see back)

Fundraising Ideas

- 1) Change for Camp: Have kids stand at a jar in the foyer and collect change for camp.
- 2) The Gift of Camp: Have kids who need a scholarship make ornaments or bookmarks about themselves. Individuals can sponsor a child and take the ornament to remember to pray for the child.
- 3) Adopt a Child: Bible Study or Sunday School Classes can adopt a child or family and commit to pray and pay for that child or family to go to camp.
- 4) Send Me to Camp Dessert Night: Host a dessert date night. Show a movie at the church and provide dessert. Change per couple.
- 5) Car Wash: Wash cars at the church or a public parking lot (make sure to get permission if not at your building).
- 6) Garage Sale: Have people bring things for a garage sale. (Make sure to inform people you will be giving anything not sold to the local Goodwill or thrift store).
- 7) Yard Work or Cleaning for Camp: Have individuals in the church hire kids to do extra house work.
- 8) Chore-a-thon: Sponsors pledge money for each 15 minute time period kids do chores around the church property for two hours. The kids earn camp money and the church benefits from the work.
- 9) Save bottles and have your church members save bottles to help send kids to camp.

MOST IMPORTANT: Plan Ahead !!!!!