



Grade School Events

Frequently Asked Questions

How long do events last?

Events last anywhere from four hours (i.e. Friday Night Frenzy) to four days (i.e. Kids Camp).

How do I sign up?

Sign-ups occur at the Children's Ministry Information Table, located in the Lower Kid's Wing, after any of the main church services.

How long does the signup period last?

The signup timeframe is typically two weeks. However, the length can vary by event. The signup period is listed on the flyer for each event, and the last day to signup is one or more days prior to the event date(s). Unfortunately, signing up after the deadline is not possible. This ensures we have time to plan every aspect of the event, including transportation, food, supplies, an appropriate number of chaperones, and venue details.

Do you require payment to signup?

Yes, because all of our events require large amounts of food and supplies due to the number of kids we often have in attendance. At events in the past, when payment was not required to sign-up, the number of those who would show for the event would be much lower than the number that actually signed up. This contributes to a substantial burden on our ability to conduct events efficiently and use our resources wisely.

Do you offer scholarships for events?

For those who might be in need of financial assistance to attend an event, please contact [James Shields](#).

What is the chaperone to child ratio?

The ratio depends on the event, but the average is a 1:5 chaperone to child ratio.

How does Check-In and Check-Out work?

A designated parent or guardian must accompany the child to the Check-In table at each event. Each event starts with the Check-In process about 15 minutes prior to the event start time. The Check-Out process begins about 15 minutes prior to the scheduled end time for the event.

Is it okay to drop off a child late or pick up a child early?

We understand that we all lead busy lives. With work, school, sports, etc., there are many things on our schedules in a given week. We typically have large numbers of children at each of our events. If we allowed late drop offs or early pickups, the safety and quality of the events would be adversely affected. Therefore, we are not able to allow for late drop offs or early pickups. We appreciate your understanding.

How do teams work?

One of the cool aspects of our events is the opportunity kids have to connect with one another. Some kids may have a lot of friends while others may not know anyone at the beginning of a given event. It's our goal that each child will have a blast and meet a few new friends every time. Therefore, at most of our events, we organize small teams of kids so they can play games and do constructive activities together.

If your child cannot be grouped with others according to the description above, please let us know at least one week prior to the event.

Do you accommodate food allergies?

We do our best to accommodate any food allergies your child might have at all of our events. The more common allergies such as gluten, dairy, and peanuts are always taken into account. We always ask you to list any allergies when signing up for the event so we can make necessary preparations. If for any reason we are not able to accommodate a food allergy, either because it is rare, or takes very special preparation, we will let you know and seek your assistance in obtaining the food needed.

What if my child has a special medical condition?

The leaders of our events are very aware of the proper use of standard treatments for certain medical conditions, such as inhalers, EpiPen, allergy medication, etc. For our single day and partial day events most medical conditions are less of a factor. For longer events such as Kids Camp, we always have a camp nurse in attendance. Our nurse will write down and be prepared for medication schedules or important emergency protocol for certain conditions. Please list any important medical information on the waiver form and, if it requires further special attention, please inform the check-in attendants at the event of the condition.

Can I, as a parent, help at an event?

We understand that your child's safety is of primary importance. Consequently, we ensure that each child is well tended while in our care. All our chaperones have served in the Children's Ministry and have been background checked. Our itinerary, the child-to-chaperone ratio, the event experience, etc., make our activities and events safe, secure, and a total blast, as they have been since our first Kids Camp in 2002.

If you still feel that your child will not be safe without you in attendance, please reconsider signing your child up. If you would like to serve in the Children's Ministry with babies through kindergarten, and take the path that all our chaperones have taken, please feel free to sign up at any time.

Do you require a Release Form?

Yes. Each child must have a Release Form on file with us in order to attend any of our events. We require one release form per child, per calendar year. The link to fill out the [RELEASE FORM](#) through SmartWaiver is also available on the Grade School webpage.

Why are cell phones or electronics not allowed on events?

As has been stated previously, our events are a time for our children to draw closer to Jesus and participate in fun activities together! We find that electronics, in particular cell phones, tend to distract and take away from the fellowship, fun, and focus on Jesus. If you have any concerns, please contact [James Shields](#).

In Closing

Thank you for your understanding of how we conduct our grade school events. We really appreciate the chance to work with you and your children. If you have any further questions or comments, please let us know. God bless you and your family!