## KidsKamp

A full day Summer Camp 4141 Pontchartrain Drive Slidell, LA 70459 <u>Kidskampfbc@gmail.com</u> (985) 788-0272 (985) 643-3456



## Dear Parents,

We are very thankful for the opportunity to have your child at *KidsKamp*, summer day camp. We would like to welcome your child/children to our program, and we hope that his/her experiences here will be happy ones. We are looking forward to a fun summer with lots of activities.

## We believe that CHILDREN ARE GOD'S PRECIOUS GIFTS.

## Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him. Psalms 127:3

We want every child to know they are loved and always welcomed at camp and at First Baptist Church. 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.

As parents, we welcome your questions or suggestions. If your child has a friend attending camp and you would like them to be in the same class, please contact the director. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Director reserves the right to move any camper to another class that will best fit that child's needs if necessary.

Please read the following information carefully. This information 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.

**Activities** – We provide many different age-appropriate activities for campers during the day. We do not leave the church grounds as some other camps do. We bring in as many outside vendors as we can find and that are affordable.

**Safety** Safety is our number one priority during camp. Our church has video cameras installed in many areas, barracuda devices to put on the doors to keep them from opening in the event of an emergency, 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.

Illness/Injury - If a child develops symptoms of an illness, the parent or other designated person will be notified. 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. Please 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.
- 7. Any medication left at camp once camp is over will be discarded.

If a 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.** 

**Food/Breakfast/ Lunch/Snacks** - We do offer a free breakfast, and snack daily, however your child should bring a lunch and drink daily. 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. Campers who stay in aftercare, will be provided a snack but may bring their own if they choose.

**Clothing / Backpacks** - For camper's safety, camp T-shirt is required from **Pre-K 4 – 6th grade**. every day & may be purchased and ordered at registration. Camp shirts are \$12.00 each.

**Three-year-olds DO NOT have to wear a camp shirt.** All campers 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.

\*\*\*\*\* Three-year old campers 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.

**PLEASE, 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.

**Discipline -** If there is a behavior with a child that requires some time from other campers, 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. Counselors are not allowed to do anything that would negatively affect a child's self-esteem.

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

As always, if you have any questions, or concerns, you can call the church during camp hours (9-3) or you can call /text me at 985-788-0272. You can also email me at kidskamfbc@gmail.com

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"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6