**2023 PARENT PACKET** 

# k I D S G A M E S

# June 26 - 30, Beachcities Church, 9872 Hamilton Ave, Huntington Beach, CA

Our KidsGames team is excited to spend a whole week with your children this summer! We have a zany, fun-filled week planned, but in order for things to run smoothly, we need your help. Please take the time to review the enclosed information. You'll find everything you need to know; from what your children will be eating for snack each day to what they'll be learning in Big Group. We know that when you registered your child for KidsGames, it was because you wanted them to have a fantastic week. Let's work together to give them the best week of camp they've ever had!

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP

KidsGames Junior Drop Off: 8:30am KidsGames Junior Pick Up: 11:30am

1-5 Grade Early Session Drop Off: 8:30am1-5 Grade Early Session Pick Up: 11:30am

1-5 Late Session Drop Off: 9:30am 1-5 Late Session Pick Up: 12:30pm

#### Wristband System (For ALL campers)

On Monday morning, you and your camper(s) will receive matching wristbands with the same code. In order to enter our campus at pick up each day, you'll need to show your wristband. Don't worry: parents don't need to be wearing the wristbands, they just need to have it in their possession (pro tip: put it on your keychain so you don't forget to bring it with you). A photo of your wristband will also work. When you leave campus each day, you'll display your matching wristband with your camper before you exit.

Campers will wear their wristband all week long. If you camper needs a replacement wristband during the week, please visit our Guest Services tent.

Any campers who are not picked up within 10 minutes of the end of each session will be taken to the Guest Services tent for late pickup.

#### **KidsGames Junior**

KGJR campers will be dropped off and picked up in our BCC Youth Warehouse each day. Doors will open for drop off at 8:15am each morning. When entering the Warehouse, you'll take your camper to their group square. Group numbers will be posted in the KidsGames app no later than the afternoon of June 25, and will also be posted on campus the first day of camp. KGJR campers will be picked up in the same group square where you dropped them off in the morning.

#### 1st - 5th Grade Campers

Campers in our 1st - 5th grade sessions can be walked onto campus, or parents are also welcome to use the drive through drop off lane every morning of camp. This year, the drive through lane will enter off of Brookhurst Avenue. We will have volunteers ready to greet you and help your camper get to where they need to go. Gates for the drive through lane will be opened 15 minutes prior to start of each session and will be closed 15 minutes after the start of each session. Please note, the drive through lane is available for drop off only.

NEW THIS YEAR: 1st - 5th grade campers will start and finish their day in their elective areas (NOT the BCC Auditorium). A campus map will be posted to help you find where your camper should be dropped off and picked up each day. You'll find your camper's group near where their elective is taking place.

#### PARKING

There is very limited parking on the Beachcities campus during the week of KidsGames. Parent parking is available along Hamilton Avenue or also in the Beachcities overflow parking lot on Brookhurst Ave, adjacent to the Arco station. We realize that our drop-off/pick-up and parking situations are less than ideal. Thank you for your understanding and patience in regard to the challenges presented by our present location.



Camp shirts are available for pick up at Beachcities Community Church:

Saturdays (June 17, 24), 4:45 - 7:15PM Sundays (June 18, 25), 8:00AM - 12:00PM

The camper shirt pick up will be located on the patio directly in front of the main building.

If you are not able to pick up your child's camp shirt prior to camp, it will be given to them by their guide when you drop them off at camp on Monday morning.

#### **ELECTIVES**

One way you can help your child enjoy their camp experience is to set proper expectations for their elective time. Our Kidsgames Junior campers will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of electives and activities throughout the week that have already been scheduled for them. Our 1st-5th campers will participate in one elective, selected when you registered them for camp. Group numbers for both age groups will be posted on the KidsGames app by no later than June 25, and will also be posted on campus on the first day of camp.

#### **SNACK**

Each day, our KidsGames team will provide your child with a healthy snack. KidsGames is committed to being a peanut-free zone. If your child has any other significant allergies or dietary restrictions that would necessitate a snack other than the one provided (a daily list is included in this packet), please provide an alternative snack for them. This snack can be given to their guide to hold until snack time. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please email kidsgames@ beachcities.org.

#### WATER

Please have your child bring a full, re-usable water bottle (marked with their name) to camp with them each day. They will have the opportunity to safely refill it as needed throughout the day.

#### **EMERGENCIES**

If, during the course of the camp day, you have an emergency and need to reach the KidsGames staff immediately, please call us at (818) 850-5809.

#### CAMPER DO'S AND DON'TS

DO—Wear comfortable, athletic clothing and tennis shoes. Be prepared to be in the sun. Wear your camp T-shirt. Inform your guide of any special instructions regarding drop-off or pick up.

DON'T—Wear clothing that can't get dirty. Bring any personal items, electronics, or valuables to camp.

### **DRESS UP DAYS**

Each day, campers will have the opportunity to participate in the dress up theme for the day. While participation is not mandatory, many campers find this to be one of their favorite parts of camp.

MONDAY: CAMP T-SHIRT DAY Wear your brand new KidsGames shirt!

TUESDAY: CRAZY HAIR OR HAT DAY Come to camp with crazy hair or a silly hat! Or both!

WEDNESDAY: WACKY WATER DAY Be ready to get wet!

THURSDAY: CRAZY SOCK DAY It's your chance to dazzle us with the craziest socks you've got!

FRIDAY: USA Day Show us your finest red, white and blue!

### **COMPASSION PROJECT**

Our ultimate goal at KidsGames is to teach kids biblical values and ideas in a hands-on and engaging way. Every year, the goal of our Compassion Project is two-fold: first, we want to teach our campers that they are never too young to serve those around them; second, we want to use the platform we have to truly serve our community.

This year, we are continuing our **KidsGames Change Drive**. Campers can bring in the spare change that they may find around the house. The funds raised will be supporting our church missionary, Ron Binder, as he continues to share the gospel with the Wounaan people of Panama. Each day, our campers will learn a little more about the work Ron and his family have already done in Panama, what they're doing now, and how important it is to have the Bible in your own language.

We're excited to share with our campers what an impact they had on the youth of Panama last year through the KidsGames Compassion Project and can't wait to see what God can do with them this year!

This year's Compassion Project will be a boys versus girls competition to see who can find and bring in the most loose change. So start searching your cars, your couches, and the bottom of your bags to find all those pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters for your camper to bring in!

# **CAMP THEME**



Faith isn't something we have, it's something we do! This week, we'll be helping our campers consider what it really means to be on a journey of faith as we follow Jesus!

#### **Memory Verse**

Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith. (Hebrews 12:2a)

Each camper that is able to recite the camp memory verse on Friday will get a prize.



Still have questions? Email kidsgames@beachcities.org!

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

