

Step By Step CEC Elementary Summer Camp

Grades Completed K - Completed 6

Dear Parents,

We are SO excited about Summer Camp 2018!! We have been planning for months, and we want to be sure to keep you informed about what is going on! PLEASE be sure to read this letter in its entirety because there is a lot of important information you need to know! =]

This summer's theme is "**New Creation: The Christian Life**": As a class, we often talk about sin and salvation and becoming a follower of Christ. Why do we need a relationship with God? HOW do we have a relationship with God? Sometimes, we have kids come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ! Now what? What does it really mean to be a Christian? When we accept Christ, there's a life change that happens! We are a new creation! The Bible tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:17 "*Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*" For the next 11 weeks, we will be exploring what it is to become a Christian: What do I Believe? - There is a God. He's a personal God. We can have a relationship with Him!...What should we Do? – Total surrender. Worship. Growth. Sharing my Faith...Who am I Becoming? – Love. Joy. Peace. Patience. Kindness. Goodness. Faithfulness. Self-Control. Humility. Hope! We are hoping to help equip our children with the tools they need to come to a relationship with Christ and even move forward with that relationship! Our annual summer musical will be focusing on this theme as well.

Below is a detailed list of each week, important dates and field trips (which are also included on the schedule in this packet), and anything else you may need to know. It is **IMPERATIVE** that you keep up with the dates and deadlines as the summer tends to fly by, and we don't want anyone to miss out! Please keep this letter to refer to over the entire summer.

We Can't Wait to Get Started!

Ms. Ashley

PRICES:

Registration Fee: **\$85 Registration Fee** due at the time your child signs up for Summer Camp
This fee covers all activities, special days, parties, crafts, games, supplies, and dinner for the night of the play performance.

Tuition: **\$30 a day or \$100 for the week**

Field Trip Fee (2 options):

Option 1: **\$30 one-time fee** which covers ALL regular field trips (does not include 4th – 6th lock-in)

Option 2: **Pay separately for each field trip** at a cost of \$10 per field trip (due the Friday PRIOR TO the scheduled field trip)

4th – 6th Grade Lock In: Friday, August 3rd
“Mary Poppins” the Musical at Pensacola Little Theater

\$30 per child (Must pay in advance so we can order tickets ahead of time)

Includes the price of the ticket, dinner, snacks, and breakfast the following morning

This lock-in is for grades 4 and up...children bring sleeping bags/pillows/blankets/pajamas/change of clothes...they may stay with us after closing, we will feed them dinner, take them to the play, and return to Step by Step where we will have some fun before we go to bed! We will feed them breakfast the next morning. Pick up the next morning will be by 8:30a

Monday, May 28th

CLOSED for Memorial Day

Friday, June 8th

ACTIVITY DAY: Camping (Tents, Hotdogs, S'mores, Scavenger Hunt)

Friday, June 15th

FIELD TRIP: Pensacola Christian College Planetarium and CiCi's Lunch

Friday, June 22nd

ACTIVITY DAY: County Fair (Games, Contests, Bubbles, Watermelon, Shortcake Sunday Bar)

Friday, June 29th

FIELD TRIP: Bounce House Pensacola

Wednesday, July 4th

CLOSED for Independence Day

Friday, July 6th

ACTIVITY DAY: Un-Birthday Party Celebration (Cake, Birthday Party Games)

Friday, July 13th

FIELD TRIP: Pensacola Historic Museum

Friday, July 20th

ACTIVITY DAY: Ice Cream Sock-Hop Social (Hula Hoops, Karaoke, Ice Cream Sunday Bar)

Friday, July 27th

PLAY PRESENTATION @ 7:00p

Wednesday, Aug 1st

Water Day Luau! (Hula, Limbo, Beach Balls, Water Slide!)

Friday, August 3rd

4th-6th Grade Lock-In – “Mary Poppins” @ Pensacola Little Theater (MUST PAY IN ADVANCE)

Wednesday, Aug 8th

Last Day of Summer Camp

Thurs & Fri, Aug 9th & 10th

CLOSED for Teacher Planning Days

****Mon, May 28th Step by Step closed for Memorial Day.....Wednesday, July 4th Step by Step closed for Independence Day**

Thurs & Fri Aug. 9th & 10th: Step by Step & Summer Camp closed for teacher planning/work days

Monday, August 13th: Escambia Schools Start and Step by Step Aftercare Program Starts Again

FIELD TRIPS: On the times that field trips are scheduled, Summer Camp is off the premises. Please Note: If you & your child choose to not participate in a field trip, there will be no Summer Camp caregivers at Step by Step because they will be chaperoning the field trips. Also, if you have paid for a field trip in advance, we CANNOT refund your money for any reason including, but not limited to, no attendance the day of the field trip.

*****All field trips are subject to change due to weather conditions, unforeseen circumstances, or booking availability.**

Students must be signed up for ALL field trips they plan to participate in. The sign up list will be outside the door each week. ALL field trips MUST be signed up for **NO LATER than the Wednesday before the field trip.** If your child is not on the list by the end of Wednesday, we **CANNOT** take them with us. No exceptions.

WEEK 1 – (May 29 – June 1...CLOSED May 28 for Memorial Day)

Focus: THINK: What Do I Believe?

Verse: *"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved." Romans 10:9-10*

Bible Lessons: God: I believe the God of the Bible is the only true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Personal God: I believe God is involved in and cares about my daily life.
God is Good, He has a Plan

Special Activities: To be done EVERY day during the summer: Celebration time each morning where we do praise and worship, have some fun, review the Bible verse of the week, and do a short object lesson focusing on the topic for the day before we break up into small group Bible study... Small Group Bible Time, Rotations

WEEK 2 – (June 4 – 8):

Focus: THINK: What Do I Believe?

Bible Lessons: Eternity: I believe there is a heaven and a hell and that Jesus will return to judge all people and to establish his eternal kingdom.
Humanity: I believe all people are loved by God and need Jesus Christ as their Savior.
Sin - How we got separated from God, God's solution - Jesus!

Special Activities: **Friday, June 8 - Camping Fun (Tents, S'mores, Hot Dogs, Nature Scavenger Hunt)**
NO LUNCH NEEDED

WEEK 3 – (June 11 – 15)

Focus: THINK: What Do I Believe?

Bible Lessons: Salvation: I believe a person comes into a right relationship with God by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
Identity in Christ: I believe I am significant because of my position as a child of God.
God's Love, What is Salvation, How Can I Have a Relationship with God, A Change of Heart, Our New Name

Field Trip: **Friday, June 15th - Green Cedars Farm**

Tour the farm, see the farm animals, learn how eggs hatch, how waste is handled, how cows are milked, etc
We will be eating lunch at the farm
Cost: \$10.00
Leave @ 8:45
Bring: Lunch (no heat-ups), a water bottle

WEEK 4 – (June 18 – 22)

Focus: THINK: What Do I Believe?

Bible Lessons: The Bible: I believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God that guides my beliefs and actions.
Stewardship: I believe everything I am and everything I own belongs to God.

Special Activities: **Friday, June 22 - County Fair Day**
Watermelon, Fair Games, Bubbles, Shortcake Sunday Bar, etc)
Bring: Lunch

WEEK 5 – (June 25 – 29): ANYTHING GOES WEEK

Focus: THINK: What do I believe & ACT: What Should I Do?

Verse: *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.” – Romans 12:1-2*

Bible Lessons: Others: I believe all people are loved by God & He calls us to show love to others as well.

Prayer: I pray to God to know him, to find direction for my life and to lay my requests before him.

Field Trip: **Friday, June 29th - Bounce House Pensacola**

COST: \$10.00

Leave @8:45

Bring: Socks (MUST have socks), Lunch

WEEK 6 – (July 2 – 6...CLOSED July 4 for Independence Day)

Focus: ACT: What Should I Do?

Bible Lessons: Worship: I worship God for who he is and what he has done for me.

Single-Mindedness: I focus on God and his priorities for my life.

Special Activities: **Friday, July 6th - Un-Birthday Party**

Let’s have a birthday party...just because! Party games and Cake!

Bring: Lunch

WEEK 7 – (July 9 – 13)

Focus: ACT: What Should I Do? & BE: Who Am I Becoming?

Bible Lessons: Total Surrender: I dedicate my life to God’s Purposes.

Self-Control: I have power through Christ to control myself.

Field Trip: **Friday, July 13th – Pensacola Historic Village**

Take a guided Village Colonial Tour...see the Lavalle House and how living during Colonial times is very different from life today, Colonial Occupations and candle-dipping, and Colonial survival with a musket and fire starting demonstration)

Bring: Lunch (no heat-ups)

leave @ 8:45

WEEK 8 – (July 16 – 20)

Focus: Be: Who Am I Becoming?

Verse: *“So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time, we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know Him now! This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” – 2 Corinthians 5:16-17*

Bible Lessons: Love: I am committed to loving God and loving others.

Humility: I choose to esteem others above myself.

Special Activities: All Week - **This is tech week!** We will be rehearsing with microphones, sound, lights, etc...if your child is in the play, please make an effort to have them here as much as possible this week so they feel prepared on play night!

Activity Day: **Friday, July 20th – Sock-Hop Ice Cream Social**

Hula Hoops, Music, Hopscotch, Ice-Cream Sunday Bar

Bring: Lunch, an Ice-cream topping to share (nuts, cherries, caramel syrup, chocolate syrup, sprinkles, cookies, banana, chocolate chips, etc.)

WEEK 9 – (July 23 – 27) PLAY WEEK

Focus: Who Am I Becoming?

Bible Lessons: Joy: Despite my circumstances, I feel inner contentment and understand my purpose in life.
Kindness/Goodness: I choose to be kind and good in my relationships with others.

Focus 2: Getting ready for the presentation of the play on Friday night!

Special Activities: **Dress Rehearsal for the play...PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD HERE!!**

Presentation of play on JULY 29th at 7:00 pm....everyone is invited and encouraged to come!!

WEEK 10 – (July 30 – August 3)

Focus: Who Am I Becoming?

Bible Lessons: Patience: I am slow to anger and endure patiently under the unavoidable pressures of life...God is patient with us.
Peace: I am free from anxiety because I have found peace with God, peace with others and peace with myself.

Special Activities: **Wednesday, August 1st - Water Day Luau** (date MAY change, but will be this week)

Water slide, hula, limbo, coconut bowling, beach balls, lunch provided

Bring: Towel, Sunscreen, swimsuit (one piece), change of clothes, bag for clothes

Field Trip: **Friday, August 3 – 4th – 6th Grade Field Trip/Lock-In (for grades 4th and up only)**

COST: \$30.00 (includes price of ticket, dinner, snacks, activities, breakfast)

“Mary Poppins” at Pensacola Little Theater

Anyone attending may stay with us, we will feed them dinner, take them to the play, come back to Step by Step have snacks and games, watch a movie, go to bed (HAHA!), and have breakfast the next morning. Pick up time will be by 8:30am on Saturday, August 4th

Bring: Lunch for the day, sleeping bag/blankets/pillows, pajamas, toothbrush/toothpaste, clothes for next day (or go home in pajamas!)

WEEK 11 – (August 6 – 8...CLOSED Aug 9 & 10 for teacher planning days)

Focus: Review Sin & Salvation...Assurance in Christ Jesus!

Bible Lessons: Gentleness: I am thoughtful, considerate, and calm in my dealings with others.

Hope: I can deal with the hardships of life because of the hope I have in Jesus Christ.

STEP BY STEP WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 & 10 FOR TEACHER PLANNING/WORK DAYS. SUMMER CAMP WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE THESE DAYS. SCHOOL STARTS AGAIN ON MONDAY, AUGUST 13, AND WE WILL RESUME OUR AFTERCARE PROGRAM.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask, and we will answer them to the best of our ability. Again, we are VERY excited about the summer!! Please fill out the **SUMMER MUSICAL PERMISSION FORM** and return by the date stated. Thank you so much for trusting us with your children!! We are looking forward to an awesome summer!

In Christ,
Mrs. Ashley

Annual Summer Musical Permission Form!

Presentation: July 27th at 7:00pm

*Each year, we present a summer musical. Children are given the opportunity to sing, dance, act, and invite friends & family to watch their performance. At the beginning of the summer, I always ask every child if they would like to participate. It is not required at all, but I definitely encourage it! I DO expect, however, if they say yes that they follow through with their commitment, as everyone will be counting on them at that point. These plays have always been a highlight of the summer, and I love watching each child that participates grow through the whole experience!

Below is a form that I need filled out and returned by the end of the first week, June 1st It is a permission slip saying that your child is allowed to participate in the play and will be available the night of the performance. It is **CRUCIAL that we get this form back, so we can begin casting the show, rehearsing, and getting costumes.**

CASTING: Every child has the opportunity to try for a part if they would like to. Casting considerations are made based on the requirements for the character (acting, singing, dancing, etc). We always prepare the children that being cast in a role is a lot of fun but it IS a lot of work. Some of the work required to rehearse is done at Step by Step daily as we help them prepare for their parts, but some of the work is done at home as your child studies their script and memorizes lines. All children cast in roles are expected to do their best to memorize their lines and participate in rehearsals. Also, all children cast must have overall good behavior and respectful attitudes if they wish to maintain their role. It is mentioned to all children auditioning that – if cast – they must be respectful, cooperative, and have good behavior throughout the summer or they may be re-cast. If behavior becomes an issue at all, a warning is given; however, if the behavior/attitude continues, the part will be re-cast. Once a part has been re-cast, your child is still welcome to participate in some capacity in the play, however, that part is given away due to their choices.

DRESS REHEARSALS: On the week of the play, we will be doing dress rehearsals. It is very important that your child be there as much as possible that week. If this is going to prevent your child from being able to participate, please talk with me, and we will see if we can work something out!

THE NIGHT OF THE PLAY: We usually get ready as a cast, so you do not need to worry about picking your child up until after the presentation if they are participating. Dinner will be provided for them. Again, if your child cannot participate, PLEASE let me know as early as possible.

COSTUMES: We will be looking for costume items, and we will let you know if your child needs anything special from home (this should not be something that needs to be purchased, but rather something they already have.)

VACATIONS: If you plan to go on vacation in the summer, please let me know so I can plan practice around it!

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN BY JUNE 1st

SUMMER MUSICAL PERMISSION FORM

_____ Yes, my child will be available Friday, July 27th to participate in the annual summer musical

_____ No, my child will NOT be able to participate in the annual summer musical this year

Signature _____ Date _____