

Kid's Day Out Parent Handbook 2017-2018

Kid's Day Out is under the HISkids Children's Ministry at
Palm Harbor United Methodist Church.
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OUR PROGRAM

Palm Harbor UMC's Kid's Day Out allows parents to enjoy some much needed free time while their children learn and play in a safe, Christian environment. Children are taught through a wide variety of seasonally themed crafts, music and stories, indoor and outdoor play that will help begin the socialization process and the building of self-esteem. We strive to have every child and parent be excited to come to our program and every parent to know their child will be loved and taken care of the way Jesus loves each one of us--unconditionally.

TIME

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

On any reserved day that your child is coming in, if he/she is not present by 9:30 a.m., and we have NOT heard from the parent, their spot for the day will be given to child on the waiting list.

AGES

18 months old to pre-k.

NON-REFUNDABLE FEE

\$25.00 per child/per day, regardless of age. Payment is due when you make a reservation or at drop-off if called from the waiting list.

LATE FEE

\$2.00 for every 5 minutes you are late picking up. If you are going to be late or are running late, please give us a call at 727-785-7487.

REGISTRATION

All children must be registered. A non-refundable registration fee of \$20.00 applies. The fee is used to purchase juice, craft supplies, and miscellaneous items that are used during Kids Day Out.

LUNCH

Lunch will served between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (Noon).

We ask that parents provide a lunch and a drink for their little one. Please make sure that you also send an extra drink from home as well. All items sent from home will need to be labeled and in a sealed container or sippy cup.

For the safety of children, please do NOT PACK: hotdogs (unless cut in strips), grapes, popcorn or peanuts. These foods are easily choked on by children.

LABELS

Please label all items including backpacks and lunchboxes.

DRESS

Children are encouraged to wear casual, comfortable clothing that is suitable for play and mess. We ask that you please dress your child in clothing that can be easily managed for bathroom needs.

Shoes- to protect little toes, we ask you avoid sandals or dressy shoes. Rubber soled tennis shoes are the safest for running and climbing on the playground. We will utilized the outside playground when weather is acceptable for outdoor playtime. Please dress your child weather appropriate.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Kids Day Out will closely follow the Pinellas County School schedule. This is followed for not only the normal school calendar, but also for closings due to inclement weather. In addition, Kids Day Out reserves the right to cancel due to weather, safety, illness, etc. If such closings do occur, you will be notified.

TOYS

Your child may bring a soft toy from home if it is needed for rest time. Otherwise, no toys from home, please. Many of our little ones have not learned the concept of sharing their own toys with peers. The toy could also get lost or broken.

POTTY TRAINING

We ask you to pack a change of clothes. Two outfits is even better. In addition, if your child is prone to frequent accidents, you may want to use pull-ups. Let us know what works best for your child.

SICKNESS

In order for the welfare of ALL children to be considered, the following guidelines have been established. Please keep your child home if:

- Temperature is 100 degrees or higher. Children must be free of a fever for at least 24 hours (without medication) before he/she may re-enter Kids Day Out.
- Severe cold and/or sneezing and/or coughing
- Earache
- Pink Eye
- Green or Yellow discharge from ears, nose or eyes
- Runny nose
- Rattling in the chest
- Sore throat or difficulty breathing
- Nausea and or vomiting (must be free for at least 24 hours without the use of medication).
- Diarrhea (must be free for at least 24 hours without the use of medication).

The Golden Rule: Do not expose others to illness to which you would not want your child or yourself to be exposed to.

NOTE: Kids Day Out staff can NOT administer medications. If your child is teething, and you have pain medication, please administer it to them before or upon arrival.

DISCIPLINE

While your child is in our care, we will NOT use any form of corporal punishment. We will use the approach of redirecting the child or talking to them about their actions. Time Out will be used. If the problem continues, a parent will be informed of the situation and given two weeks to resolve it. If the problem persists beyond two weeks, Kids Day Out reserves the right to remove any child from the program.

Discipline shall be administered in a loving way. Teachers will strive to teach self-control and appropriate behavior. Children who present a constant threat to other children or who are consistently disruptive in the class, may be asked to withdraw from the program. Disruptive behavior would include a threat to other children in the form of biting, hitting, kicking, pinching or some other manner of physical harm to others.

RESPONSIBILITY OF KID'S DAY OUT

We cannot be held responsible for any damage or lost personal property. We ask that children keep personal toys at home with the exception of any item that a child uses as security while separated from their parents.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

It is our policy at Kid's Day Out not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, age, sex, handicap, disability or religion.

This handbook is not all inclusive and is subject to change.



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