



Application for Daycamp Summer 2010



CRESTFIELD COMES TO THE LOCAL CHURCHES!

Dear Friends,

Churches throughout Pittsburgh Presbytery and Crestfield Camp and Conference Center are partnering together with the Presbytery's Administrative Commission for Transformation to offer a Crestfield Daycamp experience in churches again this summer. This will be our fourth year of partnership. Eleven different sites will be selected for the 2010 program that includes 8 sites for Day Camp and 3 sites for Specialty Camps: 2 Reading Camps and 1 Music, Art and Drama Camp (MAD).

The Crestfield Day Camp involves:

- A great outreach opportunity for your church to reach children in your community
- A maximum of 50 children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. (12 children, grades 1 - 4, for Reading Camp and approximately 35 children, grades 2 - 6 for MAD Camp)
- A four-day event (Monday through Thursday) for three hours at your church. (Two weeks for 3 1/2 hours per day for Reading and five days, Monday - Friday, for 6 hours for MAD Camp)
- An opportunity for you to have a Preschool Camp. Although Crestfield will not provide the staff for this age group, preschoolers are welcome to come to the opening celebration. Please contact Sharon Stewart at the Presbytery office for preschool resources.

Special offerings for this summer include:

A trip to Crestfield:

For sites new to the Daycamp initiative, the Wednesday morning and evening Daycamp attendees will have an opportunity to enjoy God's creation at Crestfield. They will travel by chartered bus with chaperones from the church and with the Crestfield Daycamp staff. At Crestfield, they will meet more of the camp staff and participate in fun, creative, outdoor activities. Lunch will be provided at camp.

For the sites who have previously participated in the Daycamp initiative, you can choose to participate in the trip for a nominal fee of \$12/camper.

*All trips to Crestfield will departure from Pittsburgh at approximately 9:00 AM and departure from camp at approximately 4:00 PM with return to the site at 5 PM.

Reading Camp:

In conjunction with the Allegheny County Literacy Council, we are offering two Reading Camps. Each Reading Camp needs to be two weeks in duration. One camp will be held from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM and one in late afternoon and evening, depending on site preference during the same two-week time. Only 12 students can be enrolled at each church site. These students should have completed grades 1 - 4. Recruitment and registration will need to be completed one week before the Reading Camp starts so that pre-reading camp testing can take place.

Music, Art and Drama Camp (MAD):

This camp will be conducted from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM on Monday-Friday and will focus on music, art and drama. The camp will conclude with a production on Friday during the day or evening. MAD Camp works best with campers who have completed grades 2 - 6. The participating church will need to provide lunch for the campers and staff.

The theme for Crestfield Daycamp 2010 is:

Heroes in Action: Becoming the Hero God Wants You to Be. Being a disciple of Jesus' means following Jesus. As a disciple, we are called and equipped by God to be a friend, be accepting and giving, and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. This work is often done in simple ways, with everyday things and with ordinary people. Campers will experience Jesus' love as they learn about people in the Bible who made a difference because of their relationship with Christ. Through these stories, campers will be prepared to use their courage and faith to be a "Hero in Action" in their families, churches and communities.

Bible stories will include:

Be a Friend	1 Samuel 20:1-42	Jonathan and David
Be Accepting	Acts 10:24-35, 44-48	Peter and Cornelius
Be a Giver	Luke 21: 1-3	The Widow in the Temple
Share the Good News	2 Timothy 1:3-7	Timothy, Eunice and Lois

Training: There will be a mandatory in-service training for three members of each site on Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM in the Patrick Room of the Pittsburgh Presbytery Center.

During your Daycamp week, Sunday evening will be a time for all volunteers to meet the Crestfield Daycamp staff, to review the theme, the schedule and the desired outcomes for the week. It will conclude with a time to pray for each other, the campers and their family.

Fees: There is no fee for churches who will be participating in the 2010 Daycamp initiative for the first time. If your church is able to give a donation for the 2010 Daycamp Fund it will help provide more opportunities for our staff to work with churches as we share the Good News of Christ Jesus in the future.

For churches who have participated in the Daycamp initiative in previous years, there is a fee of \$500 regardless of number of campers enrolled. This is based on the overhead costs of training, staff salary and transportation. This fee is due in full two weeks prior to the start of your week of Daycamp.

If your church would like to be considered as one of the sites for this 2010 program, please complete the following application. The *Covenant of Agreement* describes what each partner will need to provide in order to enter into this agreement. If you would like to be a part of this Spirit-led transformational experience that focuses on children and their families, please submit the following application, including the signed *Covenant of Agreement* to Sydney Winter at Pittsburgh Presbytery by **February 27, 2010**.

Church Name _____

Address _____

Pastor Name _____ Church Phone Number _____

Name of Person Completing Application _____

Contact information for Person Completing Application (including email address and phone number)

1. How do you hope this initiative will affect your church's growth and transformation once the initial week is completed?

2. How will you advertise the Daycamp in the church and community?

3. When was the last time your church sponsored a Vacation Bible School program? Please describe.

4. What other summer programs does your church have for children kindergarten through 5th grade?

5. What gifts and talents has God blessed your congregation with that can be used in partnership with the Crestfield staff?

6. If you desire to participate in a specialty camp, what space and resources does your site have to make this a possibility? Please describe.

7. If you participated in this initiative in previous year(s), how has it helped with a transformational change within your community and congregation?

8. If you participated in this initiative in previous years(s), do you plan on making any additions to the Daycamp program in 2010?

9. How will your church follow up with the new families who participate in the Daycamp?

10. Please rate the following weeks for preference. (1=most desired, 2=second most desired, 3=third most desired, 4=fourth most desired, 5=fifth most desired)

DO NOT COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A SPECIALTY CAMP

	Morning	Evening
a. June 20 - 24, 2010	_____	_____
b. June 27 - July 1, 2010	_____	_____
c. July 18 - 22, 2010	_____	_____
d. July 25 - 29, 2010	_____	_____

On Wednesdays, churches who are participating in Daycamp for the first time will be going to Crestfield for the day free of charge.

Churches who have previously participated in the Daycamp experience are eligible for the trip to Crestfield for a fee of \$12/child, which includes transportation.

For churches who have previously participated in Daycamp, please indicate if you are interested in coming to Crestfield for the day? YES NO (please circle choice)

Specialty Camps (please circle choice)

- a. Reading
June 20 - 25, 2010 and June 28 - July 2, 2010
Session 1: Morning -9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Session 2: Afternoon/Evening
- b. Music, Art and Drama
July 25 - 30, 2010
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Please send completed Application and signed Covenant of Agreement
no later than February 27, 2010 to:

Sydney Winter
Pittsburgh Presbytery
901 Allegheny Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

NOTE: Please submit application and covenant on
white paper, single-sided and no staples.

THANK YOU!