

Parent Information Packet

Teacher Work Day Camp! Camp hours are 7:30am-6pm.



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are so happy to have your child at camp with us during Teacher Workday Camps! We consider it a privilege to spend time with the children who attend Wayside Kidz Camp. **PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT.** It has important information to have a smooth experience for you, your child, and our staff.

Payments

- Cash and checks are accepted—checks are payable to Wayside Baptist Church. Online Credit/Debit Payment Option is available as well as credit/debit auto pay forms. A small processing fee is required. Go to www.waysidemiami.com/camp and click on “Make a Payment” to access the link.
- Payments can be left with the Before/Aftercare attendant or the camp office staff.

What to Wear - Camp will consist of indoor & outdoor activities. Please follow the dress code.

- **Tennis shoes must be worn daily.**
- **Children can wear comfortable clothes**—no spaghettis straps; short shorts (mid-thigh is ideal); shorts that hang below underwear; or shirts with messages deemed inappropriate by camp director—political or crude.

What to Bring

- **Bring a backpack** for personal items, a jacket, and change of clothes, just in case.

Drop Off and Pick Up

- **Enter through the Kidz Ministry Entrance (Glass Door on Northwest Corner of building)** for drop off and pick up.
- **Check in at the Kid Check Security kiosk by the nursery.** If you have not used this system before please go to **KidCheck.com** and **set up a parent account.** Enter all the information for your child and those who are approved for pick up. Please complete your KidCheck registration online as soon as possible—if you are already registered with KidCheck, make sure your information is up-to-date! If you need assistance, let us know.
- **Camp drop off begins at 7:30 am.** Drop off will be in the courtyard, just inside the Kidz Ministry entrance to the building.
- **No child may be sent into the building unaccompanied.**
- **Camp Activities conclude each day at 6:00pm.** Parents picking up children after 6:00pm *will be charged \$1.00 per minute per child.* In case of emergency please call the camp office. If no one picks up please leave a message--**305.595.6550 x. 120.**
- **Pick-up locations may vary.** Signage or aftercare attendant can provide direction.
- **All persons signing campers out may be asked to verify identity via driver’s license.** Authorization will be verified from Kid Check and/or the child’s registration form. Parent confirmation will be required for any unauthorized adult. Please modify Kid Check or your child’s registration in the camp office to add any additional adults.

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Our Beliefs

- Wayside Kidz Camp is hosted and sponsored by Wayside Baptist Church. Wayside is affiliated with the Florida Baptist Convention and Miami Baptist Association.
- All children are welcome to attend camp at Wayside Kidz Camp, regardless of their own or their family's religious preferences.
- All children are expected to respect the beliefs of counselors and fellow campers.
- Families should be aware that all lessons and activities for children will be taught from a Christ-centered, Biblical based point of view. Prayer will happen in classrooms, before eating, and at other appropriate times of the day.
- Parents should refrain from discussing religious beliefs contrary to those presented by Wayside with children **other than their own**.

Discipline Policy

- All Wayside Kidz Camp Counselors are screened and trained.
- Low counselor to camper ratios will be maintained. Counselors in Training (CITs) will be utilized to provide support to adult counselors.
- Wayside Kidz Camp has a zero tolerance policy for aggressive, hurtful or harmful behavior or speech by children or counselors. If you have any concerns please bring them to the attention of the **OFFICE STAFF** – not your child's counselor.
- Parents should not reprimand, punish or discipline children other than their own. If you need to speak to your own child please take him or her aside.
- Wayside Kidz Camp will use positive interactions with children to correct negative behaviors; this includes the concepts of incentives and redirection.
- Time-outs will be reserved for serious offenses such as outright defiance.
- Spankings, harsh words and ridicule will NOT be practiced by counselors or staff.
- Food and bathroom privileges will not be used as a reward or punishment.
- Children whose behavior puts themselves or others in harm's way will be removed from the classroom and brought to the Kidz Ministry Office. Parents will be notified by the Director right away should this happen.

Non-serious Injury Policy

- In the event that your child is injured and it is serious, emergency services will be contacted and you will be notified immediately.
- In case of non-serious injury, basic first aid (ice, bandages, etc.) will be applied, an incident report will be written, and you will be notified upon pick up.
- If a child suffers a non-serious injury, but would like to speak with his/her parent, you will be contacted by camp staff.

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Parent's Commitment to Excellence

In order to best partner with you for a great experience for you and your child, here are some ways you can support our work at camp while we support your work at home...

- ✓ Encourage your child to have fun at camp.
- ✓ Encourage your child to respect his/her peers in both words and actions,
- ✓ Instruct your child follow camp rules to protect the safety, interests, and rights of all individuals in the camp.
- ✓ Encourage your child to operate with integrity and do your best to model that integrity.
- ✓ Model respectful behavior while at camp and when dealing with teachers and staff.
- ✓ Know you are welcome at camp to visit and participate in field trips.
- ✓ Make the office staff aware of concerns for your child's safety, emotional or physical.
- ✓ Try diligently to arrive at camp by 9:00am, to ensure that your child will attend the opening part of our day.
- ✓ At Wayside Kidz Camp, your opinions matter. Feel free to offer constructive feedback and suggestions for improving the camp. Please bring any complaints or concerns to the office staff right away.
- ✓ Wayside Kidz Camp is open to all children and families, regardless of their personal religious convictions. Encourage your child to be kind, tolerant and respectful of each child's own religion.

Thanks for your support—TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER!

General Daily Schedule (Changes may be made to accommodate camp and campers needs.)

7:30-9:00 Before Care	9:00-12:30 Day's Theme	12:30-1:30 Lunch/Free Time	1:30-2:30 Track 1	2:30-3:00 Snack Free Time	3:00-4:00 Track 2	4:00-6:00 After Care
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Final Notes

Wayside Kidz Camp is a ministry. We operate on our low tuition, Wayside Baptist Church's willingness to allow the facility (free electricity and maintenance) to be used for this ministry, countless volunteer hours and donations of supplies needed for snacks, crafts and concessions. If you would like to support this ministry in some way, please let us know.

Thank you—please contact us with any questions regarding registration or camp policies.

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1 John 3:18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.