

KIDS GAMES

KidsGames 2017
June 26-30, 2017
Adams Elementary School
2850 Clubhouse Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Our team is excited to spend a whole week with your child 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 child will be eating for snack each day to what they'll be learning in Big Group. We've made a handful of small changes to some things based on feedback from all of you; so even if you're a KidsGames veteran, keep an eye out for the sections marked "new"!

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!

FIRST DAY ARRIVAL



When campers arrive on Monday morning, they can proceed directly to their team headquarters. Not sure what that means? That's because it's new this year. This year, instead of starting and finishing in lines on the blacktop, campers will be dropped off and picked up at their team headquarters, located in a few different spots around the campus.

Every child must be walked onto campus on the first day of KidsGames by a responsible party over 18 years old. This year, campers who know their group number can proceed directly to their team headquarters. Teams and group numbers will be posted on the KidsGames App on Sunday, June 23; as well as being posted on campus on the first day of camp.

If you cannot pick up your child's shirt before camp begins, you will still proceed directly to their team headquarters. Your camper's guide will have their T-shirt for them.

CAMP SHIRT PICKUP:

Camp T-shirts will be available for pick-up at Beachcities Community Church:

Saturdays 5 - 7pm || Sundays 9am - 12pm || Wednesdays 9am - 12pm

Beachcities Community Church || 9872 Hamilton Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA, 92646

PICK UP AND DROP OFF:

For Tuesday–Friday camp days, parents no longer need to walk their child into camp each day—although you are certainly welcome to do so, if you’d like. All parents are welcome to use the “drive-through” lane to drop off their child at KidsGames. We will have camp staff ready to greet them and assist them in getting to their opening lines with their guides. Campers can be dropped off between 8:15 – 8:30AM each morning.

All campers must be picked up by a parent or guardian at closing lines each day—unless otherwise specified with the child’s guide. This means the parent must walk in to retrieve their child from the care of their guide. Pick up is promptly at 12:30PM each day and will take place at your child’s team headquarters.

ELECTIVES

One way you can help your child enjoy their camp experience is to set proper expectations for their elective time. Our 4–K campers will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of electives and activities throughout the week. Each day, they will try out two new electives, allowing them to experience all of the fun KidsGames has to offer. These electives have been chosen by our KidsGames staff based on a wide variety of factors. Our 1st–5th campers will participate in one elective, selected for them from the two choices selected when they registered for camp. We do our very best to honor first choice elective requests; however, please prepare your camper to participate in either of the electives they chose. 1st–5th campers will find out which elective they’ve been placed in on Sunday afternoon through the KidsGames App, or when they arrive on the first day of camp.

SNACK

Each day, our KidsGames team will provide your child with a healthy and delicious snack. KidsGames and Beachcities Community Church are both 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), we welcome you to 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.

EMERGENCIES

If, during the course of the camp day, you have an emergency and need to reach the KidsGames staff immediately, please call the Adams Elementary School office at 714-424-7395.

CAMPER DO’S & 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. Plan on attending Celebration Weekend!

DON’T—wear clothing that can’t get dirty. Bring any personal items or valuables to camp.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

	THEME	SNACK	DRESS UP DAYS
MONDAY	GOD MADE ME	CHEEZ-ITS APPLE SAUCE FRUIT SNACKS	KIDSGAMES T-SHIRT DAY
TUESDAY	GOD MADE ME TO TRUST HIM	CRACKERS AND CHEESE ORANGE SLICES ANIMAL CRACKERS	CRAZY HAIR OR HAT DAY
WEDNESDAY	GOD MADE ME TO FOLLOW JESUS	PRETZELS STRING CHEESE GRAPES	WACKY WATER DAY YOU WILL GET WET!
THURSDAY	GOD MADE ME TO HELP OTHERS	GRANOLA BARS APPLE SLICES FRUIT SNACKS	WHITE OUT DAY WEAR ALL WHITE AND PREPARE TO GET MESSY
FRIDAY	GOD MADE ME TO SHINE	POPCORN GRAHAM CRACKERS APPLE SAUCE	GADGETS AND GIZMOS DAY ROBOTS, MAD SCIENTISTS, AND INVENTORS GALORE!

COMPASSION PROJECT

Our ultimate goal at KidsGames is to teach kids biblical values and ideas in a hands-on and engaging way. While our theme and activities may change from year to year, many of the driving ideas behind them remain the same. One such idea is our Compassion Project. 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 and bless our community. Each summer, we find a new and exciting way for our campers to make a difference.

This year, our compassion project is titled “Shine Your Light”. All week long we’re going to be learning how God made each and every one of us different and unique, so that we can help others and shine for Him! We want to teach our campers to shine right where they are, in their own homes and communities, with everyone they come into contact with.

This year, our compassion project has two parts. First, we want to show our campers how brightly we can all shine when we work together as a group. So we’ll be collecting quarters to raise funds for technology at Adams Elementary. Your camper will come home with a tube to collect quarters in on Monday. Second, we want to show our campers how brightly they can shine at home, right where they are. So we’re going to be challenging them to think of one way they can shine for Jesus in their own neighborhoods. This could mean helping an elderly neighbor, cleaning up trash in a local park, doing something kind for a person you see that is in need--the possibilities are endless. Your camper’s guide will be helping them think of some ideas, but they’re probably going to need a little help from you as well.

We’ll be explaining our compassion project and the reason behind it to our campers on the first day of camp. And throughout the week, we’ll be encouraging them to get creative as they think of ways they can shine their light.

So get ready to shine!

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 Gadgets and Gizmos camp shirt!

TUESDAY: CRAZY HAIR OR HAT DAY

Colors! Braids! Way too much hairspray! Top hats! Balloon hats! Hats made out of fish!

WEDNESDAY: WACKY WATER DAY

Be ready to get wet! Not only should your child come dressed appropriately for water wars, they might want to bring a towel! Please wear tennis shoes and be sure to label any towels or extra items with your child's name.

THURSDAY: WHITE OUT DAY

What some of us call the "color run" day. Your child will get covered with colored chalk this day. The more white they wear, the more fun getting covered in color will be.

FRIDAY: GADGETS AND GIZMOS DAY!

We're going to be playing with robots and pretending to be inventors all week long--so why not dress like it. Robots, mad scientists, or anything futuristic-looking....time machine not included.

***Pro-tip: When you pick up your child from camp on Wednesday and Thursday, they will be messy and wet. You can avoid getting that mess all over your backseat by bringing along some towels or trash bags for them to sit on.**

CAMP THEME



This summer at KidsGames, our friends Gadget and Gizmo will help us discover that we are all uniquely wired and wonderfully made! It's going to be an unforgettable summer of crazy inventions and zany robots as we learn how and why God made each one of us!

Memory Verse

Any camper that can recite the camp memory verse by Friday will earn a fun prize!

1st - 5th Program:

"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

4K Program:

"I am...wonderfully made."

Psalms 139:14

CELEBRATION WEEKEND

KidsGames Celebration Weekend is one of the most exciting parts of KidsGames because it's when we all get to come together to celebrate our campers! Join us at any one of the weekend services at Beachcities Community Church to experience the fun of camp as we enjoy sharing what our campers have accomplished during the week. From elective performances, to our candy bar, there's never a dull moment when we celebrate KidsGames. Invite family members and friends--everyone is invited to the party of the summer!

Our Goal: Every kid. Every parent. Every volunteer.

That's right – We want everybody there! Bring the whole family!

**WHEN: Saturday, July 1, 5:30pm
Sunday, July 2, 9:30 and 11:00am**

WHERE: Beachcities Community Church || 9872 Hamilton Ave, Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Our Celebration Weekend will include performances from many of our elective groups as well as a short program. Don't worry--electives will not perform at every service! Your camper will receive more information on which service their elective will perform in during the week of camp. Of course, we'll have all the cotton candy, shaved ice, and candy bar items you can fit in your stomach all weekend long!

See you all there!