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 YOU, AND SHOW YOU
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 THINGS WHICH YOU
 DO NOT KNOW
 JEREMIAH 33:3

Greetings from your HBA Children's Ministry Team!

It's camp time again! Where has the year gone?!

This year's *Fun in the Sun* kids camp will be **Tuesday, June 20th through Friday, June 23rd** at the Carson Springs Conference Center just outside of Newport, Tennessee. *Fun in the Sun* is for those children who have completed grades 3 through 6.

Tim Thompson, the Children's Pastor at FBC Morristown, will be returning this year to lead our music and teach the main sessions. This year's camp is built around the question "**Who You Gonna Call?**" We will be reminding our kids and leaders that in times of trouble, God's phone number is Jeremiah 33:3.

The cost of the camp is \$140 per person. The cost includes room and board, T-Shirt, a backpack and all activities. Registration forms and all fees must be at the HBA Office **no later than Friday, May 12th**. Church groups should plan to arrive at Carson Springs between 1pm and 3pm on Tuesday because church photos will be taken between 3pm and 4:15pm. A detailed schedule is available in the registration packet.

We have worked hard to design a schedule that takes full advantage of all the facilities that Carson Springs has to offer, but the schedule also includes quite a bit free time. Church leaders will be responsible for your church groups during this free time. There is a playground, basketball court, game room, gym, and rec field available. Board games, cards, etc. are good to bring in case of bad weather.

Carson Springs only has a capacity of about 385 campers and counselors so two key facts must be kept in mind: **1) It is vitally important to get your registration in early.** Options fill up fast so late registrants may be limited in their choices. **2) Your child to leader ratio must be kept to 1 leader for every 5-7 children.**

Here are some more things to keep in mind when preparing your groups for *Fun In The Sun 2017*:

- There will be several opportunities for our campers to visit the camp store where snacks and souvenirs can be purchased. We ask that your children bring no more than \$20.
- Church groups will be housed together in lodges with bunk beds. Campers will need to bring their own linens or sleeping bags and their own towels.
- All chaperones must be at least 16 years of age. Churches should provide proof of background checks for all adults 18 and older. (If you need help with background checks, contact Megan at HBA.)
- Operation Comfort - Our Ministry opportunity for 2017 - Each person attending camp is asked to bring 1 new, small stuffed animal. These stuffed animals will be delivered to local police departments and fire stations for donation to hurting and scared children as a physical showing of the love of Jesus. For more information, see the list of option descriptions in your registration packet

In an effort to keep costs down, each church is encouraged to visit the HBA website and download the registration packet and make as many copies as you need. **If you would rather have a packet mailed to you, please contact Megan at the HBA and make those arrangements with her.**

Here is a brief listing of what the registration packet contains:

- ***Fun in the Son 2017 Brochure (Note that part of this form is your camper's registration form.)***
 - This form is made-up of 2 separate pages. Before making copies, be sure to fill in the cost for your campers, as well as the contact information on the back.
- **2017 Camp Schedule**
- **Options Listing and Description**
- **Assignment of Responsibility**
 - A notarized copy of this form ***must be available for each registered camper.***
- **Background Check Form**

NOTE: The following underlined items must be returned to HBA to complete your registration.

- **Carson Springs' Participation and Release Form**
- **Registration Form¹, Registration Checklist², and Instructions for Registration Form**
 - ¹This form should be given to the individual at your church responsible for submitting the registration to the HBA
 - ² **Your registration is not completed until the checklist, registration and all camp fees are turned in to the HBA. Remember! Registration deadline is Friday, May 12th.**
 - The cost on the registration brochure has been left blank to allow churches to set their own cost for the camp. For instance, some churches charge children less than the \$140, and supplement the cost from their children's ministry budget. Other churches add an additional cost to help cover the cost of chaperones, and related expenses. ***Regardless of your church's policy, each registration must be accompanied by \$140.***
- **Adult Volunteer Sign-up Sheet**
 - Costs for our camp are kept low due the volunteer efforts of the HBA Children's Team and adults who attend camp. To help with this, we are asking each adult coming to camp to either lead or help with one or two activities. Please have each adult sign up for their first, second, and third choices. In addition, **please have each adult include their e-mail address and phone number.** Thank you for your willingness to help and make this camp successful.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the HBA office, or any member of the children's ministry team. We look forward to seeing you at ***Fun in the Son 2017!***

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