

Crossroads KIDVENTURE 2017

What is KIDVENTURE at Crossroads?

KIDVENTURE is a day camp-style program that engages children from ages 3–12 in crafts, music, drama, games, storytelling, science explorations, a community outreach project & provides lots of opportunities for new friendships & fun! It takes place Monday to Friday from 9am to noon.

What is the cost?

\$30 per child (which includes a t-shirt). There is a family maximum of \$75.

Financial Assistance is also available, just call the church and speak to, Gabrielle McLarty, the KIDVENTURE Coordinator and Minister of Children & Youth at Crossroads at (778) 593-1043.

What is the daily schedule like?

Younger children (Pre-K) will spend more time playing in a classroom space and older children will have a chance to participate in each activity area: Story & Response, Games, Crafts, Science, Outreach and Drama.

Sample daily schedule:

09:00 – 09:10 Gathering in class space
09:10 – 09:30 Music/Singing & daily theme introduced
09:30 – 10:00 Storytelling & Response time (art, play, etc)
10:00 – 10:15 Snack time
10:15 – 10:45 Games
10:45 – 11:15 Crafts & Science
11:15 – 11:45 Outreach Project or Drama
11:45 – 12:00 Closing Time in class space
12:00 noon Pick Up time (dismissed from classes)

What about the child to volunteer ratio?

It is approximately 4:1. The folks who make up Crossroads Church are very keen to host KIDVENTURE therefore we have a number of volunteers who return year after year. The activity leaders are passionate about engaging kids in their focus areas.

All adult volunteers have a current criminal record check on file at the church. As well, leaders attend a Leadership Training Day.

What if my child has medical needs or allergies?

We have a first-aider onsite to handle minor accidents or respond to medical situations. We have a system to ensure that volunteers are aware of a child's allergies or medical conditions. KIDVENTURE is a "nut-free zone". The Crossroads building is an accessible space.

If you have concerns, please contact our coordinator, Gabrielle McLarty.

What if my child is going into Grade 8 and would like to be a volunteer?

We have a Leader-In-Training program for kids Grade 8 or older. They are required to attend a training session in June and will be given leadership roles and mentoring throughout the week. As well, Leaders-In-Training receive a certificate which they can use as credit towards their volunteer hours in high school. Please contact Gabrielle McLarty if you are interested.

What should my child bring to KIDVENTURE each day?

- A healthy, nut-free snack
- Waterbottle
- Hat
- Close-toed shoes (no flip-flops)
- KIDVENTURE T-shirt
- Curiosity & an adventurous spirit

Please apply sunscreen prior to dropping your child off.

If KIDVENTURE is a church sponsored event, what can I expect on the “religious” side?

At KIDVENTURE we welcome children of all faith backgrounds and those who will be experiencing a faith community for the first time. While our approach is in keeping with United Church traditions the flow of our programming is likely to seem familiar to all those with a faith background.

KIDVENTURE is a part of Crossroads United Church. KIDVENTURE has three focuses:

- 1) To have FUN
- 2) To be a SAFE environment for kids and volunteers
(physically, emotionally, and *spiritually*)
- 3) To share the unconditional LOVE of God through Jesus Christ

This year's KIDVENTURE will focus on biblical stories that remind us of the **adventures** that followers of Jesus have encountered and how the faith of those followers influenced their adventure. We will discover together how our faith can influence our adventures. We respect that each child participating in our program is on their own spiritual journey.

For more information about **Crossroads United Church** check out our [website](#) and our Mission Statement. If you have further questions don't hesitate to contact:

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