

Children's Ministry's Fall Programming

To Do List

- Plan Camp J.O.Y. / VBS Follow-up / Fall Kick-Off Event for Wed. Aug. 28th (Camping theme - use the boys' indoor tents, make a pretend campfire, gather sticks for roasting marshmallows, bring a camping chair, put the jeep from VBS up for decoration, put up a backdrop, pretend we are camping in the jungle.) **This theme will carry through the early fall.**
 1. Print off camping lessons saved.
 2. Plan a super fun fall kick-off event for the children and the youth.
 3. Prepare VBS follow-up lessons for Camp J.O.Y.
 4. Make Children's Programming event flyers with Camp J.O.Y. / VBS follow-up on front and other children's programming on back for me to hand out at **Ramseur's Back To School Bash Saturday, Aug. 10th @ 10:00am.** Also, put stickers on mini frisbees to hand out at Ramseur's Back To School Bash. (Promo Poster for church and in bulletin.)
 5. Help Brenda do a VBS follow-up mailer to all of our 2024 VBS attendees.

- Adding Children's Church for every 3rd Sunday of each month.
 1. Announce start date in bulletin and for ages 3 and up. (Start Date Sunday, September 15, 2024)
 2. Begin preparing Children's Church lessons.

- As time allows, continue to update children's spreadsheet and use VBS registration to add any missing info. and/or children that need to be added.

- Tossing around the idea of a harvest festival/ kid's hayday ideas. Thought about working with Anna Leigh and the Young Friends Committee, Christian Education Committee, and the Park Outreach Team to do something different for October than "Light of the Night" attendance has diminished and I thought having something for children and families to enjoy would be a new way of encouraging fun family centered events instead of Halloween.
 1. Pumpkin Patch - buy small pumpkins and create a small pumpkin patch for the children to pick a pumpkin then have the children decorate their pumpkins with crosses.

2. Hayrides
3. Picture Booth
4. Chicken Stew?? (Can Quaker Men and Quaker Women help?)
5. S'mores at the firepit
6. Candy bag for the kiddos
7. If the children want to dress up for the event that is fine as long as it is an appropriate costume.
8. Time for a family centered Devotion and Prayer

(I know we usually do a November hayride and meal, but I thought we could spice things up a bit and make one larger event in October and encourage families to move away from celebrating Halloween. This is just an idea and food for thought and prayer.)