



## North Carolina Children's Ministry



Dear Children's Pastor/Leader;

Excitement is building as we are in the preparations for our 2012 Kids Camps! I know that God will do a mighty work in the hearts and lives of boys and girls this year! Our musical/drama this year is "Cowboys and Ninjas: The Secret of Silver City". Set in the not too distant past, the Cowboys and Ninjas have enjoyed a time of peace and co-existence...until the Possum Gang rides into town. This band of misfit brothers aim to break this trusted alliance with these 2 very different groups of people. However, what the Possum Gang doesn't realize is that the townspeople who live in Silver City have secrets and a legend that go back to the very beginning of time. Yes, this small town of cowboys and ninjas will be put to their biggest test yet as their trust in the past, the present and the future is put to the ultimate test! I say it every year—but this is our best one yet! Don't miss it!

Also, the kids will get the opportunity to participate in the musical! Each day, different workshops will be offered (dance, drama, puppetry...maybe a few more) and at night they'll participate in the musical right along with the cast. You and your kids can't miss this camp!

Here are some items that will help you in preparation for this year's camp:

**All forms are downloadable:** To cut costs and take full advantage of the internet, we will not be mailing packets of information again this year. However, if you are having problems downloading the materials, let us know and we'll mail a packet to you. Make sure you have the following forms for promoting and registering your group:

- Camp Brochure (easy to print and hand out to kids)
- Letter of Introduction (this is what you're reading now!)
- Camper Application
- Jr. Counselor Application
- Sr. Counselor Application
- Group Registration Form
- Directions to camp

*A 3 minute promotional DVD is also available for download at [www.kidzablaze.com](http://www.kidzablaze.com)  
If you are having trouble downloading this, contact us and we'll get one right out to you!*

**Grade of camper:** The kids are enrolled by grade instead of age. This helps to keep friendships together and also is in-line with how our youth camps register their students. Kids who are a rising third grader through a rising 6th grader can come to camp. The youth camp is for rising 6th-12th graders. There is an overlap in the 6th and 7th grade age because some churches move their kids to youth earlier or later depending on their preferences. We defer to the church on which camp will be more appropriate for their kids.

**Cost for the camper:** This year the total cost of camp is \$260.00 per child. However, if you register and pay-in-full by May 31st, the cost is just \$245.00. A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 is required by May 31 to guarantee a spot (Balance due - \$160.00). All outstanding balances are due by July 1. There are no refunds but funds are transferable.

**Jr. Counselors:** Students who are rising 9th-12th graders and serving in children's ministry are eligible to attend and work at kids camp. Their cost is the same as a regular camper. There is a separate application for them and they MUST have a Pastor's signature and recommendation. They will assist a Sr. Counselor in the care of children; however, they will never be alone with children; they will be under the constant oversight of a Sr. Counselor. **A church is allowed to have 1 junior counselor for every senior counselor.**

**Sr. Counselors:** Adults 18 and over are eligible to serve as a Sr. Counselor, provided they have filled out an application, attached reference letters and have consented to a background check. Once all of this is approved (July 11 deadline), he/she can be a Sr. Counselor. Their cost is \$75.00. *Every church sending kids must send 1 Sr. Counselor for every 8 kids of the same gender. If you have more counselors than the ratio, they pay the full price (\$260.00). Jr. Counselor also fit in the 1:8 ratio. For example, you might have 7 kids and 1 Jr. Counselor. That would be your 1:8 ratio.*

If you have difficulty meeting the counselor requirement, we may be able to group your kids with another church that is sending more counselors than they actually need. However, we would then ask that you pay for that counselor to care for your kids.

**Camp T-shirts:** For every person that registers by May 31, a camp t-shirt with this year's theme will be provided. The last day of camp is always a highlight for the campers because we have a time where we sign each others t-shirt. **However, please note that if anyone is not registered by May 31, they will not receive a camp t-shirt.**

**Missionaries:** Each year we feature a missionary that is either raising funds to get to the mission field or someone who is home raising support to go back. Please let the kids know about this and have them begin now to save their money. The missionary speaks briefly on Thursday night and then has the closing service on Friday morning. Following his/her message, an offering is received.

**Arrival Time and Counselor meeting:** Camp registration goes from 2pm-4pm on Monday. We ask that everyone have their kids registered by 3:30pm because we'll have a counselor meeting from 4pm—5:00pm in the cafeteria. During that time, your kids will be well supervised by our ministry team of High School students and adults.

***Make sure you send in the following items at the same time:***

**Church group registration form, camper applications, junior/senior counselor applications (with reference letters in a sealed envelope) and Deposit/Payment.**

***Include one church check with the entire group; do not send individual camper's checks.***

***REMEMBER: TO RECEIVE A T-SHIRT, A PERSON MUST BE REGISTERED BY MAY 31!***

**ALL PAPERWORK AND FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 1**

**Mail to:**

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Whew! I'm glad I was able to get through all of that; I hope you took it all in as well. Feel free to call or email me if you have any questions about camp.

NC kids camps have been a significant part of hundreds of kids lives...make it a part of your kids!

For HIS kids,

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