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Dear Summer Camp Parent,

I hope you are well as we approach the holiday season! It may be hard to believe, but it's time to start thinking about summer 2018. As previous participants in our summer camp ministry we wanted to reach out and let you know about the exciting opportunities coming up for your children.

We will partner with Camp Aldersgate again this year to offer four weeks of summer camp with transportation provided. The four weeks of classic camp to be offered for students entering grades 3-12 will take place **July 8-13, July 15-20, July 22-27, and July 29-August 3**. We will also offer Music, Arts, Dance, and Drama (MADD) Camp to for students entering grades 8-12 during the week of **July 8-13**. Please note that each week is capped at a total of 12 students.

While our summer camp ministry is one we cherish, rising camp prices have caused this ministry to become quite costly over the years. Sending one young person to summer camp costs \$355, which does not include the cost of transportation or any other financial factors.

With that in mind, we have decided to increase the financial investment of each family based on income and family size. We realize these costs might appear to be too much for your family and therefore we are offering a six-month payment plan beginning in January 2018. We will also offer fundraising opportunities to offset the cost to your family, which are detailed in the following pages.

The House of the Carpenter is dedicated to building relationships with young people and their families. This is why we want to partner with you to continuously increase opportunities for interaction and our mutual investment in the children and youth of this community, starting with your family.

I am sure you may have questions or concerns and so we will be following up this letter with a phone call in December. You should also feel free to contact me directly, 304-233-4640 or krhodes@houseofthecarpenter.com, before we reach out.

We look forward to continuing and strengthening our relationship with your family!

Sincerely,

Kate Rhodes, Youth Coordinator

TIERED CAMP PRICING

The costs per tier are determined using the 2017 Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) which estimates a monthly income based on family size and annual household income. In order to calculate this, we will require certain information from you that we have not asked for in the past. Due to the sensitive nature of some of this information, I request that you return camp registrations in a sealed envelope.

A complete registration includes: the camp registration form with all information completed accurately, valid identification (driver's license, etc.), social security cards for all members of the household, proof of legal guardianship, proof of income for all members of the household (acceptable proof: pay stub, tax return, social security/disability letter, letter from DHHR or Job and Family), a working phone number and email address.

AN INCOMPLETE REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND STUDENTS WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNTIL ALL REQUIRED ITEMS ARE RETURNED.

The cost for the first child is set and then each child you register after that is **reduced by 30%**.

For example:

One child: \$50.00

Two children: $\$50 + \$35 = \$85$

Three children: $\$50 + \$35 + \$25 = \110

Four children: $\$50 + \$35 + \$25 + \$18 = \$128$

Five Children: $\$50 + \$35 + \$25 + \$18 + 12 = \$140$

If you are registering more than five children for camp the price for each child after that is the same as the cost for the fifth child. (Tier One = \$12, Tier Two = \$25, Tier Three = \$35)

Please note: You may only receive the multi-child discount if you have proof of parent or legal guardianship for the children you are registering.

	One Child	Two Children	Three Children	Four Children	Five Children
Tier One (100% FPG)	\$50.00	\$85.00	\$110.00	\$128.00	\$140.00
Tier Two (150% FPG)	\$100.00	\$170.00	\$220.00	\$255.00	\$280.00

Tier Three (200% FPG)	\$150.00	\$255.00	\$330.00	\$380.00	\$415.00
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REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

EARLY REGISTRATION: January 2, 2018 to May 1, 2018	LATE REGISTRATION: May 2, 2018 to July 6, 2018
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PLEASE NOTE: Registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. There is no guarantee that those who register will be able to attend camp. If space is available, those who register during the **LATE** registration period **WILL NOT** receive a camp t-shirt.

Once your completed registration is received and verified you will be notified as to which week of camp your child(ren) will be attending

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- Payment #1 Due: January 31, 2018
- Payment #2 Due: February 28, 2018
- Payment #3 Due: March 31, 2018
- Payment #4 Due: April 30, 2018
- Payment #5 Due: May 31, 2018
- Payment #6 Due: June 30, 2018

ALL CAMP PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY JULY 6 AT 4:00 PM, WHEN THE OFFICE CLOSSES. IF PAYMENTS ARE NOT COMPLETED AT THAT TIME YOUR CHILD(REN) WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND CAMP.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Below you will see all of the opportunities to raise funds to offset the cost of your child's summer camp experience. We will have a few set fundraising events, as listed below, but there will also be ongoing opportunities to make presentations at local churches to encourage support. If through any of the fundraising opportunities provided students receive more than the amount needed to pay for their summer camp experience the remainder will be applied to a sibling or to the overall ministry. **Students are not allowed to keep extra funds.**

CHURCH PRESENTATIONS/SPONSORSHIPS

Churches are very supportive of our summer camp ministries and would love to hear how your child's camp experience has impacted their life and faith journey.

If you attend a local church and would like to make a presentation at that church about your summer camp experience to encourage sponsorship, please let us know and we will help to support you in any way we can. We are able to help prepare children for the presentations and provide information on the House of the Carpenter and Camp Aldersgate as needed.

If you do not attend a local church, but your family is interested in participating we will be setting up presentations with local churches and will help to prepare your children for the presentation. Any funds received through these presentations will split evenly among the students making the presentation that day.

CELEBRITY SERVER NIGHTS

Students are not required to participate at the celebrity server events, but are only eligible to serve at one event. This ensures that all students have an opportunity to earn tips that will go directly toward the cost of their camp experience.

If you are interested in participating in one of these events, please mark the appropriate box on your registration, we will do our best to place your children at the fundraising event closest to you family. Dates for the celebrity server events are as follows:

JANUARY 19, 2018 - Celebrity Server Night at the Elm Grove Pizza Hut

MARCH 2018 - Celebrity Server Night at Bridgeport Pizza Hut (exact date to be decided)

MAY 18, 2018 - Celebrity Server Night at Moundsville Pizza Hut

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We will also have a general fundraiser called “Noodles and Doodles” where students are expected to participate in some capacity. All funds raised will be distributed evenly between students who participate in the event. More details to come. The date of the event is:

APRIL 19, 2018 at the House of the Carpenter