

Kids' Camp 2011

June 27-29 & June 29-July 2

OLYMPIC BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CAMP KURSA, SHELTON

Dear Pastor/Church Leader:

Here's some info to help you publicize our upcoming OBA Kid's Camp! I hope and pray that you will lead your church to *participate fully* in camp. As we all know, *what the pastor cares about, the people care about*. In fact, *you* might consider being a counselor at one or both camps this year, if you are able. If you invest 2 1/2 days (the shorter camp), you'll develop relationships with your kids that will last a lifetime!

This year's theme is *Driven by Faith in Jesus*. As you well know, people of all ages need to know that believers in Jesus come to God by faith and are to live by faith and not by sight. As Hebrews 11:6 states, "Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him." So, we want to help you instill in all of our kids, those who have already come by faith to Jesus and those who hopefully will, that we always come to God by faith and that living and being driven by faith is the only way to please God.

Please understand that the counselors make or break the Kid's Camp experience, so please send your *very best* – *those who love the Lord and love kids*. We need 1 counselor per 5 campers of the same gender, and churches may share counselors. Note that every counselor must provide a favorable Washington State Patrol background check at registration. Churches can do free background checks within seconds online by going to <https://watch.wsp.wa.gov>. Again, *pastors make great counselors, and counselors make greater pastors* – I know from experience.

Please ask your families to invite children from unchurched homes to come with them. As well as helping our children grow in the Lord, camp is a great time to introduce other children to Jesus for the first time, especially with parents looking for safe and relatively inexpensive camp alternatives these days.

Again this year we have an early bird registration feature to help families save money (and to help us plan better). Please include fees based on when you put yours in the mail. You'll need a church Kid's Camp coordinator to copy and give out the registration forms, collect all the forms and payments, and mail the forms *all together*, with the Church Group Form (enclosed) and one church check with a combined payment (made payable to the OBA) to:

Olympic Baptist Association
 ATTN: Kids' Camp
 P.O. Box 2985, Bremerton, WA 98310

Please feel free to call me with any questions. May God richly bless you and your church!

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From a counselor at a past camp: "I cannot begin to express how much this last week has meant in my life. In serving the children, I was also able to be touched by God myself. A portion of my heart began a true healing that I had not thought would ever be possible and I realized that God does indeed, as the song said, reach down and rescue us and give us life. And so, I want to volunteer for next year in whatever capacity you may need, if you would have me. I can think of no better, or more important way to spend a week of my life."