



## **Backyard Kids Club Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is a Backyard Kids Club?**

It's a smaller version of Vacation Bible School that is at a location other than our campus.

### **Why are we doing this?**

We are bringing a mission trip to our own neighborhoods and providing opportunities to disciple families across Williamson and surrounding counties. This will train and equip our teens and adults to be ready to go out on future local, national or international mission trips.

### **When will this be?**

The volunteer neighborhood teams may choose any three or four days during the summer. Teams are encouraged to meet from 9-11am or 6-8pm.

### **Who will staff it?**

Ideally, each site will be staffed by the ClearView families in that neighborhood. If not enough ClearView families live in that neighborhood, other ClearView members will be asked to join the team. While led by our Children's and Preschool ministries, Backyard Kids Clubs is an opportunity for the whole church to get involved in our community outreach.

### **Where will they be held?**

Sites will be in the neighborhoods and homes of our ClearView members from Nashville to Spring Hill. Teams can use front yards, backyards, common areas, neighborhood club houses...any place that is convenient to reach the people in their neighborhood.

### **What positions are there?**

Each site will need a host who is responsible for registration, snacks, security, photos and communicating with our staff. Ideally, this person is not focused on teaching, but on all the "other stuff." We also need a Bible Study teacher, a craft leader, a recreation leader, and a music leader at each site. Each team will divide responsibilities among themselves.

### **Who can help?**

ClearView members and regular attendees will make up the leadership of each team. Middle School and High School students are encouraged to take leadership positions. Anyone age 18 and older will be asked to complete a background check through the ClearView office.

### **How can I sign up to help?**

Go to the Announcements Page of [www.clearview.org](http://www.clearview.org) and scroll down to the Backyard Kids Club section. Click the link to go to the Backyard Kids Club site and register at the volunteer link. You may also contact the Children's Ministry Office at 791-3780 or [jennie@clearview.org](mailto:jennie@clearview.org)

### **Who will come?**

We're inviting children who have completed Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in the neighborhood of each site. This is open to all children, not just our ClearView families. We want our ClearView kids to be a part of this family ministry and show the love of Christ to their friends.

**What if I don't live in a "neighborhood" or have a site in my neighborhood? Where will my kids go?**

You can register to attend at the site closest to your home or volunteer to work at another site and take your children with you. Consider choosing a site in the neighborhood of your children's non-churched friends so they will want to come too.

**How will I know where the nearest site is?**

When you register online, you'll be able to see a map of all the confirmed locations.

**How many do you expect at each site?**

Just like on the mission field, it's hard to know. We will have online pre-registration to gather as many names as possible ahead of time. Each site will be encouraged to have a Celebration Kick-off the Sunday before to gather names from their neighborhood. We estimate 10-20 children at each site. If a site is larger, we will add another site or send more helpers. Some sites may have two teams: one for younger children and one for older children.

**What about my younger preschooler (birth – 3's)?**

Each team can get creative on how to include or care for their younger preschoolers. Our Host Home director will work with each site on possible ideas.

**Do I have to come up with the materials and supplies?**

We'll be using the LifeWay curriculum "Agency D3: Discover, Decide, Defend!" The church will compile supply bags for each team to include items you may not already have at your location.

**Will you help me plan?**

Absolutely! We will have a general and area specific training time for anyone interested in learning more. The specific training is for hosts, Bible study teachers, craft leaders, rec leaders, and music leaders. Watch the Church calendar for dates and times.

**What if I'm not able to help?**

We would love to equip you for your own mission trip to reach the families around you this summer. Where will you be spending your time this summer? Could you and your family possibly take this with you to the ball field, or the beach, or wherever you are?

**What if I can only help 1 or 2 of the days?**

Not a problem. You can still be pre-assigned to be part of a team, or you may be willing to be a "floater" and travel to whichever site might need extra hands the days you are available.

**If I can't help at a site, what can I do?**

Please PRAY! We need daily prayer. Our website and the Wednesday Night Prayer Sheets will have a specific prayer guide from now through the end of our Backyard Kids Clubs. We also need volunteers to help shop and sort supplies, prepare materials and crafts, and other jobs before and during the weeks of our Backyard Kids Clubs. Contact the Children's Ministry office at 791-3780 for more information.