

Solomon's World Summer Enrichment Program



Parent & Student Handbook



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Philosophy of Education

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

The educational philosophy of Solomon's World Summer Enrichment Program is based on the belief that God is the source of all true knowledge and that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. We believe that children should be guided and nurtured by trained staff in an inviting and safe environment which facilitates spiritual, intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development. Parents, team members, church members and the wider community hold the responsibility of working together to help young children develop the fundamental skills and talents to become productive citizens of the community.

The camp is operated as an inseparable, religious/educational ministry and integrated auxiliary of Mount Zion Baptist Church of Greensboro, Inc.

Objectives

The educational objective of Solomon's World Summer Enrichment Program is to provide a balanced program based on the Word of God, His standards, and His ideals. Emphasis is placed on the pursuit of excellence in spiritual, intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development.

Spiritual Objectives

To aid children in developing a personal relationship with God based on sound biblical principles.

To assist children in recognizing that Christ's life is the perfect example for all to emulate.

To teach children to develop qualities for church leadership by planning and participating in daily devotions and other spiritual activities.

To lead children to discover that cooperation with God's plan for their lives brings the greatest satisfaction.

Intellectual Objectives

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- ④ To support children in developing essential skills: the ability to speak, read, write, and think in a manner which is clear, efficient and effective.
- ④ To foster intellectual curiosity, precision, responsibility, and self-discipline.
- ④ To help children conclude that God is the center of the universe and that all true knowledge comes from Him.
- ④ To encourage children to continually expand understanding of God and His purpose for their lives.

Physical Objectives

- ④ To promote the development of good health habits in the areas of diet, rest, cleanliness, exercise, and self-discipline.
- ④ To teach children how to participate in physical activity for healthful benefits and enjoyment.
- ④ To show children the importance of maintaining a healthy life to avoid sickness and disease.
- ④ To help children see how the health of their bodies, strengthening of their spirits, and the development of their intellect are all interconnected.

Social Objectives

- ④ To lead children in developing acceptable social behavior in society.
- ④ To cultivate acceptance for others as children recognize the intrinsic value of every individual.
- ④ To help children extend social grace to others regardless of differences.

Emotional Objectives

- ④ To support children in developing self-worth, positive attitudes, and the joy of living by God's principles.
- ④ To teach children conflict resolution strategies when confronted by disagreements with others.
- ④ To aid children in effectively developing their emotions as they develop and grow.

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Attendance and Absences

One of the most important things you, as a parent, can do is to make sure your child attends camp regularly. While some absences for illness are unavoidable, nothing can replace the educational, cultural, and social contacts students experience through regular participation in school. Children with good attendance experience more academic success than children who are often absent.

Consistent and timely attendance is important if the educational process is to be effective. If a child is absent three consecutive days without notification from the parent/guardian, that child will be withdrawn from the program.



Early Departure

If, for any reason, you need to pick your child up before the end of the regular camp day, please report to the office and sign your child out. The team will call for your child to come to the office and meet you. **Unless there is an emergency situation, children will not be released while on field trips. Children cannot be brought and dropped off at field trip locations. Children will not be released to anyone other than a parent/guardian unless the individual is listed on the enrollment application.**

Dress and Grooming

Parents and children need to be aware of the importance of proper grooming and appropriate dress. They each truly effect the learning environment. Appropriate dress looks like t-shirts, shorts, khakis pants, etc. Tennis shoes/Sneakers must be worn at all times for safety. Inappropriate dress for children would consist of extremely short shorts, wearing heels, flip-flops, clogs, clothing with obscene or suggestive words or pictures, or young men with caps/hats on in the building. Parents who have questions regarding the appropriateness of attire should feel free to contact the Director for further information.

Every child (Pre-K~1st Grade) should have a change of clothes left at the church at all times in case of an emergency.

Safety

Keeping all children safe is the primary responsibility of our camp. This requires the cooperation of children, parents, team members, and the community. All children are to be reminded of transportation safety. Parents/Guardians should remind children of proper van behavior: waiting at the designated area, showing respect to the van driver, keeping all parts of the body [and objects] inside the van, and keeping the vans clean.

Parents can help the camp team members by reporting unsafe situations and by cooperating with security measures such as signing in at the office when visiting the camp.

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Church officials have the right to search children and their belongings if there is a reasonable suspicion that they are concealing evidence of misconduct. Church officials may also search a child's desk at any time because these items are church property. Children may only use church property to store things which are lawful to be brought to camp.

Personal Property

Children should only bring items to camp that are necessary for the instructional program. Tablets, iPads, handheld games, iPods, and all other electronic devices are not allowed at school unless authorized by the teacher. Toys, games, and athletic equipment should be left at home as well. If such items are brought to school, they will be collected by a staff member and returned to the parent when they visit the camp. Mount Zion and Solomon's World are not responsible for any items brought to the Summer Enrichment program.

Property of Mount Zion Baptist

Church of Greensboro, Inc.

Mount Zion Baptist Church of Greensboro, Inc. is a beautiful and well-maintained campus that belongs to all of us. With that being said, we must all assume responsibility for the upkeep of the facility. Littering and acts of vandalism will be not tolerated.

Each child is responsible for using church/camp property in an appropriate manner. Children must take care of

textbooks, media books, and all other instructional materials. Parents/Guardians must pay for all lost and/or damaged materials that his/her child is responsible for.

Lost and Found

Please label all of your child's personal belongings such as book bags, hats, purses, coats, sweaters, lunchboxes etc. If items are lost, please remind your child to check lost and found first. Any items that have been found will be placed there. Items will only be kept in the lost and found area for 6 months, at which time, those items will be donated to Urban Ministries.



Getting Involved

Children have a better experience in any type of program when their parents/guardians are involved. There are many ways in which you can become involved with your child's education and our day-to-day activities:

- ④ **Visit our school/program-**
Parents/Guardians are welcome at any time. If you would like to visit, please call ahead to schedule a time that is convenient for both you and the Ambassador (teacher).
- ④ **Read all notes and newsletters that come home with your child-**
The camp newsletter and notes from Ambassadors will give you a better understanding of the camp and the progress that your child is making.
- ④ **Volunteer-** There are a variety of ways you can help out. You can create materials for lessons,

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chaperone field trips, tutor a child, partner with a class and so much more! In order to volunteer, each parent/guardian will need a current TB shot. Also, a 'Mount Zion Volunteer Background Check' form must be completed.

- ④ **Text Alerts**- To opt-in to our text alert system, text #swkids to 40691 for important updates and up to date information about the program and events going on. ***Please note that this is our primary line of communication, therefore, opting-in is strongly recommended.***

Inclement Weather

In the event of severe weather, please call the Solomon's World office for details on closings. In addition, up-to-date information will be on the local news channels and sent via text alert.

Use of Medication

Solomon's World personnel can only administer medication(s) prescribed by a doctor upon the written request of the parent/guardian. The physician must sign the designated authorization form. Medication must be in the original labeled container from a pharmacy or health care provider. The required form can be obtained from the Director's office. The form and the medications should be given to the school personnel. The students will come to the office at the designated time and a team member will dispense the medication. No medication is to be kept by children or in the classrooms. Report all

contagious diseases immediately to the Director. Children with contagious diseases and/or temperatures above normal are not permitted to remain at camp.

Field Trips

Field trips supplement classroom activities. Field trips are used to extend and enrich the educational opportunities of all children. Trips are purposefully balanced with discussions beforehand and follow-up afterwards. Children may be denied permission to participate in field trips as a result of inappropriate behavior(s). Parents will have the opportunity to help chaperone. A field trip form must be completed before any children can participate.

Parent/Guardian Concerns

Parents are encouraged to visit the camp and their child's classroom. Please make arrangements with the teacher before coming. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please call the office and leave a message for the teacher to return your call.

If a problem arises at camp for your child, please discuss it with the Ambassador first to obtain additional information. If you are not satisfied with the teacher's explanation, please share your questions/concerns with the Director for her to make the final decision.

Most situations can be handled through this process. However, more formal actions may occur as necessary.



Fees



Weekly Tuition	\$105.00 (no prorated fees)
Multi-Child Discount Rate	\$5.00 off/additional child enrolled in the program
Mount Zion Member Discount	10% discount off of the total bill
Late Pick-Up Fee:	\$10.00/ 1-5 minute(s) \$1 each additional 6+ minutes
DSS & GCDS Vouchers:	Accepted (See Director for details)

The Finance Office is open **Monday-Friday from 8:00am-6:00pm.**

- ④ Tuition is due every Friday before the upcoming week. All accounts must remain current in order for children to attend the following week beginning on Monday. In the event that the account is not current, the child may be dismissed from the program and may be ineligible for reinstatement until the account is current.
- ④ The amount of tuition cannot be changed, however, the due date may be adjusted and the late fee may be waived if the modified payment schedule is followed. Please see Ms. Na'tosha for additional details. For [Online Payments](#), please visit www.mtzbc.com/solomonsworld.

- ④ There will be a \$25 service charge for returned checks. After the third return check, we will only take cash, money order, or a certified check.

NOTE: There is no automatic reduction of fees when your child is on vacation or gone from the Solomon's World Summer Enrichment Program.

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Positive Behavior Interventions & Support (PBIS) Plan

Mount Zion Baptist Church of Greensboro, Inc. and all of the youth entities have adopted the PBIS discipline support plan for all youth. The PBIS plan is similar to the plan used in Guilford County School System, but is tailored to our organization with our Christian beliefs embedded at the core.

The PBIS is a systematic approach to teaching students behavioral expectations throughout their day-to-day activities. This proactive model teaches students to display positive behaviors while having systems in place to support students who have a more difficult time managing challenging behaviors.

Benefits of PBIS:

- ④ Increase Attendance and Focus
- ④ Provides a Positive and Calm Environment
- ④ Increases Morale throughout the Program
- ④ Drastically Reduces Behavioral Disruptions

Solomon's World Summer Enrichment PBIS:

M- Marvelous

T- Teamwork

Z- Zealous

B- Blessed

C- Committed

Students will see signs displayed throughout the school as a constant reminder of the PBIS expectations: "We are **MARVELOUS**. We exude **TEAMWORK**. We are **ZEALOUS**. We are **BLESSED** to be a blessing. We are **COMMITTED** to God."

*All interactions with students, as a result of a negative behavior, should be followed by three positive interactions.

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PBIS Incentives (Rewards):

Incentives are used to reward appropriate behaviors that support the camp-wide behavioral expectations. Rewards are available at a variety of levels (tangible and intangible) linked directly to the camp expectations.

Interventions and Supports (Discipline):

1. **Warning/Positive Reinforcement**- A warning will be given to the child to redirect his/her behavior. The teacher will follow-up with positive reinforcement when the child makes choices that change his/her actions.
2. **'Think Time'**- A child may have to be removed from an activity if the undesired behavior continues. The teacher and/or director determines when a child has to have some time away from the group/activity.
3. **Office Visit and Call to Parents/Guardians**: Parents/Guardians will be called if a child's behavior is ongoing and persistent following the warning and think time. The incident will be documented.
4. **Loss of Privilege**- Children who need additional support to manage their behavior will lose a privilege(s) determined by the director.

After three office visits, the child(ren) will be excused from the summer enrichment program.

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