



KIDS FEST 2025

Parents' Practical Pointers

Welcome to KIDS FEST 2024! Kids Fest is a fun and creative program where your child will learn a song or two, create some artwork, have some wacky science fun, participate in outrageous activities and learn about the life of Jesus. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to speak to any of our volunteers (they will be wearing the tie-dyed "KIDSFEST" t-shirts). We are here to serve you and your family. You're also welcome to stay and observe any time you wish.

THE FOLLOWING POINTERS WILL HELP YOU DURING THE WEEK:

1. Parents' Café

- a. We have a *FREE* Parents' Café with coffee and goodies, just for parents!
- b. Leaders will be available there to answer questions or address concerns throughout the morning.

2. Registration

- a. We will no longer be offering a Kindergarten group this year due to a number of logistical obstacles.
- b. All students should be able to use the bathroom on their own. Please do not send your student who is still in diapers.
- c. Please inform us (registration@hanovervalley.org) if your child has a disability or if they will be accompanied by an adult. We are an entirely volunteer organization and do not have the capacity to care appropriately for students who require a higher level of care. In addition, this event is entirely outdoors and will involve some physical activity, so please plan accordingly!

3. Drop Off & Pick Up

- a. **Drop off** your child each morning near the lower pavilion at 8:45 am. We start at 9am. Each pre-registered child should pick up their name button and wristband at the pre-registration table. (*Walk up registration is available onsite each day at the registration tent.*)
- b. **Pick Up** your child each day at 11:30 am. We ask that **ONLY YOU OR A DESIGNATED PICK-UP PERSON** get them from their colored tarp for safety purposes. Teach them not to leave the tarp and run to you, please.

4. What to Bring and Not Bring

- a. **Personal water bottles** (labeled please) are welcome each day!
- b. **Please do not send your child with any electronics.** If you feel you must, it will be at your own risk as this camp is active and involves water. We are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged electronics. We discourage the use of cell phones during Kids Fest hours. **Leaders will carry cell phones in case of emergencies.**

5. Inclement Weather

- a. **If there is stormy weather**, please check our website, www.hanovervalley.org or Facebook (Hanover Valley Presbyterian Church) for cancellation due to thunder and lightning.
 - b. If there is just a sprinkle, we will continue in the pavilions or under the main tent.
- 6. Water Slide**
- a. One of the most popular parts of the week is the 175-foot-long water slide on Wednesday and Thursday.
 - b. *Kids should bring a labeled towel and wear their bathing suits under their clothes on their slide day.*
 - c. **Slide day is** Wednesday for 1st and 2nd grade, and Thursday for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th.
- 7. Team Assignments**
- a. Your child will be grouped according to the grade they will be entering this September. For their safety, and our identification purposes, they will wear a colored nametag that corresponds with their class color.
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| 1st - lime green | 2nd - red | 3rd - dark blue |
| 4th - orange | 5th - dark green | 6th - light blue |
- 8. Medical Information**
- a. We will have **volunteer professional medical staff on site at all times (EMT/RN)**.
 - b. A snack will be provided each day, so **YOU MUST ADVISE US IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY ALLERGIES.**
- 9. Emergency Contact Information**
- a. The emergency phone number for Kids Fest is 717-634-6284 (Noah Trask). If you have non-emergency related questions, please email kidsfest@hanovervalley.org.
 - b. The phone number for the Codorus State Park Office is 717-637-2816.