



# kidz2leaders® NEWS

November/December 2008

## 2008 hope4christmas® party!

Saturday, December 13th, 10:00-12:00



We are looking forward to kidz2leaders' annual Christmas party for our Camp Hope kids! Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church is once again graciously hosting the 2008 hope4christmas party on Saturday, December 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It's going to be a great opportunity for fellowship with campers and their parents and counselors that attended Camp Hope 2008. The party will include a pancake breakfast, singing carols and distributing gifts. Also, each camper's family will receive a gift certificate from Kroger to help provide for a delicious Christmas dinner.



For our counselors, if you haven't already, please **RSVP** by calling the **Camp Hope office (770-977-7751)**. We look forward to seeing you December 13th!

### Note for Teen/College Counselors:

Please bring a gift to the party! Girl counselors bring a gift for a girl camper and boy counselors bring a gift for a boy camper. Purchase a gift that is age-appropriate for the camper you had – meaning, Cornerstone counselors buy a gift that is age-appropriate for a Cornerstone camper (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade). The same applies for LTA (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade). Don't spend more than \$25 and please wrap the gift prior to the party. Please call the office if you have any questions. Extra gifts can always be used!



### IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

- APRIL 27: CAMP HOPE GOLF TOURNAMENT
- JULY 11-17: CAMP HOPE 2009 (10TH ANNIVERSARY!!)

## "EQUIPPED"

## 2008 FALL RETREAT!

Early Saturday morning on October 11, fifteen students and nine adults loaded up for Temple, GA to attend the 2008 Fall Retreat. The overnight retreat was an opportunity to get away and fellowship with our Camp Hope campers who are now counselors. Tony Lowden, director of Campus Clubs, an inner-city ministry in Macon, GA, and who attended Camp Hope 2008, discussed the meaning of being "equipped" with our students. Through fun games and activities (including a low and high ropes course) students learned various tools to be effective counselors and how to be equipped in their daily lives!



**"May the God of peace...equip you with everything good for doing his will"**  
**Hebrews 13:20-21**

## A hope4christmas Thank You!

A very warm thank you to all those that helped to sponsor a holiday dinner for our Camp Hope families. What an amazing outpouring of love! We had over 90 sponsors—which will ensure that each of our families will enjoy a delicious meal this Christmas season. In turn, each family will receive a \$50 Kroger gift certificate at the hope4christmas party. Again, thank you for your generosity!

The Camp Hope office has received an increased number of calls from custodial parents asking for financial assistance for their family due to the current economic status. We ask that you please keep these families in your prayers.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**In an attempt to save money and paper, kidz2leaders, inc. will begin e-mailing newsletters in 2009. If you would like to ensure you receive your newsletter, please make sure we have your correct e-mail address by calling the Camp Hope office at 770-977-7751. Thank you!!!**

## interns4tomorrow® Update

Program Director, Nancy Jakaitis, has been hard at work with kidz2leaders' latest program, interns4tomorrow. Leadership Training Academy graduates are eligible to participate in the program, which includes preparing students for high school graduation and what comes afterwards by helping them with the financial aid and college application processes. A trip to visit a college fair has already been scheduled for February 2009!

Those students that are sixteen and above are eligible to apply for 2009 summer internships where they will be placed in a business setting for three weeks. Students will be selected for the summer internships after completing an application and interviews. Seven businesses have already agreed to host interns next summer!

There are opportunities for you to serve on the prayer ministry team, serve as an intern coach or for businesses to host an intern. For more information about this exciting program, please contact Nancy Jakaitis at 770-977-7751 or [nancy.jakaitis@kidz2leaders.org](mailto:nancy.jakaitis@kidz2leaders.org).

### A Note from the Desk of the Director of Programs...

I can't believe Christmas is almost here and 2009 is right around the corner. I guess it's true that time flies when you're having fun! And that's exactly what we've been doing at the Camp Hope office. Through the various activities we have had and are planning for our Camp Hope kids, I have had the opportunity to get to know some of these kids better. What a blessing! My heart was on fire but now it's ready to explode!!! And as I get to know them better, I learn of some of the struggles and temptations they face in their daily lives. As you read above, some of our families are truly facing hard financial times due to our economy. There are so many ways to help! I covet your prayers for our Camp Hope kids and their families—they truly need it now more than ever. Maybe you want to even consider hanging out with or calling one of our kids once or twice a month for encouragement. It would make your entire day to hear how excited they are when someone from Camp Hope calls.

Blessings to you and your family this Christmas season!

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