

# KALEIDOSCOPE

Kaleidoscope's mission is to offer Cumberland Mountain school age children (6-11 years old) with special needs an opportunity to be exposed to a wide range of visual and performing arts. Also, we offer an opportunity for adult volunteers to share their interests and talents in the arts with this special group of children.

Kaleidoscope is a visual and performing arts camp for special needs children in Grundy county of Tennessee. Volunteers lead or assist in workshops of fine arts specialties, including (but not limited to!) Painting/Drawing, Dance, Music and Drama. Each morning the children participate in a focus workshop they have chosen to attend. In the afternoon the groups will rotate among the rest of the workshops so that each child has exposure to all areas of art offered.

The week culminates with Friday Celebration, as the children display, share or perform their newly acquired skills in the visual and performing arts. This event highlights the hard work and learning that has occurred throughout their time here. It is a celebration for everyone, including parents and friends!

Volunteers have the opportunity to share and interact with the local children during 5 different parts of each camp day:

## **Workshops**

Leaders - Volunteers who are leading workshops plan two different sessions: one that meets four mornings for 80 minutes each time (the focus workshop) and one 60 minute workshop that groups of children will rotate through in the afternoons. The specifics of the schedule will be communicated through the summer staff. Please reference the schedule below for more clarity. If you indicated a workshop for which we do not have an outline, an outline form will be sent to you to fill out and return to us. We will take those outlines and review them for suitable content and planning. The outlines help us help you have the best experience with the children. You will be contacted periodically throughout your workshop planning, to help you plan the best workshop possible.

Caregivers - Volunteers who are assisting in the workshops are called "caregivers", and serve in this role for the children during the entire week. The ratio of caregivers and children will be approximately one caregiver to 2-3 children. In this role, the caregiver builds relationships with the children and encourages them in each workshop. They work alongside the children in the workshops, helping them complete tasks and assignments. The caregiver also provides for the children logistically by getting them what they need for the tasks at hand. In addition, the caregiver facilitates the moving from place to place and any breaks that are given, as well as serves as hosts for lunch (hosting duties are explained on Sunday at orientation).

Materials - Workshop leaders and caregivers are asked to bring materials for their workshops or try to get financial contributions to help cover the cost of the workshop materials so that the staff can purchase what is needed. Also, we suggest sharing needs of workshop leaders among other participants prior to camp so that everyone may help with supplies.

Logistics: A summer staff person will call all participants the week prior to your arrival at camp to help with any last minute plans and details. This will also be a time to tell the staff person your material and facility needs, as well as ask any questions.

### **Discovery Time**

This is a time for children and volunteers to experience theme for the week in a large group setting led by the staff, facilitated by participants. It is an opportunity for the adults to share with the children in a creative way a Biblical truth relating to the theme of that particular day (see list below). Volunteers present the *Thought for the Day* by means of games, activities, songs, or skits that illustrate the thought. This is a good time for volunteers to get to know all of the children in the community and share with them about God. At the Sunday evening orientation, volunteers will sign up for the day they would like to lead Club Time. Each day's team will then plan Club Time together. It is helpful for volunteers to come to camp with a list of ideas and activities that can be used for discussion during the sub-group planning time. Club Time lasts for 30 minutes.

Each Club Time is made up of 3 elements:

1. *Thought for the Day*: the theme of Discovery Time
2. *Scripture*: the text used to Biblically illustrate the point
3. *Activity*: a game, skit, or activity that illustrates the daily theme

### **Opening, Lunch, and Closing**

Opening, Closing and Lunch are other times in the schedule where adult volunteer leadership is needed.

Opening, although short, is the time at the beginning of each day that sets a positive mood and tone for the rest of the camp day. Opening consists of three things – the welcome, announcements and one song or activity. The staff will furnish the leader of the Opening with the announcements for the day. Volunteers should bring songs and activities to be used during the Opening. On Sunday night, the Ministry Production Team (MPT) will decide who will lead each Opening and what activity/song will be done.

Lunch can sometimes seem chaotic because the children need to release energy and speak with each other (sometimes loudly!) in an unstructured environment. The shorter attention span of children, and especially some special needs children, makes the burst of energy during lunch seem

enormous! This is a wonderful time, though, for adults and children to get to know each other, let down, and have fun. Adult leadership is needed to facilitate the lunch process, to include making sure everyone receives something to eat, and keeping the lunch experience within the time allotted, including cleanup.

Closing is the end to the Kaleidoscope day and is a short time for giving announcements and handing out items the children need to take home with them. The summer staff will provide the facilitator of closing with any materials and announcements that need to be given at closing.

### **Typical Week at Kaleidoscope**

#### *Monday – Thursday*

8:00 – 8:15 – KAL meeting at Beersheba, leave to pick up kids  
9:30 – 10:00 Kids begin to arrive, prepare for morning workshops  
10:00- 10:25 Opening, Introduce Workshop leaders ( training side)  
10:30 – 11:50 Workshop #1 (focus)  
11:55 – 12:25 Lunch (dining hall)  
12: 25 – 12:45 Recreation  
12:50 – 1:30 Workshop #2  
1:30 – 1:50 Discovery Time ( Training side)  
1:55 – 2:35 Workshop #3  
2:40 – 3:00 Closing Time, load up the Bus / vehicles take children home

#### *Friday – Celebration Day*

9:30-9:45am Opening and Welcome  
10:00-12:30pm Rehearsal in focus groups for celebration  
12:45 -1:30 Lunch  
2:00 The Kaleidoscope Celebration  
After Celebration...Some children may need transportation home

Two final notes: Kaleidoscope volunteers can wear shorts at camp, although we do ask you to wear the longer walking shorts. Please know that you may be traveling into the county to pick up children, and take them home. You may be asked to provide transportation for Kaleidoscope children.