

PROGRAM PLANNING

Children's Afternoon Activities

This is an outline for the Children's Afternoon Activities Wednesday-Saturday at annual sessions. Consider this to be used as a helpful guide, but please do not let it restrict any new creative ideas.

Wednesday: Friends are just arriving and we have not seen a need for scheduling an activity, however there may be a need for babysitting/childcare.

Recreation: Thursday-Saturday, 1:30-2:45 pm

- Play/organize games of tag, Frisbee, soccer, etc. with children on the meetinghouse lawn.
- Check ahead of time that there are Frisbees, balls, and other necessary recreational equipment in that are in good shape and safe to use. Purchase items if needed and give receipts to the Overall Program Coordinator at the beginning of Annual Sessions, if you would like reimbursement.
- Store the recreation equipment in the Clear Creek House storage shed at the end of Annual Sessions.

Craft Tent: Friday and Saturday, 1:15-2:15 pm (can be other days also)

- Inventory contents of the craft material tub in the Clear Creek House storage shed. This should be done ahead of time and this list should be shared with the Overall Program Coordinator. There is usually things left over from previous years, so check to see what is there before buying new things.
- Provide short activities for the children. Organized craft activities should be simple and take minimal instruction. If you would like reimbursement for purchased materials, please turn in receipts to the Overall Program Coordinator at the beginning of Annual Sessions.
- Remember that 2 adults must be working in the Craft Tent with a group of children for child safety.

Swimming: Thursday, 2:30-4:30 pm (or other days)

- Arrange ahead of time for four to five adults with cars to agree to drive children and to supervise the children while at the pool. There are life guards.
- Call the pools for current fees and schedules. Reservations are not necessary.
- At Annual Sessions, post a sign-up poster for swimming. Post the fees and instructions that children must put on swim suit and sun screen (if applicable) before leaving the ILYM campus and that they should bring a towel.
- Make sure that a binder with a permission slip for every child going to swimming, goes on this pool field trip.
- Decide which pool is preferable given the weather conditions. There are 2 pool options:
 - Henry Outdoor Pool: Rt. 89 south, west on Rt. 18. Go over the bridge and turn left at the 1st street. Pool is 2 blocks further, on the left (600 Front St., Henry, IL 61537, 309-364-3339).
 - Hennepin Indoor Pool: Rt. 89 north to McNabb Rd. west. Rt. 26 north to Hennepin-Florid Rd. Left to 6th St. Left to T, left to pool. (Box 259, Hennepin, IL, 815-925-7319).

Hike:

- David Wixom has been organizing a hike to Matthiessen State Park on Thursday afternoon. It is an activity for adults and children. Children must have a responsible adult with them for this outing. The Overall Program Coordinator should check in with David or anyone who has shown interest in leading this to confirm it.

All Ages Workshops: Friday and Saturday, 2:30-3:45 pm

The Overall Program Coordinator can collaborate with the Workshop Coordinator, so that there are truly all ages workshops offered on Friday and Saturday.

All Ages Worship Sharing: Friday and/or Saturday, 1:30-2:15 pm

The Overall Program Coordinator can collaborate with the Worship Sharing Coordinator, so that there are multigenerational worship sharing groups with queries appropriate for all ages, or a certain younger age group, offered on Friday and/or Saturday.

Variety Show: Saturday, 4:30 – 5:30 pm

- Confirm an MC before Annual Sessions—this is a great job for an AYF or HS Friend. There should be a PA system already set up for evening speakers and business meeting. Generally people from the Program group will need to rearrange the state area for the Variety Show.
- Post a signup. Be sure to define the tone of performances as light and fun. In 2015, due to concerns about the show lasting too long, the signup sheet included the note: “Please! No more than 2 acts per participant and no more than 5 minutes per act. We only have one hour to showcase all who want to participate.” It also included lines for only 15 acts.
- Make sure that the stage area and other space used for the variety show is returned to the original set up.