

Keeping the Earth

This summer's *New Ground Day Camp* curriculum – **Keeping the Earth** will assist campers in exploring how God speaks to them in their daily environment and invites them to act on their faith. Bible themes include: Keeping the Earth; Keeping the Covenant; Keeping Life Abundant; and Keeping the Song Alive. Together we will discover how God loves us and calls us to love and Keep Creation.

**For the creation
waits with eager
longing for the
revealing of the
children of God.**

Romans 8:19



New Ground Summer Day

Camps . . . *create faith-filled*

communities where everyone experiences support, safety, acceptance and love. Each local congregation works together with Koinonia to offer a day camp in which a diverse group of neighborhood children join together for songs, games, Bible study, laughter and fun. As the adults model the love and support of a Christian community, our children experience trust and acceptance. God is guiding us as we reach out in new and exciting ways.

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New Ground Day Camps Summer 2010

Keeping the Earth!

Program Description



Creating Faith-Filled Communities



A SHARED PARTNERSHIP CREATES A STRONG MINISTRY!

NEW GROUND DAY CAMP:

WHO PROVIDES WHAT????



Koinonia Provides:

- Pre-camp handbook and training for site coordinators, pastors and local volunteers.
- Program Staff Team: 1 team coordinator and up to 3 camp counselors.
- Creative, safe, fun, faith-filled program including Bible time, craft time, recreation time, and worship time. Mon. to Thurs. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.
- Most Craft and recreation supplies.
- Five day curriculum for campers age 6 through 6th grade: *Keeping the Earth!*
- Jr. Counselor program including a pre-camp orientation retreat.
- Koinonia staff trained in safety issues and certified in First Aid and CPR.
- Transportation for the camp staff to the site on Sunday and from the site on Friday.

Congregation Provides:

- **Site and facilities** to run the day camp, including commitment to read and follow guidelines in the Site Coordinator handbook.
- Attendance by Pastor and Site Coordinator at one **pre-camp meeting** and completion of **pre-camp arrangements and paperwork.**
- **Recruitment of campers** who have **completed Kindergarten through 6th grade** with goal of 28 to 32 campers – sites may exceed 32 campers only with pre-arrangement.
- **Housing and food** for all Koinonia staff during the week of camp.
- **Fee to Koinonia of \$1,820.00 for one-week program.**

Benefits from a New Ground Experience:

- New Ground is a direct tool for congregational outreach creating networks & relationships with your congregation's neighborhood.
- New Ground provides quality Christian learning opportunities for your youth.
- At New Ground camp, campers and parents relate to peers, counselors, congregational volunteers, and pastors at the same time.
- At New Ground, faith is nourished through holy play and faith formation is encouraged through trusted relationships.
- New Ground lives out Christian Community and invites ALL to participate as able.
- New Ground energizes congregational ministry by providing numerous opportunities for many to volunteer in roles that fit their busy lives. For example: to be host families, dinner hosts, daily greeters, small group assistants, distribute flyers, etc.

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New Ground was initially developed through funds provided by Lutheran Disaster Response of New York in response to the events of 9/11. Koinonia is committed to continuing this valuable program without continued grant support as a resource to congregational ministry.