



It's not too early to be planning for CentriKid 2018! In fact, we are already getting ready. Our dates are confirmed (June 23-27, 2017) and I am expecting our planning packet to arrive any day now. As most of you know, CentriKid is a 4 night, 5 day camp for kids who are in grades 3-5 (with some exceptions for 2nd graders). Spencer Baptist has taken a group for 5 years, and we are ready for round 6! This is a life changing experience, and I would love for EVERY child to be able to go.

Camp can be expensive, and I want to give you tons of time and plenty of opportunities to reduce your cost. You will get more detailed information in a few months, but here is a quick look:

The actual CentriKid cost per Camper is \$321. Each camper MUST pay a \$50 non-refundable deposit by February 1. Also, each camper who actively attends Spencer Baptist receives a \$50 scholarship from the Fred White Fund or Children's Ministry Fund. That leaves a balance of \$221.00 per person. One of the ways you can pay for a portion of your camp is by helping with the Camp Lunches that we have at church. Between now and time for camp, there will be 10 lunches offered. You can earn \$12 towards your camp balance by working at each lunch. If you work at all 10 lunches, you can reduce your actual camp cost by \$120. For CentriKid Campers, working at a camp lunch means that you help throw away trash, wipe the tables clean, carry drinks for those whose hands are full, offer to bring someone a drink refill, and lots more. Children are not allowed in the kitchen, so you will not be asked to serve food.

In addition to the Camp Lunch opportunities, all children and youth will be given the chance to participate in the Fall Fundraiser with "Mixed Bag." This is an easy catalog sale with useful and affordable items. Each student retains approximately ½ of their sales. If your child sells \$100 in Mixed Bag Merchandise, he or she will have a camp credit of approximately \$44 (the company takes taxes out of our order, which is why you won't see an exact 50% split).

You are receiving this information now so that you can plan ahead. The deadline for Camp Deposits for CentriKid 2018 is not until February; however, camp lunches will start in August. I encourage you to come and work during these lunches, even if you don't know for sure that you are going to attend camp. If you are able to go to CentriKid, you will already have some of your trip paid for. If you don't end up going to camp, your "earnings" will go back into the general camp fund to help with the costs of chaperones. A few parents last year decided to pay \$10 per month so that all of their kids deposits were covered on time and paying for camp didn't seem as expensive. We want to work with you and help you find a way for your kids to go to camp.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please don't hesitate to call me. My cell phone is 828-429-0124. I will do my best to get all of the information you need to you as quickly as I have it throughout the year.

Upcoming Camp Lunch Dates

Sunday, August 6
Sunday, Sept. 17
Sunday, Oct. 8
Sunday, Nov. 5
Sunday, Dec. 3

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