

# EKAC 2.0



February 25, 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to EKAC 2.0! Forest Park has a generous loving heart toward our youth and kids and fully supports them going to Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp. Our Every Kid a Camper (EKAC) program helps them get connected with the larger church and helps them financially earn up to half the cost of a week of camp. Our EKAC program has been completely re-vamped this year. We hope it is easier to use AND EARN than ever!

**ATTEND THE EKAC 2.0 MEETING TO SIGN UP.**

**\*\*\*\*Sunday Feb 25 at 10:45am in the STUDENT CENTER\*\*\*\***

Can't make it? Go to [forestparkcov.org](http://forestparkcov.org), click the wiki page, then search for the EKAC 2.0 information

A week at camp is one of the best spiritual investments you can make in your child's life so we encourage you to sign them up ASAP! We will be happy to answer your questions. Additional camp brochures are available at the EKAC tables or online. Scholarship applications are available for additional assistance with deposit and/or remaining balances and must be submitted before May 1.

Our program will run on Sundays and Wednesdays from March 4 to May 6, 2018.

## HOW DOES 2.0 WORK ?

1. Sign up at the EKAC meeting on Feb 25 in the Student Center and get a folder to track your progress.
2. Earn up to 100 TOTAL POINTS through Attendance, Memory Work, Creative Projects, and/or Service Projects. Points are recorded in your folder.
3. CAMPERS MUST CHECK IN FOR ATTENDANCE POINTS 5 TIMES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. CHECK IN HAPPENS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS OR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN THE STUDENT CENTER OR SUNDAY EVENINGS AT SR. HIGH GROUPS.
4. At the end of the 10 weeks, OR once you've completed 100 points, turn your folder into a check in station to receive your credit for camp! The number of points you have completed equals the percentage of the total you can earn for your camp session (see HOW MUCH CAN MY CAMPER EARN, below).
5. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN FOLDER! Please do not come to the check in without a folder. We will NOT write IOUs. We will NOT maintain records for your points.

## HOW DOES MY CAMPER EARN POINTS?

- Attendance: 5 pts each / 25 total available.  
Check in with your folder Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights in the Student Center or Sunday evenings at Sr. High Groups. CAMPERS MUST CHECK IN 5 TIMES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.
- Memory Work: 5 pts each / 25 total available.  
Fill out the appropriate section in your folder and bring it with you to recite at a check in location Sunday or Wednesday.
- Creative Projects: 10 pts each / 30 total available.  
See folder for instructions. Insert project in folder when completed. Parents are responsible to require an appropriate level of effort from their camper.

Service Projects: Church: 10 pts each / 30 total available.  
 Community: 10 pts each / 30 total available.  
 See folder for ideas or come up with your own! Contact the appropriate "supervisor." Get the appropriate signature and follow your folder instructions when completed.

100 points is 100% funded. Every point you earn is 1% of your funding, so 100 points = 100% funded.

**Q:** Why do the total points available in the folder actually add up to 140, if only 100 are needed?

**A:** We have given you options to explore your gifts and talents while earning for camp! Pick and choose the earning opportunities that work best for you and your family!

\*\*\*NOTE for Pathfinders\*\*\*

Creative projects and service projects are worth 20 points (double) for you! You are just getting started with EKAC - let us help you out!

	Camp amount	EKAC potential
<u>Pathfinders 1 (grades 2 &amp; 3): June 15-17</u>	\$145	\$73
<u>Senior High (grades 9-12): June 17-23</u>	\$405	\$203
<u>Trailblazer 1 (grades 4-6): June 24-June 30</u>	\$395	\$198
<u>Junior High 1 (grades 7-9): July 15-21</u>	\$395	\$198
<u>Junior High 2: July 29-August 4</u>	\$395	\$198
<u>Trailblazer 2: August 5-11</u>	\$395	\$198
<u>Pathfinders 2: August 12-14</u>	\$145	\$73

# BFF- Best Friend Forever

Earn money for a friend to come to camp with you!

Again this year, Forest Park students and kids are encouraged to invite a non-Forest Park friend who has not attended Portage Lake Bible Camp before to join in on the fun of camp! Your camper's BFF will be awarded the same amount earned in the EKAC program. That's right—double the impact and the fun!

Here's how it works: Sally, from Forest Park, registers for camp and signs up for the EKAC program. She starts earning points and invites to camp a friend who doesn't attend Forest Park and hasn't been to Portage Lake before. Once Sally's friend is registered and this form is complete, we'll add her and she'll earn the same amount as Sally! In the end, both Sally and her BFF will have earned the amount recorded for Sally. A check for the amount earned will be sent to camp for each camper—one for Sally, one for her BFF. If Sally earned \$125, her BFF also received \$125. WIN!! WIN!!!

Please help us keep the integrity of this program by helping your camper invite a non-Forest Park, first time Portage Lake friend to join them. We want every kid and student to have an experience at Portage Lake.

Additional scholarships are available for assistance with the remaining funds. Deadline for these applications is May 1. Forms are available online:

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## BFF Program

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle which camp you are attending:

Pathfinders 1 (grades 2 & 3): June 15-17

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Trailblazer 2: August 5-11

Pathfinders 2: August 12-14

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## Memory Work -- 5 points each / 25 total available

Look up the verses in your Bible. In your folder, write out the verse you are memorizing, and its meaning to your life.

When you are ready to recite, bring your folder with the memory sheet correctly filled out BEFOREHAND to a check-in on Sunday or Wednesday.

Here are some Bible verses we want you to know! Learn them with your brain; store them in your heart! When times get tough, God's Word provides direction, clarity, and peace. You may choose up to 5 to recite.

Psalms 119.11

Colossians 1:15 (PLCBC summer theme)

Micah 6.8

Ephesians 4.29

Mark 12.30-31

1 Timothy 4.12

Proverbs 4.23

Proverbs 3.5-6

John 3.16-18

Mark 10.45

## Creative Projects -- 10 points each / 30 total available

Parents are responsible to require an appropriate level of effort from their camper.

**\*\*Pathfinders\*\*** earn double (20) points each.

### 4 Square Report

Fold an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper into 4 sections, then create the following sections as a Bible story report:

- Section 1- Title, author (your name), chapters, verses, etc.
- Section 2- Describe the main character of the story.
- Section 3- Write a summary of the story you read.
- Section 4- What did you learn about God?

### Poem

Read a book of the Bible, or story from the Bible

- Write a poem that the main character might have written at an important part in the plot.
- Use descriptive language and poetic devices such as metaphors, rhyming, alliteration, etc.
- Please include:
- Title, author (your name), chapters, verses, etc.
- What did you learn about God?

### Comic Strip

- Retell a Bible story in the form of an 8 – 10 frame comic strip.
- Use the main events in the story for each frame.
- Must be completed in color, with the Biblical reference in the title, ex: David and Goliath, 1 Sam. 17
- Stick figures are too easy. Please push yourself creatively!

### Family Movie Night

With a parent, select a movie that you can watch together or with your family. Use the questions below as a discussion guide for your family to talk about what you've just watched, and how it relates to what you believe as someone who follows Jesus. Then, write up your 1 page (minimum) reflection using the following format:

- Name, grade, title, date, parent signature
- 1 paragraph summary
- In another paragraph, answer these questions:
- Which character did you admire most and why? How does this movie fit your
- Do you agree or disagree with the main idea of this movie?
- How do the values onscreen compare with the values you've been taught at home?
- Does this movie encourage your faith or discourage it? How?
- Do you think this movie will have an effect on how you feel about your family, friends, or faith?
- What would happen if you chose to behave like the characters in this movie?
- Would you recommend this movie to your friends? Why?

Movie Resources for your family:

[www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org)

<http://www.iparent.tv>

<http://www.digitalkidsinitiative.com>

## Media Reviews - MS/HS

**First:** In order to turn in a media review, first complete this:

Read AND Answer together with a parent: Philippians 4.8, Matthew 5.8, 1 Corinthians 10.31

**HOW** do you decide what's worth your time?

**WHAT** standards do you use to decide what you like and don't like?

**WHEN** it comes to media content, how do you personally judge what's "good" media or "bad" media?

**Second:** Choose your favorite series, channel, book, show, youtube, music, movie, book, netflix, video game, APP, etc... and review and reflect with these questions:

- Discover: What is the message/ worldview?
- Discern: How does it stand in light of the biblical message/ worldview?
- Decide: What do I do with it?
- Read Proverbs 4:23, 2 Tim. 21-22, Rom 12.2, Eph 5.1-10, and Matt 7.13-14 - How do these verses impact your decisions to continue reading/ watching/ playing, using this media?

## Service Projects

Contact the appropriate "supervisor." Get the appropriate signature and follow your folder instructions when completed.

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## Church Service Projects - 10 points each / 30 total available

Be a part of the Sunday morning services

- Email Luke: [laustin@forestparkcov.org](mailto:laustin@forestparkcov.org) - kids praying/blessing, reading praying, singing, choir, media sound, organizing folders/ music, video announcements, origami doves for lent, painting, faith stories

Children's ministry

- Email Alaina: [amarr@forestparkcov.org](mailto:amarr@forestparkcov.org) - nursery, kids choir assistant, organize resource room, decorate bulletin boards, cleaning KIDS Wing, Sunday worship bags, cutting things out

Student Ministry

- Email Justin: [jsaxton@forestparkcov.org](mailto:jsaxton@forestparkcov.org) - 58rs, highschool, student center, core room, resource/ball-room, art, decoration, building shelves, EKAC check-in and memorization

Church building/ office

- Email Lynn: [lbuikema@forestparkcov.org](mailto:lbuikema@forestparkcov.org) - cleaning, clean your area (students center, kids rooms, vacuum windows, etc..) phone, desk reception

Hosting Guests

- Email Lynn: [lbuikema@forestparkcov.org](mailto:lbuikema@forestparkcov.org) - outdoor hosting, welcome, cooking meals for people, serving cookies at coffee hour, hosting new coffee room upstairs, etc...

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## Community Service Projects - 10 points each / 30 total available

### Community Ideas

- Serving in your neighborhood school
- Kids Food Basket (paper bags), or organized group activity
- Covered in Love
- MAP Supper House, Saturday @ 1st Congregational...
- Find **creative** ways to serve and let us know..

