



KidQuake

Kidquake #1 – March 28-30 at Glen Lake

Kidquake #2 – April 4-6 at Gilmont

Kidquake #3 – April 25-27 at Gilmont

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

What is Kidquake? Kidquake is a weekend camp for elementary-age children to experience camp. They will participate in Bible learning, small group time, fun camp activities like canoeing hiking and games. They will meet kids from throughout Grace Presbytery. All three weekends of Kidquake provide the same experiences and activities.

Beginnings and endings: KidQuakes begin on Friday at 8:00pm and conclude before noon on Sunday. Three meals are provided on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Schedules are always subject to the weather.

Who: Kindergarten – 5th Graders and their adult sponsors.

(6th Graders invited if your church does not send them to Youth events.)

Cost: \$160 – includes 4 meals, housing two nights, programming, T-shirt

How to register: Read this registration packet and register online at <https://gracepresbytery.regfox.com/kidquake-2025>

Sponsored by: Grace Presbytery's Children and Youth Ministry Committee

2025

Leadership Team

Kidquake is led by a Planning Team of experienced children's ministry leaders from throughout Grace Presbytery. We are excited to introduce this year's planning team members!

Austin College ACTivators and other young adults who have been background checked and have experience and training to work with children are small group leaders with children throughout the weekend.



Directors Kidquake #1- Ann Nielsen & Elizabeth Boulware



Ann Nielsen has served as the Director of Children and Family Ministries at First Presbyterian Church Fort Worth for over four years. With nearly a decade of cherished memories at Kidquake, she loves witnessing children grow spiritually and connect within their church family and the wider Presbyterian community over the weekend.

Elizabeth currently serves at the Director of Spiritual Care at Trinity Terrace in Fort Worth. Over the last fifteen years, Elizabeth has served in a variety of ministry positions, including working with children and youth.



Directors Kidquake #2 - Sue Suneson & Jen Bluestein



Sue Suneson is a certified Christian educator who has served churches in Grace Presbytery for 30+ years. She currently serves as the Director of Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church Garland. Kidquake is one of the highlights of her year!

Jen Bluestein currently serves on the staff of Grace Presbytery and her responsibilities include supporting children and youth ministry. In the last 20 years, Jen has served children and their families in both congregational and hospital settings.



Directors Kidquake #3 - Miatta Wilson & Rebecca Sicks



Miatta Wilson is a Certified Christian Educator and longtime organizer of the Grace Presbytery Kidquakes. After serving as an educator with children and families in congregations for 30 years, Miatta now works for the PCUSA resourcing Christian Education Leaders across the denomination.

Rebecca Sicks currently serves at Northridge Presbyterian Church in Dallas leading faith formation activities and providing pastoral care. She loves children's books and helping children to think about their faith.



Planning Team Members



Janet Hayes is a Certified Christian Educator who has served in the congregational setting for over 25 years and currently works in the Office of Christian Formation for the PCUSA denominational offices. Children's and Youth Ministry as well as Camp Ministry has been at the heart of her ministry!

Jennifer Friedel serves as the Director of Youth and Children Ministries at St. Barnabas. Jennifer loves to laugh and to encourage kids to think about faith and their lives.



Frequently Asked Questions

IS SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE? Scholarship assistance, generally 1/2 the cost of the event, is available to children. These scholarships are funded by the Prairie Valley Legacy Fund. To apply, parents must complete this [Online scholarship application](#)

Please note: **Our scholarship application process has changed and requires an online endorsement of the online application by a church leader! Parents must include your email on this online application.** After the application is completed, you will receive an email requesting that you endorse or reject the application on behalf of your church. Endorsing the application allows the scholarship team to know that the family is affiliated with a PCUSA church. **The application will not be processed by the scholarship team until we receive your response.**

WHAT IS THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S KIDQUAKE? Our 2025 theme is "God Has Done Great Things and So Can I!" We will learn the great things God has done through ordinary people like Miriam, Rahab, and Deborah and kids will think about how they can do great work for God. Our mission project, making personal hygiene kits for disaster victims, will give kids a real experience of how their actions can have a big impact on God's world.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SPONSORS' RESPONSIBILITY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS?

Adult sponsors are required for this event. If you have both boys and girls attending the event, you are required to have a male and female adult sponsor. Background checks are required by Grace Presbytery, our insurance carriers, and the camp site. If your adult sponsor has not had a background check, you must do one prior to Kidquake. In addition, every adult attending must read and sign the Kidquake Community Covenant and Glen Lake or Gilmont Waiver of Liability. Sponsors must be present for the whole weekend and are responsible for supervising children.

I AM HAVING A HARD TIME FINDING SPONSORS. CAN OUR CHILDREN STILL ATTEND?

We want all children to participate! We prefer children to attend with adults from their home church to foster relationships that will endure past the retreat, but it is not always possible. If your church cannot send the requested sponsors, please contact Jen Bluestein (jen@gracepresbytery.org) to discuss partnering with another church to sponsor your children.

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Contact Jen Bluestein at jen@gracepresbytery.org or 214-393-5616.

REGISTRATION – FOLLOW THESE STEPS!

1. Collect registration information (name, grade, t-shirt size, special needs and dietary restrictions) and payments from children and parents and adult sponsors.
2. Register your youth and adult sponsors at this registration link **by two weeks before your selected Kidquake!**
<https://gracepresbytery.regfox.com/kidquake-2025>
3. Pay fees with a credit card at registration. Or if paying by check, please indicate on check that payment is for Kidquake and mail a check for the amount due to:

Grace Presbytery
Attn: Kat Studley
6100 Colwell Blvd., Suite 100
Irving, TX 75039

4. Email parents and adult sponsors these links to fill out Grace Presbytery forms.

Grace Presbytery Children and Youth Parent Consent Form and Emergency Form
<https://form.jotform.com/242739322948163>

Grace Presbytery Youth Event Community Covenant
<https://form.jotform.com/242750456304049>

Grace Presbytery will receive electronic copies of the completed forms. **Tell parents to put in your email as church leader so you will receive an emailed copy of the Consent and Emergency Form for your records!**

Please choose below the appropriate link for the camp Waiver of Liability and share with parents and adult sponsors.

If attending Kidquake at Glen Lake: <https://form.jotform.com/202576893048061>

If attending Kidquake at Gilmont:
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/GilmontCampAndConferenceCenter/AssumptionOfRiskAndWaiverOfLiability>

5. If you have not submitted a copy of your church's Approved Adult List this year or you are adding a newly background-checked adult sponsor, please submit the Approved Adult List form at the end of this document to Kat Studley (kat@gracepresbytery.org) by the registration deadline.

The registration deadline is two weeks before your selected Kidquake (March 14 for Kidquake #1, March 21 for Kidquake #2, April 11 for Kidquake #3). Set your registration deadline for parents several days earlier so you will have time to follow up with parents who have not yet completed your sign-up process. No cancellations will be refunded after the registration deadline, but you may substitute participants up to the event day.

GRACE PRESBYTERY

Acknowledgment of Child Abuse Prevention and Leadership Screening Program 2024

CHURCH: _____

CITY: _____

The undersigned representatives of the above-named church hereby acknowledge that this church maintains its own written child protection policy.

All individuals listed on this form are currently members of this congregation and have been screened including a security background check conducted in accordance with church and/or presbytery guidelines. These individuals have been authorized to work with the children and youth of this church.

Date _____

Signature _____ Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Printed Name _____

Capacity with Church _____ Capacity with Church _____

Background Checks have been conducted through (Name of Organization):

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

7. _____ 8. _____