

Dear Parent of a 4th, 5th or 6th Grade Child,

Once again summer is nearly ending. And soon, hopefully after we stop complaining about the heat and before we start complaining about the cold, the fabled First Free Church Children's Hike will again take place (if the fearless leaders don't fall down, break down or need major therapy, that is.)

Children who have been part of Children's Church at First Free Church over the past year, as well as those who have attended Stockade or Adventure Clubs or Vacation Bible School and who are entering 4th, 5th or 6th grade this fall are all invited. (The requirement that they be shorter than Mary is usually automatically met but can also be waived in special circumstances.)



Date: Saturday, September 13, 2003

Meeting place: The parking lot across the street from the church at 5150 Chicago Avenue

Starting Time: Drop the kids off by 9:00 am if you can. If they need a ride to church, let us know.

Ending Place: Each child's home (or other place designated by parents)

Guests: There is usually space for your child to bring a friend but we like to know ahead

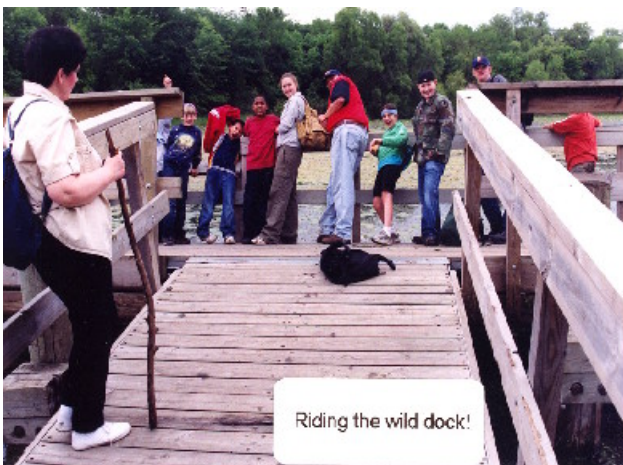
Ending Time: We will bring them home between about 5:30 to 6:30 pm

(special requests honored—except that you must agree to take your kids back)

Hiking place: Somewhere along the Mississippi or Minnesota Rivers (probably Pike Island.)

Cost: A \$5.00 donation is appreciated for food and photos

Bring: Clothes for the weather, (long pants are preferable because of thorns and nettles), shoes that can -- and will -- get muddy, a personal knap sack is good , snacks can be brought but we will provide food and drinks.



Take Home: Often, little critters follow the kids home (reptiles, amphibians, crustaceans and other creeping things) if they are not welcome, make that clear to your Wild Kingdom wannabe before the hike.

How to notify: If you are receiving this notice in the mail, we will contact you for confirmation.

If you are reading this notice on the internet or picked it off your windshield or found it in your child's pocket, call one of us.

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PS Children's Church starts on Sunday September 7 as we again try to prepare these young people for the challenges there are in coming of age in a very confused and confusing Age. We try to help them anticipate the physical, mental, moral and spiritual challenges and respond with confidence in God and His Word. The children are dismissed from the 9:30 Worship Service in the Sanctuary at about 10:00 to file downstairs for Children's Church.