



Dear Parents of 4th, 5th and 6th graders,

Mark down Saturday, September 16 as the day of the famous “Children’s Hike” for the fall of 2006. Twice a year we take a group into the woods and swamps near the river — and every year they all come back out again! (We do not believe we have lost any in about 20 years of doing this — at least there have been no complaints.)



In June there were 40 kids, 11 adults and 5 teens, from First Free Junior Church, Stockade Boys Club, Girls Rock!, VBS and Salem Free Kids Club catching critters and tramping around the muddy swamps of Crosby Lake Park. This time we will be circling Pike Island in Fort Snelling State Park. We meet at the First Free Church parking lot or at Salem Free Church (addresses below) at 9:00 am (rides to the church will be available on request) and we will bring the kids to their homes of record or other designated drop off destinations at the end of the day, usually between 5:00 and 6:00 pm.

If your child was in the above mentioned activities, we have your names, addresses and phone numbers and we will contact you to confirm who is coming. (We also use that information to be sure to return your children — so no tricks like designating vacant lots or shopping malls.)



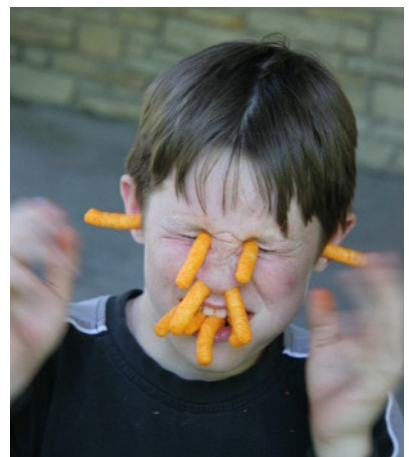
Sunday, September 10 is the first day of Junior Church at First Free. At both the 8:30 am and 11:00 am services the kids are dismissed to go down stairs for exciting and interesting lessons taught by our main teachers, James Amstutz, Mary Anderson, Marilyn Fisher and Ross Olson. There are also many special guest appearances of other adults in the church and a few

select videos. We cover topics kids are already facing, even at their age, and will certainly have to deal with during the adolescent years to come. We try to fortify them for the attacks of our deteriorating culture, giving them reasons to trust God and the Bible, like the scientific evidence for creation.



We wish we did not have to talk about drugs, the occult and new age thinking, moral relativism and other temptations they will face, but wrong ideas about these issues are already “on the table,” pervading not only the media but even the public schools, and unfortunately at times, even some churches.

We welcome the new 4th graders who join us from Primary Church and ask those kids who do not have a church home to begin joining us not only for the hike but every Sunday, starting September 10, the first Sunday after Labor Day.



If we have your child’s name on a list, you will receive a phone call to confirm attendance. If you do not, call Ross Olson or Vidal Quevedo.

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