



Spring 2009

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

Once again summer is nearly here. And very soon, after we have stopped complaining about the cold and before we start complaining about the heat, the fabled Children's Hike will again take place (unless the fearless leaders fall down, break down or need impatient therapy, that is.)



Children who have been part of Tuesday Clubs and Homework Help at Salem Free Church and kids who have participated in Sunday School, Children's Church, Stockade, Girls Rock or Vacation Bible Camp at First Free Church over the past year and who are completing 4th, 5th or 6th grade this spring are all invited. (We could just say all the kids in the world but that would be ridiculous.)



Date: Saturday, May 30, 2009 (the Spring Hike is traditionally the first Saturday after Memorial Day.)

First Free Meeting place: Parking lot across the street from the church at 5150 Chicago Avenue.

Salem Meeting Place: In front of Salem Free 31st Street and 14th.

Starting Time: Bring the kids to the meeting place before 9:00 am. If they need a ride to church, let us know.

Ending Place: We bring each child home (or other place designated by parents — no last minute sleepovers.)

Ending Time: We will bring them home about 5:30 to 6:30 pm (special requests honored — except that you must agree to take your kids back.)

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

Hiking place: Crosby Lake Park (across the Mississippi from Pike Island.)

Cost: A \$10.00 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 to help carry the provisions, snacks can be

brought but we will provide food and drinks.

Take Home: Often, little critters — living and dead — follow the kids home. If reptiles, amphibians, small mammals, crustaceans, insects and other creepy or creeping things — living or dead — are not welcome in your home, make that clear to your Wild Kingdom wannabe before the hike.

How to notify: If you are receiving this notice in the mail, we should have your phone number and 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, or do not hear by mid week before the event, call one of us.



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