



Fall 2010

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

Mark down Saturday, September 25 as the day of the famous "Children's Hike" for the fall of 2010. 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 25 years of doing this — at least there have been no complaints.)



In June 2010 there were about 40 kids from First Free Junior Church, Stockade Boys Club, Girls Rock! and Salem Free Kids Club. There were about 10 teens and 10 adults, to ride herd. The kids spent the day catching critters and tramping around the muddy shores near Sibley House. This fall we will be circling Crosby Lake Park. Salem kids meet at 31st and 14th Avenue. First Free kids meet at the garage and parking lot on 52nd and Chicago across from the church. Come before 9:00 am Saturday, September 25 (rides to the churches will be available on request). We will bring the kids home to their homes of record or other designated drop off destination at the end of the day, between 5:00 and 6:00 pm. We can use parent helpers!

If your child is "on the list", we should have your names, addresses and phone numbers and we will contact you closer to the time 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.) If you call first, it saves a lot of phoning and talking to answering machines.



For the hike, long pants are recommended because of nettles and poison ivy. Shoes will probably get muddy so leave the expensive ones in the closet. Bring a back pack to help carry the snacks and drinks and lunch which we will provide. A donation of \$10.00 helps to defray the cost of this and the pictures that each participant will receive. Often souvenirs come home — some living and some dead. Be sure your explorer knows what will be allowed in the house.



Sunday, September 12 is the first day of Junior Church at First Free. In the middle of the 11:00 am service, the kids are dismissed to go down stairs for exciting and interesting lessons taught by our main teachers, James Amstutz, 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 pre-teen 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. If you have questions, call Ross. Parents are welcome any time.

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.

Please call if you wish your child to come on the hike. Guests can be invited but we need to know ahead of time.

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