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## News & Information

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### Summer Activities

During the summer months, CRKM shifts gears from our weekly program to connecting with our community. We invite children and their families to join us on field trips, barbeques and other activities. In addition, we offer scholarships for students to attend summer camps. Here's a look at what we're up to this summer!

#### Apartment Visits

We're connecting with kids at local apartment communities every Tuesday & Thursday evening. We build relationships with kids over a game of kickball, soccer or eating Otter Pops! Being in the community gives us the opportunity to see kids who attended CRKM clubs throughout the school year, meet new kids and remind them and their families about upcoming field trips and promote the new season of clubs.

We invite you to join the fun by coming with us to an apartment community on Tuesday or Thursday. We meet at CRKM at 5:30pm and walk over as a team. You can also read about what's going on during our visits through our Facebook page. It's exciting to read the posts from our volunteers and leaders!

#### Summer Camps

Each summer a group of CRKM children & youth (3rd-10th grade), spend five days at summer camp with

hundreds of other children and youth from the local Foursquare Churches. Each day they gather for AM/PM Chapel, a time to worship Jesus and hear lessons from the Bible taught by many wonderful Foursquare pastors. Kids camp is July 22-26; Jr. High Camp is Aug. 5-10; and High School camp is Aug. 12-17.

Few of these children are able to pay the full camp cost of \$240. After the kids pay \$20-\$40 to attend, the remainder of the cost is subsidized by our church partners and volunteers. This summer we have 8 children and 10 youth going to camp.

Our prayer is that our students will have the best week of their lives in an environment as conducive as possible to meet with God, build friendships with other students and develop a passion to live out what they have learned.



### Volunteer Spot

At CRKM, we utilize volunteer leaders to connect with the children. We facilitate genuine relationships with the kids and their families to learn more about them and seek out opportunities to share Christ. Executive Director, Tyrone McMorris, sat down with Becky, one of our Thursday night volunteers, to find out how she sees this in action:

Q. How long have you been a volunteer?

A. I just finished my third year.

Q. How have you seen club help children grow in faith, education & behavior?

A. Most seem to have a very good understanding of who Jesus is, His relationship to God, what happened while he was on earth and why he died.

Q. What would you say to someone who was interested in serving at CRKM?

A. Serving here just feels good. I feel joy in watching the kids sing worship songs, hearing their thoughts about life and hoping that it makes a lasting difference in their lives.

To learn how you can be involved, email:

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#### **Mission Statement**

Casino Road Kids Ministries seeks to transform the lives of local children by building relationships that introduce the principles of a Christ-centered faith and promote the value of education.

*"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" Matthew 5:16*

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## **From the Executive Director**

Your partnership and financial support allowed us to share the message and work of the Gospel to the 271 children through our ministry in the 2012/2013 school year. Thank you for your faithfulness. Without you, we wouldn't be able to reach the kids in our community.

As we move into our next club season, it is my desire to see our program grow in children reached. I also need your help getting the word out to your family, friends, churches, workplaces and civic organizations about our work here on Casino Road. It takes a lot of volunteers each week to serve each of the children that come to our clubs each week. There are multiple volunteer opportunities such as club volunteers/leaders, preparing meals, cleaning, prepping crafts, prayer partners and more. Volunteer Information Meetings are conducted the 4th Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30pm here at our offices. The next one is scheduled for August 27. If you or someone you know would like to get involved in this way visit <http://augustinfomeet.eventbrite.com> to register.

We also need continued financial support. It takes \$25 per month for each child served through our club programs. For this next season we want to increase the number of kids in our programs by 25%. To do that, we need to raise an additional \$5000 each quarter. Please consider how you can be part of financially supporting this ministry. Your monthly gift of \$25 per month will sponsor one child (or if you can do 1/2 of a child—\$12.50). Visit our website at [www.crmkids.org](http://www.crmkids.org) to get started or complete the enclosed donor card and mail it back in the envelope provided.

I am so excited about our ministry....where it has been and where it is going! Thank you for your faithfulness and support. I'm looking forward to seeing the lives of our kids change through hearing about the love of Jesus!

Jesus Peace,

