



Camp Hope® NEWS

January 2005

Set Your Calendar for Camp Hope® 2005!

Pull out your calendars right now and write down these important dates for Camp Hope 2005:

Saturday, July 9—Friday, July 15

Plans are already underway for the biggest, and best, Camp Hope® ever!

Applications - Applications will be going out in the mail very soon. If you can't wait to receive yours, you may download an application on our website at camphopeforkidz.org. Be sure to fill out the application completely. This will avoid any delay in getting your application processed.

Training Sessions - Due to popular demand, we are revamping our training program. Returning teen and adult counselors will not be required to attend the full training, but a shorter, more relevant session. The training schedule is listed to the right. If you are a returning volunteer and are interested in staying longer to help us by lending your voice of experience to those who are new to Camp Hope®, please let us know.

We can't wait to see you at Camp Hope 2005!



Camp Hope® 2005 Training Schedule

Unless special arrangements have been made by your church, all trainings will be held at Mt. Bethel UMC:

4385 Lower Roswell Road
Marietta, GA 30068
Room B200 (Upper Room)

- ALL new counselors must complete one 3-hour training workshop (see below).
- Returning counselors must come to one 1-1/2-hour training session to be held at the beginning of each workshop listed below.
- Training dates are as follows:

Saturday, Feb. 26: 9:30am - 12:30pm
 Saturday, March 5: 9:30am - 12:30pm
 Saturday, March 19: 9:30am - 12:30pm
 Saturday, April 16: 9:30am - 12:30pm
 Sunday, March 6: 1:00 - 4:00pm
 Sunday, April 17: 1:00 - 4:00pm

LEADERSHIP CAMPERS ENJOY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES



As part of Camp Hope's Leadership Training program, leadership campers are



given the opportunity to meet hard work and diligence they demonstrated during the week of camp. **kidz2leader's** Leadership Training



given the opportunity to meet for a special outing after camp. This past fall the 1st year leadership campers were treated to a Braves game, viewed from the private box of Atlanta Braves pitcher, John Smoltz. The 2nd year leadership campers were taken to a fun-filled day at Six Flags Fright Fest. Activities such as these help to build a stronger relationship between the campers, their counselors, and rewards them for the

Academy rose to new heights in 2004 graduating eight leadership campers from its 2nd year leadership training program. Three of these graduates will be old enough to become teen counselors at Camp Hope 2005. All three are excited and ready to meet the new challenges they will face as teen counselors. Our Leadership Training Academy expects to have 15 campers return for the 2nd year of leadership training and 21



Hope for Christmas Party Reunites Counselors and Campers

On Saturday, December 11th, Camp Hope's campers and counselors were the special guests at Marietta 1st UMC's annual Christmas breakfast and play. This year's play was "Frosty the Snowman." Afterward, everyone gathered together in the Reception Hall for our annual *Hope for Christmas* party where Christmas songs were sung, and everyone heard stories about the meaning behind the symbols of Christmas. The high point of the morning, for most campers, was when they were allowed to tear open the presents given to them by their counselors.



Donna Bardwell explains the "symbols of Christmas" with help from some very special campers.

Every camper went home with a goodie bag filled with all sorts of candy and fun things, as well as a Kroger gift card for their family to enjoy a Christmas dinner. As everyone left, there were hugs, tears and promises that we would all meet

again at Camp Hope 2005.

Many thanks to all of you who helped make this event so successful - the drivers and volunteers who were at their pick-up points at 7:00 am and didn't get home until sometime Saturday afternoon; those who helped set-up and decorate the Reception Hall; who checked-in and organized all the people and gifts and stayed to the bitter end, making sure everything was cleaned-up and taken back to the Camp Hope office; and to EVERYONE who gave up their Saturday to spend with these precious children. God bless all of you!



NEW CORPORATE NAME REAFFIRMS MINISTRY FOCUS

On December 1, 2004, the board of directors of Prison Disciple Ministry, Inc. unanimously voted to change its corporate name to **kidz2leaders, inc.** The state of Georgia approved the name change and it became official at the end of December. This name change was brought about by the fact that our focus has been for some time, and will continue to be, on children who

have a parent incarcerated in prison. Under **kidz2leaders, inc.** we will strive to nurture and grow our three ministries:

- Camp Hope® for kidz
- Leadership Training Academy
- Hope for Christmas

Everyone at kidz2leaders, d/b/a/ Camp Hope® thanks you for your continued prayers and support.

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