



## Heartland Center's Traveling Day Camp

Traveling Day Camp is a wonderful outreach ministry for children and an opportunity for your volunteers to be actively engaged in mission.

If you haven't done it in the past check it out!

<https://www.heartlandcamps.org/tdc>

Call Heartland Presbyterian Center at [1-816-891-1078](tel:1-816-891-1078) to reserve your spot.

## The Stewardship and Mission Committee offers grants to support Traveling Day Camp

First- and Second-Year Hosts\* will receive a \$1000 grant  
Year Three and beyond\* will receive a \$750 grant  
(\$1000 for small churches of 100 or less.)

### Because we have seen the fruits of Traveling Day Care, SAM would like to make some suggestions for helping you fund your camp.

Set a tuition cost and subsidize those who cannot afford it.

We know that many of you serve families who really cannot afford to pay for summer child care or activities. However, we also recognize that families value a service more if there is some investment in it. So, consider charging a small tuition for those families for whom it is not burden. Perhaps \$25.00 for the week. If 20 families pay the tuition, then you've raised \$500.

Establish a specific policy for those families for whom cost is a problem. Using the USDA guidelines for free and reduced meals is a well-established guideline for an impartial decision. \*

Perhaps those who qualify for free meals have free tuition for the week and those who qualify for reduced meals pay a reduced tuition, i.e. \$10 for the week. Establish a policy for additional children in a family. Maybe additional children only pay \$10 or \$15 and third plus child is free. Adjust the numbers to meet your population but allow all those who can contribute to do so.



Allow and encourage your older adults to scholarship a child or children for the week. Some churches have a family who can donate most of the cost of the camp. Don't hesitate to provide that opportunity.

Finally, remember that 40% of your Annual Pentecost offering stays in the congregation for children's ministries. If you publicize in advance how you will use those funds, your offering will be substantially more.

Heartland Center's Traveling Day Camp can be a great evangelism and mission program for your congregation. Be creative in using *all* the resources available to you – including requesting a grant from the Presbytery!



\*<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/03/20/2020-05982/child-nutrition-programs-income-eligibility-guidelines>

There is NO formal application for a TDC grant!

Simply email [office@pnks.org](mailto:office@pnks.org) and let us know that your congregation has been confirmed as a Traveling Day Camp host. Please provide the specific dates of your camp and the number of children and volunteers you hope to involve as well as how many years you have been hosting TDC. EASY!

SPOTS ARE FILLING UP FAST FOR SUMMER 2023!!