

GEO KIDS: WHAT IS IT?



GEO Kids is a midweek ministry for boys and girls in grades 1-5. Our focus is on Christian **G**rowth, **E**ncouragement, and **O**utreach. Our desire is that kids would come to know, love, and follow the Lord Jesus Christ, would seek to live for Him, and have a desire to share the gospel with their friends.

At GEO Kids, small groups are divided by grade & gender, allowing us to build relationships with kids, help them build friendships with one another, and prepare them to eventually make the transition to middle school ministry, which follows a similar small pattern of discipleship.

When does registration for kids open and how much does it cost?

- Registration opens September 1 for the 2024-25 year.
- The cost for the year is \$25/child, max \$60/family (covers materials and snacks).
- Scholarships are available; contact Allie Mach in the office (amach@parksidechurch.com).

When does GEO Kids meet?

We meet 2x/month on Thursdays from 7:00-8:15 pm, during the school year, in the Children's Wing. Girls' groups meet on the 2nd floor; boys' groups meet in the lower level. Dismissal for all groups takes place in the lower level. Meeting dates for 2024-25 are tentatively scheduled for:

Family Kickoff Dinner: Sep 19, 6-7:30pm in the Venue

Fall 2024: Oct 3 & 17, Nov 7 & 21, Dec 5

Winter/Spring 2025: Jan 16, Feb 6 & 20, Mar 6 & 20, Apr 3 & 17

May 1: Family pizza Night & 5th grade send-off in the Venue

What are some ways I can be involved with GEO Kids?

- Small Group Leader at GEO meetings (2x/month)—2 leaders per group; a simple lesson plan, game & activity ideas, and snacks provided for each meeting!
- Assist at special events (Boys' Game nights/Girls' Craft nights, etc.)
 - Boys' Game Night
 - Girls' Game Night

Do I have to be a member of Parkside Church to serve at GEO Kids?

You do not have to be a member; however, we do ask that you have been in regular attendance at Parkside for a minimum of 6 months. Anyone who serves at GEO Kids must complete a church testimony application and a background check (workers 18+ years of age).

Who do I contact to sign up to serve?

If you'd like to be involved or have additional questions about serving, please contact Nicki Yates (nkamerer@hotmail.com).