

## 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?***

- 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](mailto:amach@parksidechurch.com))
- *\*If we have a shortened ministry year, the registration cost may be amended.*

### ***When does GEO Kids meet? This information is NOT confirmed, but we wanted to give families an idea of our potential dates.***

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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor; boys' groups meet in the lower level. Dismissal for all groups takes place in the lower level. Meeting dates for 2025-26 are tentatively scheduled for:

Fall Meeting Dates 2025: Oct 16, Nov 6 & 20, Dec 4

Winter/Spring 2026: Jan 15, Feb 5 & 19, Mar 5 & 19, Apr 2 & 16

May 7: Family pizza Night & 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nkamerer@hotmail.com)).