

Smokerise Summer Camp

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K-6 Overnight

It is July 11th starting at 5:30pm and ending at 7:30am with dinner, snacks, and breakfast provided at camp.

4:30-5:30 Arrive at camp in the gym

5:30 Sub sandwiches in the gym

7ish Movie

9ish Malibu Grand Prix

12:00 Bowling – Parents can join us and check on or pick up

2:00 Return to camp for all night games movies & breakfast

7:30–8:30 Breakfast and pick up Please be prompt

Sign up online. It is \$60 for the whole night. Space is limited.

You do not need to attend the week to join

Calendar of Events for Wk 7

MON EVENTS

K-3 ACADEMICS, CRAFTS, RECREATION, PICCADILLY PUPPETS

4-6 CRCT, CRAFTS, RECREATION

TEENS ACADEMICS, TEAM BUILDING

TUE EVENTS

K-3 ACADEMICS, SWIM, SKATE, PUTT-PUTT

4-6 CRCT, QZAR

TEENS ACADEMICS, BOBBIE DODD AND THE ATLANTA COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUP

WED EVENTS

ALL SIX FLAGS

THU EVENTS

K-3 SUMMER BRIDGE, WORLD OF COKE

TEENS ACADEMICS, BOBBIE DODD AND THE ATLANTA COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUP

FRI EVENTS

K-3 ACADEMICS, ACTIVITY CHOICES

4-6 CRCT, ACTIVITY CHOICES

TEENS ACADEMICS, ACTIVITY CHOSEN BY GROUP

Our Bible Story this week

The Israelites Receive Cruel Treatment

Bible Story: Exodus 5:1–6:1

Key Verse: "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

Simple Supplies: *You'll need a Bible, one length of string for each child, and one Life Savers Gummies candy for each*

LUNCH THIS WEEK

Mon Shepherd's Pie, peas, carrots, salad, fruit, cake

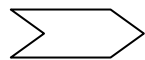
Tue Chicken, tater tots, green beans, fruit, brownies
Teens: Subs, chips or pretzels, fruit, granola bars, cookies

Wed Six Flags

Thu Texas Chicken Casserole, mac and cheese, corn, fruit, cookies
Teens: Subs, chips or pretzels, fruit, granola bars, cookies

Fri Pizza Day

Meet the staff



Karissa Burdett

Hey Campers and Parents

My name is Karissa Burdett and I am 22 years old. I am a daughter, wife, student and teacher. I am so thankful that God has blessed me with a wonderful family and the absolute best husband in the world! We have an adorable dog and the passion to work with children. I have been working with children for over five years and cannot imagine doing anything else! I am currently working as a substitute teacher for Gwinnett County Public Schools while attending Georgia State University to obtain my bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. This is my fourth year at Smoke Rise and my second year with fourth grade. I am so excited for this summer!

NEXT WEEK:

White water, the overnight, World of Coke, QZAR Laser Tags,

Have you ever had a job to do that was almost impossible? *Pause for children to respond.* Wow! Those sound like difficult jobs. I have a simple and fun job to start us off today. I'm going to give each of you a piece of candy and a piece of string. I'd like you to make a necklace out of these supplies. *Distribute string and candies, and help children make necklaces. Make one for yourself, too.* Great job! Let me ask you something. Do you really like your necklaces? *Pause.* I'm glad you like them. I like mine, too. How difficult was it to make these necklaces? *Pause.* I didn't think it was that difficult. I have another job for you. *Gather children to one side.* I'd like you to move from this end to the other end of this area without using any of your muscles. You can't stand. You can't walk. You can't walk like a crab. Now, one at a time, I'd like you to get to the other side. But remember, you can't move a muscle. Ready? Go! *If children try to walk, crawl, or move any limb to get to the other side, remind them that it's not allowed. Children will begin to understand that this is an impossible task. Why aren't you getting to the other side? Pause.*

You know, something similar happened to a group of people called the Israelites. A king, Pharaoh, gave Israelites jobs to do. They weren't fun jobs like making necklaces out of string and candy; they were impossible jobs like trying to cross a big area without using their muscles. The Israelites were treated very poorly, but they kept trusting that God would help them. *Open your Bible to Isaiah 40:31, and show the page to the children.* Isaiah 40:31 says, **"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."** People, who trust that God will help them, have hope and strength from God. That's a wonderful promise, isn't it?

When we feel as if we have something impossible to do, God wants us to trust him. God wants to help us do things that feel impossible. Let's pray about trusting God to help us. Dear God, thank you for promising that when we trust you, you will help us. Help us be patient and wait for you to give us strength. In Jesus' name, amen.

Now let's try that impossible task again. *Gather children at one end of the area.* When I say "go," fly like an eagle to the other side. Ready? On your mark, get set, go! *Allow children to run from one side to the other. Then have them "soar" back to their seats*