

LAUNCH
KIDS @ HEARTLAND

LINK UP

March/April/May 2010

HEY LAUNCH FAMILIES!

Well, how exciting and wild it is to have all of us together at Alpine. For those of you coming from Perryville, I imagine there's been a bit of an adjustment, but hopefully you're all settled in. It just feels good to have all of our families together in one place.

With the joining of our two campuses, there have been some changes, as you well know, and there are more changes to come. With close to 1,000 kids a weekend (and still growing), we are continually working hard to adjust and create an environment that will be more efficient and favorable for both you and your kids. So, as each new change comes, allow us to come alongside to assist you, answer questions and point you in the right direction.

One rather big change has been the postponement of The Mighty Family Smashup. Now that our South Auditorium has been made available for overflow, we are without an auditorium for Smashup. Let me assure you though, we're not

done yet; just on hiatus. As the Heartland building moves and expands south, we are looking at a venue which will provide a space for Smashup to return.

Another change coming in the near future will be a new Check-in process. Due, again, to our growing number of kids, we want to do everything we can to make Launch as secure and safe as possible. So, we will be doing In Room Check-in. This means that you will check your kid into his/her room directly. We'll be getting more information to you soon to explain this further. Although this will be a big change, we're confident that this will serve you and your kids much better.

In this issue of Link Up you'll be reading a bit more about security as well as what your kids are learning, what it takes to make a weekend happen and much, much more so keep reading.

Until next time, I'll see you at Launch where kids are always looking up!

Sharon Sherbondy
Director of Launch

LAUNCH MISSION STATEMENT

To help kids know what it means to be a Christ-Follower, and learn how to follow Him in their daily lives.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM

Be sure to bring your kids here this spring as we will be putting on our tool belts and having a great time at the construction yard! In our next series, The Great Skybridge Showdown (GSS),

we will not only be helping Newton, Dot and Spike build a bridge, but we will also be learning how to build trust for God. This is sure to “measure up” to be tons of fun...so don't miss out!

EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM

March 20/21: Center Stage Review

March 27/28: Easter Programming

April 3/4: Easter Programming

April 10/11:

Main Point— God has a plan for me

Bible Story— Exodus 2:1-10

April 17/18:

Main Point— God hears me when I'm sad

Bible Story— Exodus 1, 2:23-25

April 24/25:

Main Point— God helps me obey Him

Bible Story— Exodus 3-4

May 1/2:

Main Point— God is powerful

Bible Story— Exodus 8:1-15, 14:5-31

May 8/9:

Main Point — God gives me rules to follow

Bible Story — Exodus 19-20, 34

May 15/16:

Main Point— God provides for my needs

Bible Story— Exodus 16-17:6

May 22/23:

Main Point— God gives me friends to help me

Bible Story— Exodus 17:8-13

May 29/30:

Main Point— God will keep His promises

Bible Story— (Book of Exodus)



ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM

This next series will take a creative look at construction projects of the bible. These projects include the building of the Temple, the Ark, the tower of Babel, and much, much more. As we discover

these amazing stories, we will learn about how we can follow God's plan for our life and love others while doing it. So join us on the job site for eight weeks and see what awesome things God has in store.

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March 20/21: Center Stage Review

March 27/28: Easter Programming

April 3/4: Easter Programming

April 10/11:

Main Point— Follow God's plan

Bible Story— 1 Chronicles 28:1-9; 2 Chronicles 2-4

April 17/18:

Main Point— Obey God above all else

Bible Story— Genesis 6-10

April 24/25:

Main Point— Never give up doing good

Bible Story— Nehemiah 1-7

May 1/2:

Main Point— Praise god instead of yourself

Bible Story— Genesis 11:1-9

May 8/9:

Main Point — Keep God your priority

Bible Story — Luke 12:13-31

May 15/16:

Main Point— Share with others

Bible Story— 2 Kings 4:8-17

May 22/23:

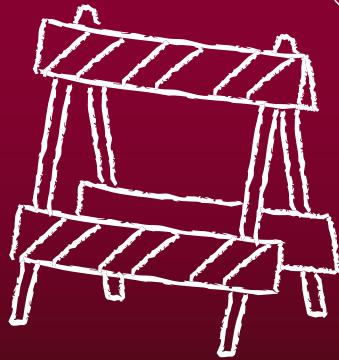
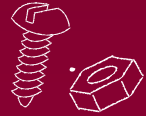
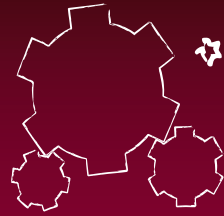
Main Point— You are the church

Bible Story— Matthew 16:13-20

May 29/30:

Main Point— Keep on serving God

Bible Story— Luke 14:25-30



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Do you know that LAUNCH is not only fun for your kids, it's a safe place to be? LAUNCH takes the safety and security of your kids very seriously. An example of this is how we handle lost Parent Tags.

If this tag is lost there are some extra steps you need to take. First, your child will stay in his or her room while you head to the Command Central Desk. You will need to show your driver's license to the Command Central Coordinator, verify some information and fill out

a short form. Once done, you take the form and your I.D. back to your child's room where the information is verified a second time.

This process takes a few extra minutes but it helps ensure that your child is safe and secure and leaves the room with the right person. And we use this process for everyone including staff and volunteers that we recognize. It's just another way LAUNCH is working hard to give your kids the best experience of their week.

Check out our new website!
[launchkids.cc!](http://launchkids.cc)

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WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A WEEKEND HAPPEN.★

Every weekend, we at LAUNCH plan for close to 1000 kids. So we begin each week with prayer, praying throughout the week for our families, kids and volunteers and for God to lead us this next week, surrendering everything to God. Then we go to work. We contact volunteer teachers, worship teams, and tech teams, schedule rehearsals and make sure everyone has what they need for the upcoming weekend. We brainstorm and develop up to three age-appropriate small group activities for kids age 2 through 5th grade. We e-mail, call, text, and/or write every volunteer serving for the upcoming weekend to ensure that the volunteers leading these activities are adequately equipped to build into their kids. We work throughout the week to fully staff each room with volunteers.

When the weekend comes, we

arrive 3 hours before the first service to prepare rooms, build into and rehearse with tech, worship, drama, and teachers. Once all volunteers arrive we oversee room ratios, making sure that each room has the right number of volunteers for the number of kids, sometimes making last minute calls for more volunteers in order to keep rooms open. Throughout the weekend we attend to volunteers, kids, parents and programming needs, making sure that every kid is experiencing the best possible hour possible. We keep watch over the Launch area every service to make sure that all is safe and secure. Once Launch is over rooms are cleaned and vacuumed, toys put away and the doors are locked until the next weekend. We return together on Tuesday to look back at the weekend, evaluating what went well and what we can do better. We pray together and then start the process all over again.

Thanks for taking the time to read this issue of the

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