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PARENTS,

Get A Tag! weekends are coming
September 18/19 & September
25/26.

If you don't have a Heartland ID
tag, be sure to stop by the Get a
Tag kiosk to pick one up. It will
make check-in at Launch and
Carbon easier and quicker.



faster for you... (faster for us)

★ FAMILY DISCOVERY CARDS ★

Something new to Launch! As we continue to look for ways to partner with families to help their kids grow in a relationship with Jesus, we decided to provide you with this exciting new tool. **Each month, our Family Discovery Cards will be available for each age group in Launch (Moon Walkers, Shooting Stars and Elementary...Launch Station 2).** The cards will contain the themes, Bible stories/verses and key words that we are learning each week as well as some fun activities that you can do at home with your kids. These activities will reinforce the Bible lessons here in Launch and give your family a way to grow, learn and serve together. Again, the Family Discovery Cards will be available near your child's room in Launch on the weekends starting in September.



HEY LAUNCH FAMILIES!

September is here, kids are back to school, and Launch is in full swing. I don't think I've ever been more excited about our ministry as I am right now. It's been an incredible summer of dreaming, planning and writing. And now the time has finally come to see it all materialize right before our eyes.

Let's begin with **carbon**. That's the new ministry that started August 28/29 for our 4th and 5th graders. It happens up in the loft twice a weekend; 4:00 Saturday or 9:00 Sunday. (If parents can't attend those services, no worries. G Force meets in Launch Station 2 at the 6:00 Saturday and 11:00 Sunday.) Janine's got more to tell you later in this issue. But keep reading.

Next let me tell you about our new, all-Heartland curriculum. Your Moon Walkers are going enter into the **Live-It-Out Hideout** and your Shooting Stars are going to step into the **Super, Spectacular Wonder Workshop**. Fabulous sets matched by excellent teaching, memorable characters and live worship.

In **Launch Station 2** your elementary kids are going to experience large group like never before. The Launch Band is back as well as many of our great teachers. But we add to that original videos, live dramas, and audience participation.

From 2 year olds through 11 year olds, I guarantee you that your kids will be talking about Launch all week long. Keep reading to learn more great details from Mandy and Tyler.

So would you not agree that this year has the makings of being one of our best Launch years ever? As I've said, we've dreamed, planned, and written. But most of all we've prayed, prayed that the kids' hearts would be captured and that they would truly live out our mission statement: know what it means to be a Christ-follower and learn how to follow them in their daily lives.

Blessings,

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.

★ MISSION ★



CARBON IS HERE FOR ALL 4TH & 5TH GRADERS!

Our mission: “keeping kids connected to Christ, community, and church”

Carbon experiences are designed to meet **preteens** where they're at and help them connect the dots of the world they live in to their life in Jesus.

Here are the details about carbon that you'll want to know:

- Saturdays @ 4:00 p.m. and Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Loft.
- 2 identical experiences designed just for preteens – with our own hosts, teachers, worship leaders, small group leaders!
- Unique curriculum – relevant, biblical teachings including large & small group interaction, games, activities, & worship

For more info visit:

Facebook page: carbon kids @ heartland
Our new website: www.carbonkid.cc

More questions or want to be a carbon volunteer, contact us at carbonkid@heartland.cc.

So come check out carbon!

Janine Linder
Carbon Ministry Leader



EARLY CHILDHOOD new this fall!

MOON WALKERS

(2 & 3 year olds)

SHOOTING STARS

(4's, 5's and Kindergarten)

I remember when I was a young child, and one of my favorite things to do was throw a blanket over a table or some chairs to create a “tent” or a “hideout” in the living room! Then I would bring inside my favorite pillow, some stuffed animals and toys and play for hours! Well, we put together some of the most creative minds at Heartland to create a new and exciting place for the Moon Walkers to hang out in each week and we're calling it “The Live-It-Out Hideout!” In the hideout we will be worshipping God by singing and dancing, hearing true stories from the Bible and learning what it means for a little kid to live-out their faith! The teaching will continue to be led by our fabulous teaching team, as well as some new characters like “Dust Bunny and “Pops”! Ultimately your kids will be learning more about Jesus and His amazing love for them as we all gather together in the Hideout each weekend!

This will be a year of discovering God's Word for the Shooting Stars kids as we will be meeting weekly in the brand new Super, Spectacular Wonder Workshop! The workshop will be filled with loads of sights, sounds and inventions as well as some one-of-a-kind new characters such as Gadget the robot, Mr. Fumbles and “tough guy” Mugsy Mouse. We will not only hear some great Bible stories but also learn how those stories still apply to our lives today! This year we are also going to be adding live worship to the experience as well as bringing back the Shooting Stars Worship and Motions Team. So be sure to get those kids here as this will surely be the best hour of their week!

Mindy Hellyer
Early Childhood Ministry Leader



ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM new this fall!

We are so excited to roll out our very own curriculum on September 11/12 weekend. We have struggled in the past with finding curriculum that fits perfectly with our specific and unique kids. This struggle has presented us with the amazing opportunity to create and write our own. And it absolutely feels right. We have been working since June on creating lessons that are not only fun and exciting, but also relevant and true. Through live drama, dynamic teaching and outstanding live worship we are convinced that your Elementary kids will experience church in a whole new way.

Tyler Johnson
Elementary Ministry Leader