

Tribal Camp is .... a fun and safe multi-faith and multi-cultural camp with a commitment to peace, justice and a connection to the earth. Campers will choose Tribal clubs based on interest in club topics designed to build progressively each day. Group continuity, team building, reflections on faith and a wide variety of games and activities will be a part of each day for each child. Some activities will be led by camp counselors and some by adult volunteers to create a true community experience. At the end of each day all tribes will come together for a camp-wide gathering with the director for songs, announcements and acknowledgements.

### Activities



- Campers will select two “club” tribes to be a part of each week. These clubs will provide progressive insight into various activities in a fun way.
- Adult volunteers lead specialized activities designed to provide enrichment for the campers, exposing them to new and exciting topics and genres.
- Programmed downtime to decompress after lunch and recess for unstructured play.
- Daily water play to beat the heat!
- Two campwide activities each day to build camp spirit.

### Counselors

Our counselors are the foundation of our camp and are trained specifically for this unique camp. The counselors are trained to build the all-important group concept with our campers and create a very memorable experience. Our staff is composed of some combination of Jr. Counselors, Counselors, and Sr. Counselors. Interested young adults and high-school students can email Cam Parker at [ucgtribalcamp@gmail.com](mailto:ucgtribalcamp@gmail.com)

### Directors

Cam Parker served as Activity Time Director at UCG for eleven years. Cam has a B.A. in Family, Youth & Community Sciences from the University of Florida, is a state certified P.E. teacher and has worked with children in a camp setting for 20 years.

Keri Trosper works as UCG's Director of Children’s Programming. She has a B.S. in Developmental Psychology with an Education minor, and graduate work in School Guidance and Children's Mental Health. Keri has worked with children for the last seventeen years.

### Donations Make a Difference

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to our scholarship fund in addition to your child’s registration fee. A number of our campers are able to attend only because of these scholarships.

### Scholarships

Partial scholarships are available based on financial need. Parents/guardians of scholarship campers will volunteer 30 hours per child in lieu of half the tuition. The \$50 non-refundable deposit is still required. If you are interested in a partial scholarship, please check the appropriate boxes on the registration form. You will be contacted when scholarships are awarded. A Volunteer Coordinator will contact you to match your skills with our camp needs. Volunteers will prepare snacks, clean up, register children for activities, supervise the water activities, and help with camp departure. Contact Keri Trosper at [kerit@ucgainesville.org](mailto:kerit@ucgainesville.org) for more information.

### Volunteers

Adult volunteers will lead enrichment activities. Childcare can be arranged for volunteers during activities.

Middle and high school students may be approved to volunteer to lead or assist with specific activity sessions. Hours may be logged and verified for school purposes.

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### Daily Schedule

8:00 Welcome – Indoor Kid Choice  
 8:45 Tribal Club Session #1  
 9:30 Character Counts Meeting  
 10:00 CC Debriefing & Snack  
 10:30 Tribal Club Session #2  
 11:15 Campwide Activity  
 12:00 Lunch  
 12:30 Downtime  
 1:00 Recess  
 M/W/F – Campwide  
 1:30 Feature Presentation  
 T/Th – Adult Enrichment Activity  
 2:30 Water Play  
 3:30 Campwide Closing  
 4:00 Pick-Up

### Camp Fees

Tuition for two weeks of Tribal Camp is \$390. Camp runs 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Registration is on a first-come first-served basis. Mail or hand-deliver registration forms along with non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 for each child attending to United Church of Gainesville to reserve a spot. The remaining balance of \$340 must be paid by **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Because space is limited, your camper’s tuition must be submitted by the deadline or your child may lose his or her spot.

Please make all payments payable to:

**United Church of Gainesville**

**Note: “Tribal Camp”**

# TRIBAL CAMP

July 24<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>  
Weekdays Only  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



a summer day camp  
for children entering  
kindergarten - 6th grade



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## What to wear

- Comfortable shorts and tops, appropriate for the weather. Please don't send your child in clothes that you don't want to get dirty.
- Girls choosing to wear a dress or skirt should wear shorts under their outfit in order to comfortably participate in high movement activities.
- Sturdy closed-toe shoes (with socks) appropriate for running and playing games are required. You may send flip-flops or water shoes in addition for water play.
- Label ALL items, especially socks and underwear.
- If your child intends to participate in water activities, send a swimsuit or change of clothes and a towel. Campers will not be allowed to participate in water activities if he or she does not have a change of clothes.

## What to Bring – What Not to Bring

- Your child is welcome to bring non-electronic board games from home if he or she would like share them. Be aware there is a risk of loss or damage for which Tribal Camp will not be held responsible. No individual toys, electronic games or electronic devices should be brought to camp.
- Put sunscreen on your child each morning. Your child may also bring sunscreen for reapplication. Label this as well please.
- No money should be brought to camp unless otherwise noted.

## Lunch, Snacks & Treats

- Parents are responsible for sending a lunch each day, which includes a bottle of water. Please label your child's lunch box.
- Tribal Camp will provide two snacks each day for the children.
- **Due to possible health concerns with allergies, campers may be asked to exclude certain items to eliminate the likelihood of allergic reaction.**

## Check In/Out

- Camp hours are 8:00 to 4:00. Prompt arrival is encouraged as it allows camp staff to get the day started with their full tribes and for campers to make activity choices.
- Sign your child in and out every day at the check-in table. Read any attached camp communications and leave messages for us on the sign-in/out sheet. Each morning please escort your child to the classroom where he or she belongs.
- Please make every effort to pick up your child on time. We close each day with a camp-wide gathering that is part of the curriculum, parents are encouraged to attend. Children will be dismissed promptly at 4:00.
- Persons not on your child's registration form will not be allowed to pick up your child from camp without written permission from the parent.
- If your child is to miss a day of camp or you have messages for the director, call Cam Parker at 316-3909.

## Discipline Policy

It is our goal to enable children to manage their individual behavior and be a productive part of a group. If correction is necessary, the child will be told why the behavior is a problem, what is expected and possible consequences. Should the behavior continue the child will lose time in activities. For continual issues the director will communicate with parents to address the problem. If the behavior cannot be addressed in the context of camp, the child may be withdrawn from camp with no refund of fees.

## Medications & First Aid

- Any medications that your child will need to take during camp hours should be given to camp staff at the beginning of the day. Medication should be in its original container and the medication info sheet must be completed.
- Tribal Camp keeps a fully equipped first aid kit with each child's emergency form on site at all times. Please be sure the information you provide during registration is clear and accurate.

With questions or feedback contact:

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