



brookside INITIATIVE

Healthy Kids Playing and Learning About Jesus

Kids' Church and Shepherd Community Center, (two of the Brookside Initiative's partners) will team up this summer to offer summer camp to Brookside area children.



We asked Renae Chase at Shepherd to describe what the summer camp will look like and why both kids and adults look forward to summer.

Our vision for summer camp is to provide a positive place for kids to come this summer, while reaching the whole child with a healthy, well-rounded ministry.

We'll be at the BEACH with 50 kids, and have another 170 kids at other sites within Brookside.

The local children love this summer camp because **it is a safe place to be**, a place where they know they will be around adults who care for them.

It's also a safe place for them to grow spiritually. Each summer, several students give their lives to Christ. And we have lots of fun. If their parents are working, they don't normally get to go swimming, to meet new friends, to visit the zoo or Holiday Park. With us, they do.

At Shepherd, we also have a strong focus on academic progress. We want these kids to lead their class in the fall. Still, many of these children are below grade level in their studies, and need as much one-on-one assistance as they can get.

Any time, any day that volunteer tutors can come in, we can place a child with them. There's always a huge need. You don't have to be qualified, just willing to read with a child.

Beyond tutoring, you could minister on almost any day at any time, with skills you have:

We need **actors** for a small drama club we'll have. Can you help lead monologues or pantomimes?

We need **musicians** for a drum circle; one that the kids absolutely adore.

We need **cooks** for a cooking class, people who can teach simple cooking, like pancakes.

We need **scrapbookers**, people who can use **Microsoft Word**, and many other skills.

We also need **outdoorsmen** for boys' outdoor activities, things like knot tying. If you have a heart to see little boys grow and come to Jesus, we're ready for you.

Consider calling up a friend and coming together to advance the vision of healthy kids playing and learning about Jesus in a healthy environment. Read more about the need for [summer camp adult help](#), and use the [volunteer form](#) to enter your information, which we will pass on to Kids' Church and Shepherd Community Center.

The Brookside Initiative strives to live out and experience the

SUMMER MINISTRY

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