

## **Winter Blast PFAQ**

(Predicted Frequently Asked Questions)

### ***How is the KidZMo Winter Blast different from the Kidz-N-Ministry Conference?***

Kidz-N-Ministry's focus was on a student learning a ministry skill and then presenting it to every one at the conference. Winter Blast, although still giving students a chance to learn some new ministry skills during some breakout sessions, will focus on more of a "Camp style" service. Student presentations will probably not take place at Winter Blast, but we will encourage your kids to make those presentations at your local church.

### ***Why has the format been changed?***

The major reason for the change is lack of attendance at Kidz-N-Ministry. Over the past several years, the number of churches and students has declined. Only 5-6 churches (out of 368) participated in 2011. Six or seven children's leaders expressed their lack of participation because of the small focus of the event. There have been several express a desire to go to a more exciting and broader format.

### ***How Long Does Winter Blast Last?***

We will open Check-In at 5:00 pm on Friday and then Dismissal will be at approximately 3:30 pm on Saturday afternoon.

### ***What is the age range for students to attend Winter Blast?***

Since this is just an overnight event, we will set the age range from 5-12 (Kindergarten- 6<sup>th</sup> grade). This will allow your younger students who are too young for kid's camp to become familiar with our campground.

### ***How do I register kids for Winter Blast?***

Copy a registration form for each person, fill them out, and return with payment to the district office before the February 3rd deadline.

### ***Will the children from my church be assigned a counselor?***

No. Every church will be responsible for their own children. Please make sure that you have enough workers to ensure that your kids have a fun but safe time at **Winter Blast**.

### ***Are you requiring background checks for the leaders at Winter Blast?***

We are not requiring them, but we **strongly** urge you to perform a background check on everyone who is involved in your children's ministry whether or not they attend Winter Blast.

***Why will Winter Blast be held at Cross Pointe Camp in 2012?***

Many children's leaders have expressed a concern over the cost, so the campground is the most cost-effective option we have right now. It also brings our boys and girls onto the campground, hopefully paving the way for them to come to Kid's Camp in the summer.

***What are the reasons for staying in the dorms at Winter Blast?***

There are several. First, it keeps the price at a lower price point. Secondly, it will hopefully generate more excitement with the students by housing them as a group. Finally, we feel it is a more secure format for you to supervise your students.

***Will there be a licensed nurse at Winter Blast?***

No. Once again you will be responsible for the safety of your church's kids. In case of a medical emergency, we will assist in any way necessary after you and the child's parent agree on what treatment, if any, needs to be administered. Due to not having a paid nurse on sight, each leader and/or parent will keep and administer any medications that a child will need for the duration of Winter Blast.

***Who will do the ministry at Winter Blast?***

The CE director will put together two different teams to minister in the two scheduled services and also ask children's leaders across the district to do the breakout sessions.

***What are some things to look for at Winter Blast?***

We are trying our best to make it as fun and exciting as possible. Energetic services, a bonfire, crazy gym games, sliming the director (*200 students in attendance*), and giving away some VISA gift cards to leaders are a few of the things happening at **Winter Blast**.

***How many are you expecting to be in attendance at Winter Blast?***

With **Winter Blast's** broader focus and other positive changes we would like see to an increase in attendance. We would absolutely love to see 300 students in attendance for 2012.

***Will the kids need spending money at Winter Blast?***

Besides giving them a chance to give in BGMC offering, we will also have a small concession/gift area available.