

SUMMER 2018

OUR SUMMER IN REVIEW

ACTS HOLLAND



SUMMER OUTINGS

This summer we took a group to Fredrick Meijer Gardens for the first time. The teens were able to get outdoors and see all the unique plants and flowers as well as some of the beautiful sculptures.

We also took our annual trip to the Whitecaps (Thank you Dr. VandenBerg!). Both the kids and teens were excited to see a game in person. For some, there was a lot of learning about the rules and scoring, while others are huge baseball fans and were really pulling for the Whitecaps. It was a great night, and we all got to spend time together; hotdogs didn't hurt either!

We also made trips to the Farmers' Market, the zoo, the Outdoor Discovery Center, Holland's Downtown Street Performers and the Aquatic Center.

It was another amazing summer with our ACTS family; we are so grateful to have sufficient support to be able to continue programming throughout the summer. Our kids, their families, and all of us as staff and volunteers thank you for your help in making that possible!

PEACE CAMP



Earlier this summer 9 of our elementary aged kids participated in Peace Camp at First Presbyterian Church. We are grateful for the leadership of First Presbyterian, and countless volunteers (including Ms. Jaime) to pull this off! Aliyah, one of our returning Peace Campers said her favorite activity this year was the peace circle. Here camp participants can share what feelings and emotions they are having, resolve any conflicts that may be going on, and just get to know more about one another's lives and what "makes" or "breaks" their Peace. Since camp Aliyah shared her desire to create a Peace Circle time and space as a regular part of ACTS, and she's working with our leaders to make this a reality.

SUMMER BY #'S

143 BALLPARK DOGS

26 ARTSHOW PAINTINGS

22 DEVOTIONS SHARED

6 CHALK BOXES USED

100+ NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

7 NEW ACTS FRIENDS MADE

Read more on our blog! actsholland.com/acts-blog

SURF CAMP

We have been blessed for the past 6 summers to be involved with ARC Surf Project. This ministry puts on surf camps for youth in our community, as well as others, teaching kids water safety and giving them opportunities to learn how to surf. ARC strives to “introduce others to the light and love of Jesus Christ, build relationships, break down cultural barriers, and provide opportunities for urban youth to enjoy the beach.”

For our ACTS kids, surf camp is a highlight of every summer, a chance to do something they never imagined they would do, an opportunity to learn how to swim and play at the beach with confidence and not fear. This summer we heard kids saying, “I am so glad I finally got to go to surf camp; I have been hearing about it from friends and I finally got to go!” Another child told us, “My mom was really worried when she found out we were going to be at the big lake, but she is really happy now that I learned about how to be safe in the water.”

We cannot say enough thanks to ARC, check them out at www.arcsurf.org!



2018 ART SHOW!

More information will be in your mailbox soon about our annual art show fundraiser. Our kids work hard on their art, they'd love to share it with you!

NEW FALL SCHEDULE

September 2018 through May 2019:

Mondays:

Elementary ACTS (after school until 7:45pm)

Tuesdays:

Middle School ACTS (after school until 7:45pm)

Wednesdays:

High School ACTS (after school until 7:45pm)

Thursdays:

All ACTS participants (after school until 7:45pm)



FALL WISH LIST

As we enter into a new season of ministry, here are a few of our current needs:

- Food Storage Containers & Ziploc Bags
- Knee and Elbow Pads (kid sizes) for using skateboards and bikes
- Sports Equipment (soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, kickballs, ball pump)
- Standing or Table Top Fans
- Baseball Gloves and Balls
- Meijers, Menards or Gas Station Gift Cards
- Dustbuster
- Scientific Calculators
- Staples & Tape

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Elementary Homework Helper: (Mondays) 4-5:30pm

Middle School Homework Helper: (Tuesdays) 4-5:30pm

Snack or Meal Provider: Provide snack or meal for approx. 15-20 children for one day each month.

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