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I. WHAT IS LOGOS T.O.W.N.?

LOGOS T.O.W.N. is an afternoon program at Yorkfield Presbyterian Church for children in grades 1-5. LOGOS is a nation-wide non-denominational program developed by a group of Christian ministers and lay people that has been existence for forty years. LOGOS builds on the truth that faith is “caught, not taught.” For eighteen years, children at Yorkfield have been building relationships and learning about God through the LOGOS program key components:

- ▶ Bible Study—Exploring the scriptures to discover their relevance to our daily life and deepen our understanding of God’s love
- ▶ Worship skills: music, chimes & drama—Learning how to actively participate in Sunday worship and expressing our faith in ways that please God
- ▶ Arts and Crafts—Building relationships with adults and peers through creative activities, exploring our skills and gifts
- ▶ Recreation—Enjoying each other, having fun, and building relationships in positive, engaging, “everybody wins” activities
- ▶ Dinner Hour—Sharing a meal as God’s family to develop relationships and learn to treat each other with respect and kindness

LOGOS is a place where church is fun and everyone matters. It offers a weekly opportunity for your child to develop relationships with other children, with the church staff, and with believers from a wide variety of ages. LOGOS teaches that belief in Jesus Christ extends beyond Sunday morning, that the Christian life can be filled with joy and even silliness, and that everyone in the church is part of a believer’s family.

LOGOS IS NOT CHURCH. It does not replace regular attendance at Sunday worship, but is an extension of worship, Sunday school, and personal Bible study. LOGOS ENHANCES AND EXPANDS CHURCH into the week, into inter-generational relationships, and into daily life.

LOGOS is a FULL FAMILY ACTIVITY. Your participation in the LOGOS program extends beyond your child’s regular attendance. You, the parent, are a key component in LOGOS’ success. You’ll read more about that later in this pamphlet.

II. THE PURPOSE OF LOGOS TOWN

LOGOS T.O.W.N. harnesses the power of relationship to teach faith. We seek to make these things happen in the life of your child:

- ▶ to nurture an understanding of Jesus Christ and a desire to accept Christ as Lord and Savior
- ▶ to develop knowledge, participation, and leadership in each child as a members of the church
- ▶ to engage minds and bodies in wholesome, uplifting fellowship
- ▶ to foster genuine and lasting relationships with adults, the pastor, and believers of all ages

III. THE LOGOS PHILOSOPHY

LOGOS is a unique program with a philosophy that permeates every activity. Here are the basic concepts that make up the LOGOS philosophy:

- ▶ Relationships are the most fertile teaching grounds. Everything we do is about fostering relationships that will grow a child’s faith.
- ▶ We proclaim the Gospel in all that we do.
- ▶ The pastor is an active part of LOGOS T.O.W.N. so that children develop a vital relationship with him or her.
- ▶ LOGOS T.O.W.N. is a financially self-supporting operation.
- ▶ Parent participation is ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL for success.
- ▶ Worship is an indispensable part of the Christian life. Your child is expected to participate in worship and Sunday School.
- ▶ Our number one goal is that your child begin or grow a daily personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- ▶ Christ is a priority in the life of every believer. We treat this program with commitment and respect, and will ask the same of you and your child.

IV. REGISTRATION AND TUITION

- ▶ Fill out the registration form and return it with a check payable to Yorkfield Presbyterian Church.

Program Fees are as follows:

First Child in family—\$85.00

Second Child in family—\$75.00

Third Child and all additional in family—\$35.00

Children attending 2nd semester ONLY—\$45.00

Adults staying for dinner hour are asked to pay a small fee: Dinner for the full year is \$30.00 or \$2.00 per meal

In special cases scholarship funds are available. Finances should never prevent a child from being part of LOGOS. You may contact Angie Udelhofen in complete confidentiality if you wish to request financial assistance.

- ▶ You will also need to complete the Parent Volunteer Form.
- ▶ Both forms must be returned to the church office by August 31, 2010.
- ▶ One parent from each family who has not previously participated is required to attend the PARENTS MEETING at 6:15 on the first night of LOGOS T.O.W.N., September 22, 2010. All parents must be signed up for the required three volunteer nights by the end of the first night.

V. PARENT PARTICIPATION

LOGOS T.O.W.N. is about relationships. It is about children developing relationships with other adults, those in ministry, their peers, and parents. As such, the program simply cannot run without the full participation of all involved families.

EVERY FAMILY MUST VOLUNTEER ON SITE A MINIMUM OF THREE TIMES PER SEMESTER. FAMILIES WITH MULTIPLE CHILDREN IN THE PROGRAM MAY BE ASKED TO VOLUNTEER MORE THAN THREE TIMES PER SEMESTER.

We have created on-site volunteer programs to meet the needs of both working parents and parents who are at home with their children. Childcare is available for those volunteers who have young children not in the program. *The volunteer sheet will be posted at church. You may also email alliepleiter@comcast.net to sign up.*

VI. ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITORS

Children in the LOGOS T.O.W.N. program may invite visitors. So that dinner arrangements, craft supplies, etc. can be made, **you MUST call the church office by noon on Monday** to make a reservation. Upon arrival at the church, the visitor should check in with the Registrar. We ask that the visitor pay \$2.00 to cover the cost of dinner.

VII. BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

We are all, young and old, Children of God and deserve to be treated with love and respect. Parents are encouraged to help their children understand the importance of courtesy and respect in their relationships with teachers, the pastor, their peers, and all others involved in the LOGOS T.O.W.N. Program. Discipline is most effective when the basic set of rules are easily understood by the adults and children. The best rules are realistic for the age group and specific. Basic rules include:

- ▶ Safety for self and others:

No running, unless it is supervised

No dangerous horseplay

No hurting of others.

- ▶ Respect for others

Every person is a Child of God and deserves to be treated that way.

Be courteous to others

Refrain from inappropriate language

Use proper table manners and eating habits.

Talk when it is appropriate, don't interrupt.

Teachers are people too and deserve full respect.

Keep your hands to yourself.

Respect the handiwork and property of others

Respect other's personal space.

Observe proper manners...Please and Thank you

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Registrations and Payment received by
July 15—\$10 per family discount



REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 31!

▶ General Orderliness

The signal for quiet is a raised hand.

Arrive on time.

Clean up when you are finished.

Walk between classes.

Hang up your things.

Respect the church property

The children are expected to arrive 15 minutes early in order that classes may start on time. The full allotted time for each activity is necessary for all to benefit.

During Christian Family Dining Hour, all participants are expected to :

- ▶ Be courteous - Please and Thank you are mandatory.
- ▶ Exhibit proper table manners and eating habits.
- ▶ Take only as much food as you can eat and eat it all.
- ▶ Remain seated at your assigned table unless your table parent or dinner dean has given you permission to move around.

VIII. STARTING TIMES AND TRANSPORTATION

LOGOS will not be able to supervise children before 3:45. PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR CHILD BEFORE 3:45—THERE MAY BE NO ONE IN THE CHURCH TO SUPERVISE THEM.

We will be happy to help you make cooperative arrangements with other parents if drop off times present a problem.

If your child is sick or will not be attending LOGOS T.O.W.N., please let the church know by 2:00pm.

IX. CONFLICT WITH OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Young people are often involved with school athletic programs or other extra-curricular activities during particular times of the year. Sometimes these activities come in conflict with LOGOS T.O.W.N. participation. As much as possible, parents should try to avoid these scheduling conflicts. However, if unavoidable, arrangements can be made for continuing participation in the LOGOS T.O.W.N. program.

X. HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD IN LOGOS T.O.W.N.

Insist upon regular attendance on LOGOS T.O.W.N. day, special choir rehearsals, Sunday morning worship (especially when your child is scheduled to participate in worship), and Sunday School.

Discuss with your child what he/she has learned at LOGOS T.O.W.N.. What they have enjoyed and had fun at, and what they disliked or are having problems with.

Encourage and participate in regular prayer and Bible readings at home. It is not easy to establish this habit, but a regular time set aside each day will help. At meal time or just before bed often prove to be the times most easily kept.

Give your willing participation and service as needed. The time given in LOGOS T.O.W.N. is a vital service to the Lord and to our youth. If you cannot participate on a regular basis, we ask that you commit at least three evenings during the LOGOS T.O.W.N. year.

Stress the importance of courtesy and good behavior at LOGOS T.O.W.N.. An important rule is that everyone is a child of God and should be treated with the same respect.

Arrange for prompt payment of the LOGOS T.O.W.N. tuition. This helps to ensure that we can continue to provide the meals, books and other resources required for LOGOS T.O.W.N..

XI. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. My child has so much homework. Doesn't that conflict with a week night program?

LOGOS T.O.W.N. closes at 6:30 p.m. It is our experience that homework can still be completed before bedtime. We all need to establish priorities in our lives and make disciplined time for those things we count as important. Both the LOGOS T.O.W.N. Program and the giving of homework strengthen that philosophy.

2. *Can't we do away with dinner and save time, trouble and money?*

To have only part of the program destroys the effectiveness of the whole. The value of LOGOS T.O.W.N. is not so much the individual activities offered, but the total program of growing relationships in a Christian community. The breaking of the bread together plays a vital role in building these relationships.

3. *Does every child have to be in choir?*

Yes. This is a wonderful way our children can experience giving of themselves to God and to the church. Choir members have a unique opportunity to learn about praise, and to really feel a part of worship.

4. *Why does my child have to come on Sunday too?*

LOGOS T.O.W.N. is not just a social club. We are trying to help our children become disciples for Christ and to feel valued as part of a supportive community. Much of what we do on Wednesdays culminates on Sundays. A child who helps prepare for the worship service, but doesn't participate on Sunday, feels left off the "team."

5. *Why not have the whole program on Sunday, then?*

There is a real value in mid-week activity. It illustrates that religion and Christian community are not separate from daily living, but an integral part of every day. This has meaning to young people -- most of their major activities take place on weekdays during the school year. Too often the message our children receive is that religion is reserved for an hour on Sunday mornings only.

6. *But doesn't LOGOS T.O.W.N. compete with Sunday Church School?*

No, experience shows Sunday School is enhanced by the LOGOS T.O.W.N. Program. The children come to Sunday School as better friends, with a better background to add to class participation. They also develop more of a willingness to be open and to share within their Christian community.

7. *My child is involved in after-school activities on Wednesdays. Can (s)he come to only part of the program?*

Athletics and other extra-curricular activities are of real value to your child, as is LOGOS T.O.W.N.. It is suggested that (s)he make up as much work as possible that is missed, coming to LOGOS T.O.W.N. as soon as is feasible on Wednesdays. Most programs do not run the entire year and full LOGOS T.O.W.N. participation can be resumed following the "season".

8. *Why must I, as a parent, actively participate in the LOGOS T.O.W.N. Program?*

The LOGOS T.O.W.N. staff is wholly volunteer; part-time service by a large number of people is essential to keeping the large number of activities going. More important, however, is the powerful effect your presence and visible support have on your children. What you show to be important to you, becomes important to them.

XII. LOGOS TOWN SCHEDULE




3:45 – 3:50	Gathering Time and Announcements
3:50 – 4:25	Crafts/Recreation for 1 st & 2 nd Grades Worship Skills for 3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Grades
4:25 – 5:00	Worship Skills for 1 st & 2 nd Grades Crafts/Recreation for 3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th Grades
5:00 – 5:30	Bible Study for all Grades
5:30 – 6:30	Dinner

SEMESTER DATES:

September 22—December 8 (11 Weeks)

January 5—March 16 (11 Weeks)

XIII. LOGOS TOWN THEMES & MENUS 2010 - 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Sept. 22	 Welcome Back Picnic	Games
Sept. 29	Pirate Night	Games
Oct. 6	Farm Night	Craft
Oct. 13	Little Italy	Games
Oct. 20	Flower Power/60's 	Craft (Plant bulbs)
Oct. 27	Crazy Hat Friend's Night	Games
Nov. 3	 Paper Airplane Night	Games
Nov. 10	Island Get Away Night	Craft
Nov. 17	Backwards Night	Craft
THANKSGIVING BREAK		
Dec. 1	Nativity Night	Craft
Dec. 8	Formal Night/Lexington Square	
CHRISTMAS BREAK		
Jan. 5	Epiphany Carnival Night 	Games
Jan. 12	Blizzard Night	Games
Jan. 19	Colors Night	Craft
Jan. 26	Crazy Socks Night	Craft
Feb. 2	Variety Night/Special Friends	
Feb. 9	 PJ Night	Games
Feb. 16	Duct Tape Night	Craft
Feb. 23	Royalty Night 	Craft
March 2	Sports Night	Games
March 9	Ash Wednesday – Family Night	
March 16	TOWN Banquet	

“*” denotes nights everyone is encouraged to dress up... contests and prizes too!



Registration Form 2010-2011

TUITION/MEAL FEES

(Make checks payable to Yorkfield Presbyterian Church)

Full Year

1st Child - \$85

2nd Child - \$75

Each Add'l Child - \$35

Adults (staying for meals) - \$30

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS

Registration & Payment received by July 15, 2010—\$10 per family discount.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
AUGUST 31, 2010**

Last Name: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____ @ _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Mom's Name: _____

Work #: (_____) _____

Dad's Name: _____

Work #: (_____) _____

Child's Name	Birth date	School	Grade	Tuition
_____	____/____/____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	____/____/____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	____/____/____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	____/____/____	_____	_____	\$ _____

Family Total: \$ _____

If your child will be leaving Logos T.O.W.N. with someone other than parent(s) listed above, please list them below.

Emergency Contact:

If there is an emergency and neither the father or mother can be reached, we need 1 or 2 other people to call. Please list two if possible

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

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I understand I have a commitment to volunteer on site at least 3 times a semester (6 per year).

Parents Signature: _____ Date: _____