



Camp & Retreat Center



SUMMER ADVENTURES 2023

You & Me Camp	grades 1-5 with an adult	July 9-12
Kids Camp	grades 2-4	July 12-15
Intermediate Camp	grades 5-6	July 2-8
Jr Hi Camp	grades 7-9	July 2-8
Sr High Camp	grades 10-13	July 9-15
Emerging Young Adults	ages 19-35	June 15-18

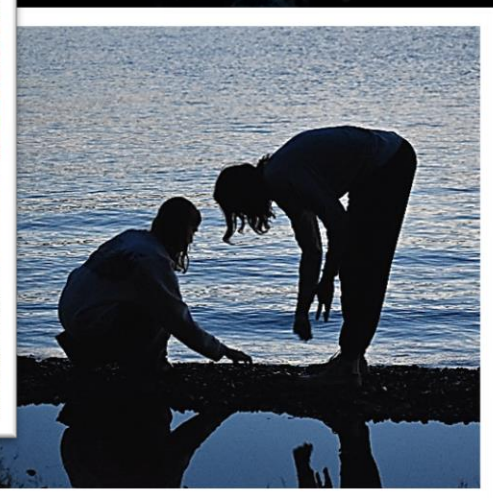
NOTE: Grade listed is the Grade Entering in the Fall

Family Camp 1

July 23-29

Family Camp 2 - Camp Together

July 30 - Aug 5



A Ministry of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ

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It's time to unplug and jump into a week of awesome, low-tech fun!

At N-Sid-Sen,
kids (and adults) can be kids and get dirty,
have fun and make memories that last a lifetime!
Camp is about connecting face to face with
cabin-mates and caring leaders.
Camp is a safe place to try new things,
learn about God, and grow as a person.
Camp is a place to laugh, sing,
play and pray together!

Faith-Based Immersion Experiences

Life is fast-paced, and it often appears to be moving faster. In the midst of everything with which we fill our lives, sometimes our faith, richer connections with others, and breathing deeply in God's natural world fall by the wayside. That's why it is so important to embrace opportunities like summer camp at N-Sid-Sen, to immerse ourselves in the gifts that await if only we slow down, truly connect with others and intentionally seek something different.

Our Leadership is Key

Our entire caring team, from managing director to experienced volunteer session directors and chaplains, trained cabin leaders, certified health care & waterfront staff, and the site hospitality team are dedicated to creating a safe and welcoming environment for our campers. They provide positive leadership and guidance, and are screened and trained in accordance with our Safe Conduct procedures. In addition, they receive job-specific training and support appropriate for their position.

About Us

N-Sid-Sen is a camp and retreat center of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ (UCC). The UCC is a mainline protestant denomination, which promotes the respect and acceptance of all God's people - no matter their country of origin, race, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, or religious background.

Established in 1935, N-Sid-Sen has served thousands of children, youth and adults through summer camp and year-round retreat experiences. Nestled along the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene among nearly 300 acres of woodlands, creeks and meadows, our facilities provide unique opportunities for exploration, growth, and renewal to groups of 16 to 150 participants. Our guests and campers come from a wide variety of backgrounds, faith traditions and community groups.



**Awesome,
Low-Tech Fun**

**God's Inspiring
Creation**

**Meaningful Connections
with Peers & Leaders**

**A Place of
Welcome & Respect**

**Open Space to Laugh,
Learn, Sing, Play,
and Pray Together**



**Our name
comes from the
indigenous
Coeur d'Alene
people. It means
"Point of Inspiration."**

Activities

There is so much to do and see at N-Sid-Sen! Depending on the ages and interests of the groups, these are just some of the options.

Canoeing • Crafts • 9-Square • Basketball • Beach Fun
Crazy Skits • Nature Discoveries • Volleyball • Goofy Songs
Team Building • Campfires • Camp-Style Worship
Paddle Boarding • Swimming • Picnic BBQ • Faith Chats
Water Games • Field Games • River Floats • Hiking

Theme: FruitFULL Faith

Our summer theme is

FruitFULL Faith... Living a Spirit Filled Life.

Have you ever seen God at work and wondered why the moment was so clear? Have you wondered what you could do to connect with those moments and feelings? Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia will come alive as we explore the fruit of the Spirit. Seeing this fruit all around assures us we have encountered God. These same fruit flow freely from us when we walk in the Spirit. Scripture is honest about how complicated life can be. The fruit of the Spirit show us we are on the right track as we observe, receive, and embody these virtues.

Meals

Our meals are camper-friendly with lots of fruits and vegetables. Many of our entrees and breads are lovingly made from scratch. We serve three nutritious meals and one snack daily. In addition to our regular meal offerings, a breakfast bar is available in the morning, and a salad bar at lunch and dinner. Partnering with parents, and **with advance notice**, we strive to accommodate special dietary needs whenever possible. Contact our office at 208.689.3489 to discuss options.

Lodging

We have three distinct styles of lodging. Our youth camps stay in our traditional cabins. Our family camps stay in all three styles.

Cabins: Twelve cabins with a centrally located shower house. Each has bunkbeds for 8-12, windows, electricity, and a curtained changing area.

Ford Cabin: Built in 1926, this building includes beds for 4 (one twin, one double, one bunkbed), a great room, small kitchen and bathroom.

Spirit Lodge: With 12 sleeping rooms, this lodge accommodates up to 32 in single and double beds. Single-use bathrooms are located in the hallways. The first floor of Spirit Lodge is fully accessible.



**Early Bird
Deadline:**

**Saturday,
April 15**



Transportation

We recognize that N-Sid-Sen is a 5-6 hour drive from the Greater Seattle-Tacoma area, but it's worth it! And there are some intriguing options.

- Carpool with friends and family.
- Encourage your congregation to organize carpools.
- Plan a getaway to Coeur d'Alene, Spokane or any of the many inviting towns and nearby recreational areas before, during or after your camper's session.
- Leave the driving to us!

Van transportation to and from N-Sid-Sen **via I-90** is available for our full-week youth camps. The primary van departs and returns to First Congregational Church in Bellevue. Additional vans may be added based on need. Details about transportation will be included in the Parent & Camper Guide.



- Van space is limited.
- Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.
- Sign-up and pay online.
- Fee: \$75 one-way
\$150 roundtrip

Action Work Weekends



May 11-14, 2023

June 15-18, 2023

Watch for Details



Questions?

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Join Our Team this Summer!

Volunteers are the heart of our summer camps at N-Sid-Sen! Serving for a week as a **CABIN LEADER**, **SESSION DIRECTOR**, **CHAPLAIN**, **NURSE**, or **RESOURCE PERSON** is a great way to share your faith and make a difference. Volunteers serve for a session and work as a team to provide a fun and faith-filled program.



SUMMER OF SERVICE – AGE 18+

Hard Work! Significant Friendships! Amazing Memories! Fun!

N-Sid-Sen is seeking hard-working, team oriented young adults to serve on our Summer Hospitality Staff, two of whom must be lifeguards. Job segments include assisting with meal prep, service, and clean-up; cleaning buildings & grounds; and assisting elsewhere as needed. Lifeguards also supervise the lakefront for 2-4 hours per day. Season: Mid-June thru August

- 35-40 hours per week
- Competitive Pay
- Lodging & Meals Provided
- Private Bedroom with Restroom



Tiered Pricing & Financial Assistance

Tiered Pricing

We are passionate about the power of church care and committed to keeping camp available to everyone who seeks a church camp experience.

We recognize that families are differently gifted and have different financial constraints. We seek to balance the cost of providing a quality camping experience with options for families to pay at the level that fits their budget. To do this N-Sid-Sen has a voluntary three-tier fee program.

Each family chooses the rate that is most suitable for their circumstances, and the choice is kept confidential.

Gratitude Tier

This higher tier more closely reflects the true costs of providing our camp experience, including facility maintenance, equipment repair and replacement, program development, and insurance. It addresses increasing costs for food, fuel and staff. Even if you cannot afford to choose the Gratitude Rate in any given year, we hope seeing this higher tier helps to increase awareness of the actual cost of the camp experience – costs we must seek to make up throughout the year.

Direct Cost Tier

This tier reflects a payment that covers the direct costs of a week of camp for a camper: programming, food, and summer staff.

Subsidized Tier

This tier covers a portion of the direct costs, but not all of them. The balance of the fee is covered by general support donations to N-Sid-Sen, and other groups and individuals who pay higher rates throughout the year.

Financial Assistance

Please do not let finances prevent your child from attending camp this summer! If the Subsidized Tier is still too high for your family, there are several financial assistance options available.

First, we recommend checking with your church. Many UCC congregations pay a portion of the camp fee for their members.

If more support is needed, contact N-Sid-Sen to receive a financial assistance application or find one on our website at www.n-sid-sen.org. Assistance is available for families receiving state aide and others with significant financial needs.



ALL Campers receive the same N-Sid-Sen experience, no matter which tier is selected or if financial assistance is received.

UCC Church Scholarships!

Many United Church of Christ congregations in the Pacific Northwest Conference pay a portion of the camp fee for their members.

Check with Your Church.



Session Descriptions

You & Me Camp ♦ July 9-12

Entering Grades 1-5 in the Fall
with Parent or Adult Buddy



You and Me Camp is designed for young campers (entering grades 1-5) to experience camp with an adult they love. This camp offers favorite traditional activities like campfires, time in and on the water, arts and crafts, nature hikes and delicious meals. There will be lots of time to explore and have new adventures as well. Most of your days and evenings will be spent with your buddy, but there will be a scheduled time or two when adults will gather with adults and the younger buddies with each other and leaders. With this age group, flexibility is important. If your child needs a nap or quiet time away from the group, you are encouraged to do what works for you.

We hope you will join us and make some new memories at your home on the lake!

Tier Rates per Person: \$245 / \$220 / \$195

Half a week just not enough time?

You & Me Camp can be paired with Kids Camp for a full week of fun and adventures for appropriately aged younger buddies (those entering grades 2-4).

You & Me pairs depart after breakfast and the closing on Wednesday, eat lunch on their own (Harrison and Coeur d'Alene have great options), and return in the afternoon for Kids Camp check-in. Remember to pack enough for a full week!

Kids Camp ♦ July 12-15

Entering Grades 2-4 in the Fall

This is a shorter camp for our younger campers. Smaller group sizes and only three nights away are ideal for this age group. These campers are just stepping out in the world, and there is so much to experience! Making a new friend, exploring the trails, jumping in the lake - or even just wading - may seem like simple fun. In reality, campers are gaining critical social skills, independence and a greater awareness of God and creation. Being away from home can present some challenges, but with our caring staff's gentle encouragement, kids grow in confidence. Favorite activities include swimming, story times, crafts, campfires, lying on the dock and watching fish, worship... and of course, making s'mores. They also just love spending time in their cabins with their bunkmates and cabin leaders.

This camp is scheduled at the same time as our Sr High Camp. The age difference lends itself to a positive family atmosphere, with the older campers being wonderful, nurturing role models while the younger ones add their wide-eyed enthusiasm and energy.

Tier Rates per Person: \$265 / \$240 / \$215



Grades 1-12?!

During our Youth Camps, when multiple age groups are at N-Sid-Sen at the same time, the different sessions operate fairly autonomously.

Most of the mixed interaction times are during meals and events specifically designed for the extended age group.

Cabin and family groupings, as well as shower times are by session. For example - Kids Campers live with other Kids Campers.

Bedtimes are determined by the session and are appropriate for the age group.



Intermediate Camp ♦ July 2-8

Entering Grades 5-6 in the Fall

Explore and experience N-Sid-Sen for a full week; it's a safe and welcoming space. New friends and lots of fun are just the beginning. Growing and playing together, exploring God's creation, building a Christian community – that's Intermediate Camp! There's just more time for more of our favorite activities and to take on new responsibilities – like cabin chores and hopper duties. Because they are older, and their gross motor skills are more developed, Intermediate Campers can try their skills at canoeing, paddleboarding and hiking. Favorite activities include water activities, team building, crafts, campfires, worship, and star gazing. They too like spending time in their cabins with their new friends and cabin leaders.

Tier Rates per Person: \$570 / \$520 / \$470

Jr High Camp ♦ July 2-8

Entering Grades 7-9 in the Fall

Jr High campers come together to rekindle old friendships and discover new ones in a safe and welcoming environment. In addition to meeting those in their assigned cabins, campers connect with folks in family groups for deeper conversations and outdoor fun. Jr High campers mix it up with choice time activities, cool crafts, the sports court, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, hiking and more. They love spending time with their peers - just hanging out - so there are a variety of structured and less structured opportunities to do just this. There is also an optional midweek river float trip. Favorite activities include all-camp games, worship that they help to create, choice times, aqua Olympics, nightly campfires full of music and fun, THE FOOD and just hanging out with friends.

Tier Rates per Person: \$605 / \$555 / \$505

Sr High Camp ♦ July 9-15

Entering Grades 10-13 in the Fall

A week to be your authentic self, make good friends and find new adventures. Sr High campers can get super crafty, spend extra time at the waterfront, or learn a new sport. The sense of community extends beyond the family group times to epic volleyball games, choice times with new friends and inspiring God Times. It is a judgement-free zone where you can just be you. Favorites include the picnic in the meadow paired with an evening at the waterfront, creating amazing worship,



the coolest cabin leaders, hanging with friends at the lake, in the craft room, and while floating down the river. It's also a lot of fun to interact with the younger kiddos in camp during meal times and special events. You & Me Camp is onsite for the first half of the week and Kid's Camp for the second half.

Tier Rates per Person: \$605 / \$555 / \$505



Float Trips

Jr High / Sr High / Family Camps

Midweek, there is an **optional river float trip.**

This is a day-long adventure on a slow meandering branch of the main river. Most places on the river are only knee deep, with a couple of deeper pools.

Our flotilla of rafts, tubes, and canoes is accompanied by a certified lifeguard, nurse or EMT, and plenty of N-Sid-Sen leaders.

We provide the sack lunch; campers bring the sunscreen.

Transportation to the river and back to camp is provided.

Emerging Young Adult Camp ♦ June 15-18

Also Known As – EYA

Age 19-35, and out of high school

A Thursday to Sunday long weekend retreat designed for emerging young adults who are looking for a faith-focused way to stay connected with N-Sid-Sen and their peers. Spirit Lodge is home-base for this event. We'll share deep thoughts on the porch, as we explore all the ways God is active in our lives. Canoe, hike, play 9-Square, and visit the town of Harrison for one of those famous ice cream cones. Get a little dirty and a little sweaty with an optional service project. Worship by the campfire and sing with friends - new and old. There will be plenty of free time to connect, wander or just retreat. Grab a friend or two and come on home to the lake!

Rate per Person: \$255 / \$230 / \$205

Family Camp 1 ♦ July 23-29

Family Camp 2 ♦ July 30 - August 5

AKA Camp Together

Both sessions are open to all ages and all configurations of families – singles, pairs, nuclear, extended.

Rates per Person:

Young Child (under age 3): no charge

Child (3-7 years): **\$440 / \$390 / \$340**

Youth (8-12): **\$505 / \$455 / \$405**

Adults & Teens: **\$525 / \$475 / \$425**

Join families of every size and description from across the Pacific Northwest Conference and beyond. Gather and enjoy all that N-Sid-Sen has to offer. We'll worship, play, visit and share a campfire together. Be prepared for silly songs and significant conversations. At Family Camp, we love playing music and there's space for you to bring your instrument and join in – no matter your skill level. Skiing, tubing, swimming, sunning and even floating the river are all options during these sessions. Bring your sunscreen and enjoy the water! Our days begin with morning watch at the outdoor chapel and "officially" close with evening campfires.

However, porches, decks and rocking chairs may call your name. Many gather after campfire to sit and visit with other families.

Families participate in most activities together, however, there will be time for different age groups to gather, including adults.

Come on HOME to the lake.



Register **EARLY** for Family Camp and **SAVE**

Save **\$50** for each child, youth, teen and adult registered by the Early Bird Deadline.

Online Registration, with non-refundable deposit, must be completed by
Saturday, April 15.



Registration / Payments / Cancellations

Register Online!

Go to www.n-sid-sen.org. Click on REGISTER at the top of the home page and follow the directions on the website. Online registration requires a minimum, non-refundable deposit of **\$100 per full-week camp per person, \$50 per part-week camp per person.**

Payment Plan

When you register online, it's easy to make payments to your account at your convenience. No special arrangements are needed.

Final Payment

The FAMILY SHARE of the camp fee is the portion of the fee paid by the family, as opposed to a share paid by a church or agency, or allocated from the scholarship fund. This FAMILY SHARE must be paid in full 14 days prior to the start of the camper's session. Earlier payments are welcome. If your church pays a portion of the camp fee, we will bill them.

Remember to order your
Camp T-Shirt when registering

We'll have it waiting for you when you arrive!

Cancellations

The deposit is non-refundable.

If a registration is cancelled in writing at least 30 days in advance of the start of the camp session, the full camp fee (minus the \$50 or \$100 deposit) will be refunded.

When written notification is received between 14 and 29 days, up to \$75% of the total camp fee will be refunded. When less than 14 days of notice is received, no refund is given.

If case of sudden illness, accident, or emergency, we can transfer your registration to another age-appropriate session – if space is still available. If sessions are full, then a full refund will be considered.

Early Bird Discounts

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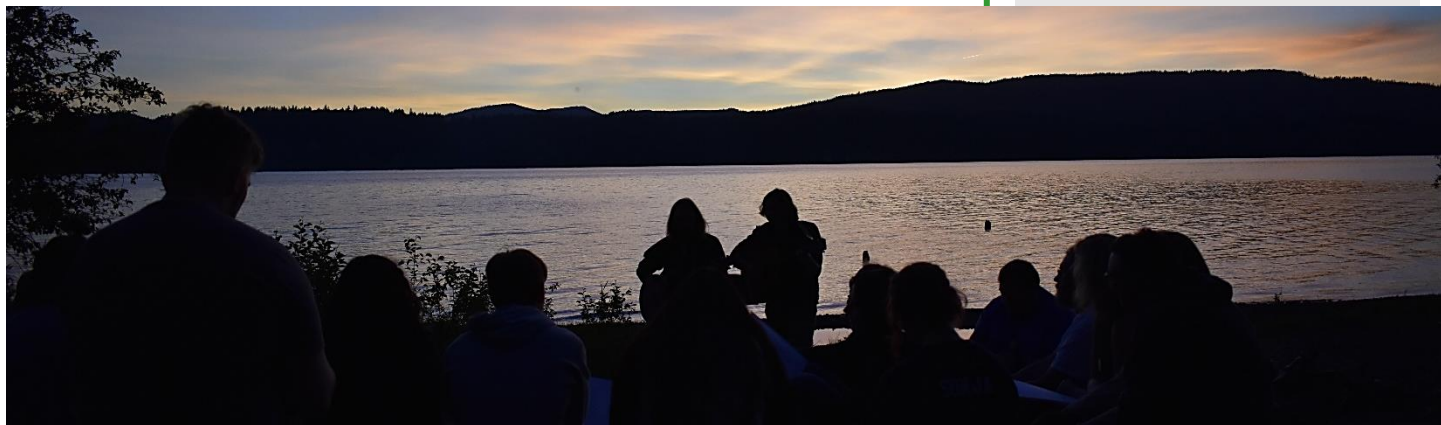
Register early to **SAVE \$50** on full-week youth and family camp sessions and **SAVE \$25** on part-week sessions.

Online Registration, with non-refundable deposit, must be completed by **Saturday, April 15.**



Note:

If a session has ten or fewer registrations, N-Sid-Sen reserves the right to cancel that session up to ten days prior to the start date. In this case, the family may select a different session or receive a full refund.



Ways to SAVE!

Early Bird Discount:

Register by April 15 & SAVE

- Full-Week Youth Camps - **\$50 per camper**, per session
- Part-Week Youth Camps - **\$25 per camper**, per session
- You & Me Camp - **\$25 per camper**
- Family Camps - **\$50 per camper**

Online Registration, with payment of non-refundable deposit, must be completed by **Saturday, April 15** to receive this discount.



Bring a Friend and SAVE!

We want to spread the Good News about N-Sid-Sen and you can help! This is a special opportunity for Summer 2023, so don't miss out!

When you bring a friend to camp who is NEW to N-Sid-Sen Summer Camp or has not attended since 2018, you save and your friend saves!

- **Full-Youth Camps** - **\$100** for returning camper and new camper
- **Part-Week Youth Camp** - **\$50** for returning camper and new camper

This special discount does not apply to **Family Camps**.

- **For You and Me Camp**, pairs can bring friends and save **\$50** for a new camper or **\$100** for a new pair of campers. Each new friend saves **\$50**.



What if we are ALL new to N-Sid-Sen?

Two friends, new to N-Sid-Sen summer camps, can register and each receive \$100 off their full-week youth camp or \$50 off their part-week youth camp.

What if I recruit LOTS of friends new to N-Sid-Sen?

GREAT! You receive the appropriate discount for the first friend and 50% of the appropriate discount for each additional friend.

Please be aware that if several friends are recruited, they will likely not all be in the same cabin. Please see the brochure section entitled: **Cabin Buddies**. There will be opportunities for friends in different cabins to spend time together.

Sign up for the Bring A Friend discount when registering online. The discount will be applied after both friends/pairs are registered.

NOTE: Some may opt not to take this discount, and that's okay.



Questions?

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More Information

Check-in & Pick-up Days and Times

- **Check-in for MOST sessions:** Sunday at 4 pm
- **Pick-up for YOUTH sessions:** Saturday at 11 am
- **Departure for You & Me Camp:** Wednesday at 10 am
- **EYA: Check-in** - Thursday at 4 pm; **Departure** - Sunday at 10 am
- **Departure for Family Camps:** Saturday at 10 am

Registration Confirmations

You will receive confirmation of your completed registration within an hour or two of your online registration and payment of deposit.

Information Packet

Information to help you and your camper prepare for camp will be available after May 15 in your UltraCamp online account and on our website at www.n-sid-sen.org. The Packet includes the Parent & Camper Guide, a packing list, and directions to camp.

Health Form

The Health Form is a part of the online registration packet. **A FULLY COMPLETED Health Form is an absolute requirement** for every camper, including adults. A physical exam is NOT required. Current health information, immunization dates, details about medication and an authorization for treatment are required. **Health Form must be fully complete a minimum of 7 days before the start of a camper's session.** We highly recommend reviewing the completed form 7-14 days prior to camp for updates to medications and health concerns.

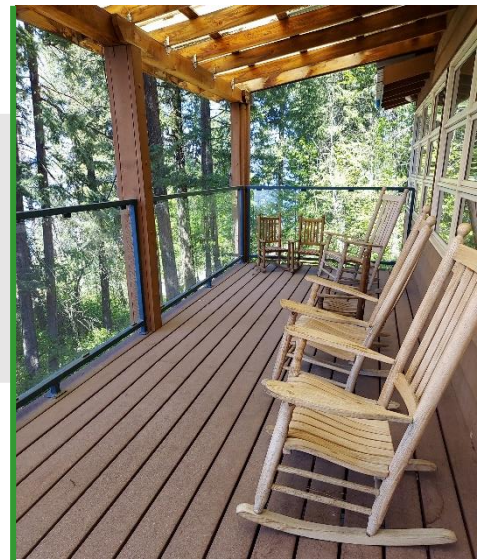
If your camper has significant health or dietary issues, contact our office at 208.689.3489 **BEFORE** registering. We partner with parents to accommodate special needs whenever possible. Once the parent and our director have agreed to move forward, please describe the issues in detail on the registration form.

Cabin Buddies

TWO campers may request to bunk together. However, they must be within one year of age AND both request each other when registering online. All written requests are considered, **BUT NOT GUARANTEED**. It's fun to share a week of camp with old friends, and it may be easier for first-time campers to come with a buddy. Campers are encouraged to recruit their friends. However, if numerous friends are recruited, not all can be in the same cabin.

We try to avoid putting more than two friends together because it can be overwhelming for the rest of the cabin, especially for those who come without a buddy. We also avoid putting siblings together, allowing each to have their own unique camp experience.

Camp provides great opportunities to make new friends and build new relationships. It is our responsibility to assign campers in the way we feel is in the best interest of the whole camp family.



Cabin Groupings

Cabin assignments are based on age and grade. Whenever possible, campers living together are within 1-2 years of age. Throughout the week there are opportunities for friends and siblings of various ages to spend time together.

