



# KIDVENTURE CAMP

## 2010-2011 St. Michaels Finale After School Program Handbook

### **What is Kidventure's After School Program?**

Kidventure Camps, Inc. has provided after school programs for over 9 years! Patterned after our summer camp program, the Finale After School Program will provide a safe, wholesome, and fun environment during the school year. Curriculum will include homework time, arts and crafts, science, as well as, indoor/outdoor games.

### **Who is Kidventure?**

Kidventure Camps, Inc. has been running quality summer day camps and overnight programs for the past 16 years throughout Texas. Last year, Kidventure Camps served over 5,500 children in the Houston and Austin area. Our first rate camps, our commitment to excellence and our genuine care for children and families have made us the premier choice for Houston families. Our all adult counselors and staff, comprised of teachers and students, have made us a hit with so many children and parents. Our goal is to lead children toward a happy, healthy and responsible lifestyle through successes in their activities with us.

### **How Do I Sign Up?**

Please complete the necessary paperwork included in the after school packet and return to the St. Michael Catholic School no later than August 2, 2010. If these forms are not turned in your child will be unable to attend the program until all necessary forms are turned in.

Please note the schedule on the St. Michaels Catholic School calendar. Kidventure will not be holding after school on ½ days and holidays.

### **How Do I Pay?**

All billing is done through the St. Michaels Catholic School. Please note the attached form that explains all billing and cost information.

### **Where Will the Children Be?**

Once school is over, all of the children attending the After School Program will be brought into the cafeteria. Children that do not have a completed Registration Form on file will be unable to participate in the after school program and a parent will be notified to come pick up their child.

Once all registered children are signed into the program they will enjoy a light snack and move into a variety of activities including homework, art, science, athletics and games. We will utilize areas such as the gym, classrooms and cafeteria. Children will be separated age appropriately and divided into separate areas.

### **What Will Students do During After School Program?**

Kidventure's After School Program involves a variety of activities in an enriching, educational and active program. Each month during the school year, we will have a specific theme. This theme will allow us to provide a variety of interesting and engaging activities. These activities will include:

Art, Science, Homework, Indoor/Outdoor Group Games, Daily Snack.



### **What are the Qualifications of the Finale After School Staff?**

The most important part of your child's after school experience is their staff. Kidventure prides itself on selecting experienced, active and caring individuals for its programs. All counselors are First Aid and CPR trained, Virtus (sexual abuse awareness) certified, and wear the Finale uniform. In addition to our counselors that are counted in ratio (1:10 for 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade and 1:8 for Early Childhood) we have a lead counselor that maintains day to day operations on site. We also have an After School Program Coordinator that is responsible for creating the program curriculum, ensuring that all supplies are on site and ultimately responsible for the successful operation of Finale After School Program. Our staff is committed to your children and encourages you to offer your comments and suggestions.

### **How Do I Contact the After School Staff?**

You may call the Kidventure Finale After School Program Coordinator at 832-967-7518 who then can relay any needed information to the after school staff.

### **Discipline and Conduct**

We understand that children are tired after a long day of school, but the same courtesy and respect practiced throughout the day should remain consistent in the After School Program. Kidventure's disciplinary action is a three strike system, which is age appropriate.

1. Warning
2. Consequence (Time out-1 minute per age, sentences, sit out of activity)
3. Call Home

We work closely with St. Michaels Catholic School and the principle on needed discipline and conduct issues.

### **Picking Up Your Child**

The Finale After School Program will operate until 6 PM each day we are in session. Pick up will take place in the cafeteria for 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade and in the Pre-K room for Early Childhood. Only those individuals designated on the after school registration form will be allowed to pick up that child.

### **Additional Information**

Any child in attendance after camp ends at 6:00 P.M. will be charged a fee of \$1.00 per minute that is paid directly to the staff who have stayed with that child.

Children can bring a change of clothes for athletics and games.

Although computers and calculators are allowed in After School Program, we strongly discourage the possession of Nintendo DS, cell phones, IPODs and any other electronic devices not used for educational purposes.

**For additional information about the Finale After School Program  
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