

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Day Camp Crafts for 2009: Love to Serve

SUPPLY LIST

Day 1	<p>Friendship Bracelets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scissors • Embroidery floss (variety of colors) • Tape • Pony beads (optional) <p>Autograph Friendship Tee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prewashed cotton T-shirts • Clean cardboard • Spring-clip clothespins • Permanent markers (a variety of colors) <p>Friendship Plants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small clay flowerpots • Acrylic paint and other art supplies • Potting soil • Seeds (any variety of vegetable or flower seeds will do, but preferably a kind that will germinate quickly)
Day 2	<p>Sand Painting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colored sand from crafts stores (or make your own with ordinary sand mixed with different colors of dry powdered tempera paint) • Heavy cardboard or lightweight wooden board (a one foot [.3 m] square works well) • Pencil • White glue in individual size bottles
Day 3	<p>Servant Collage</p> <p>Assorted magazines with pictures Scissors Glue Paper Art supplies</p>
Day 4	<p>Matchstick Cross</p> <p>Cardboard cut into crosses for each child Large kitchen matches with ends burned Elmer's glue</p>
Day 5	<p>Holy Spirit Spirals</p> <p>Foam craft sheets (11 x 12 inches [28 x 30 cm]) various colors (Alternative: Use recycled plastic ice cream gallon lids instead of foam craft sheets) Scissors Pony beads Paper clips Yarn or string</p>

INSTRUCTIONS

Day 1: Dressed to Serve!

Two different craft projects for this day to help the kids get “dressed to serve.” Or you can go with a third option for making friendship flower pots.

Friendship Bracelet

Beforehand, cut several skeins of embroidery floss into thirty-inch strands. Each strand of embroidery floss is made of six separate threads; keep the threads together without separating them. Each camper should choose two strands of two different colors of floss. Tie all four strands together at one end in an overhand knot. Tape the tied end to the ends of a table to hold it in place, making braiding or knotting easier.

Easier: Campers may choose to simply braid their friendship bracelet. They can separate their floss into three even sections. Begin the braid by crossing the right hand section over the middle and then the left section over the middle; and continue to alternate right with left until the bottom of the floss is reached. Tie off with a knot. Tie the top and bottom of the bracelet together in one large overhand knot.

More difficult: Older campers may enjoy learning to make the knotted friendship bracelets. Arrange the two strands of color A in the middle and the two strands of color B on the outside. Tie three square knots with color B. Then pull color B to the inside and color A to the outside. Tie three square knots with color A. Repeat by pulling color A to the outside and color B to the inside. Continue alternating square knots of the two colors until the bottom of the bracelet is reached. Untie the overhand knot at the top of the bracelet, and tie both ends together in one large overhand knot. Trim the ends to finish.

Autograph Friendship Tee

Creating an autographed T-shirt can be a great friendship builder and provide campers a special souvenir. You can choose to provide T-shirts, or use bandanas or even hats! Campers could also decide to use a T-shirt of their own brought from home.

Cut several flat pieces of cardboard that will fit snugly inside the T-shirt. Clip the T-shirt to the cardboard with spring-style clothespins on all four corners to hold the T-shirt flat and smooth. Have campers use permanent markers to write their names on the fronts of T-shirts—big, small, plain, and fancy! Positive and encouraging comments may be added next to their autographs.

Friendship Plants

Invite the campers to decorate their pots, using paint and other art supplies. Once the pots are dry, have them plant seeds in the pots (according to the seed package directions) and care for them throughout the week (placing them in a warm, sunny place and watering them as necessary).

Day 2: Sand Painting

Draw a simple design on the cardboard or wooden board. Some ideas of images are a tree, a bird, a snake, a paw print, a flower, the sun, and so on. Decide which colors of sand you will put on which areas of the design. You can write in a “color code” to help you remember. Apply glue to areas of your first color. Sprinkle the sand over the glue. Shake loose the excess sand over a pan or box to collect the unused sand to be used again. Apply glue to other areas,

using different colors as you go. After finishing the design, fill in the background with natural color sand. Let dry.

Day 3: Servant Collage

Provide campers with art supplies, and invite them to make a collage that depicts how they see themselves living out their call to serve in their daily lives (either in the present or in their future).

Day 4: Matchstick Cross

Make a cardboard cross that is about the size of an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper. The kids will glue the matches onto the cross.

Day 5: Holy Spirit Spirals

Make a flier to hang outside as a reminder of the Holy Spirit being sent to empower our serving. Each camper should have a sheet of foam (or a plastic lid). Help campers draw a spiral onto the surface, or draw the spiral beforehand. Campers should cut along the line of the spiral, making a long, spiraling “snake.”

Have many paper clips and colored pony beads available for decorations. Unfold the paper clip, pinching one end closed. String beads onto the paper clip. Poke the end of the paper clips through the center of the foam. Pinch the paper clips closed to keep it from falling off. Continue hanging decorations all along the “snake.”

Poke a hole for the yarn or string to tie through at the center of the spiral. Make a loop for hanging.