

What is Peace Village ?

Peace Village is a peace education day camp developed by First Congregational Church of Mount Vernon, Ohio in collaboration with Peace Village, Inc. The purpose is to teach and expose children (grades 1 to 6) to peaceful practices through fun, outdoor adventures, classes, music and interfaith stories of peace and fellowship.

When is Peace Village?

Peace Village will be held August 1-4, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. On the last afternoon (August 4th) families are invited to the closing celebration.

Where is Peace Village held?

Peace Village will be held at Ariel Foundation Park in Mount Vernon, Ohio

How much does Peace Village cost?

Peace Village is generously funded through resources provided by First Congregational United Church of Christ and private grants. Families are also asked to contribute a donation of \$25 per child to help to cover some of the costs. If you are able to give more, we will gratefully receive it. If the cost is a hardship, scholarships are available.

Who Are the Campers?

Peace Village is available to 30 child participants all of whom must be going into Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6. We expect to have Buddhist, Muslim, Jewish and Christian teachers. Children of all religious/spiritual traditions are encouraged to apply. Registrations are accepted on a *first come basis* starting May 15. Space is limited!

Who are the adult leaders?

Representatives from First Congregational Church and college peace workers, as well as interfaith representatives from the community are among the adults working on this camp. They will supervise the peace campers, attend activities and lead peace related classes, circle gatherings, songs and stories. College and high school youth are expected to shepherd the small groups of children and stay with them throughout the day.

What do the children learn at Peace Village?

Children will learn about “Peace and the Planet” (environment, ecology, nature); “Peace and Culture” (responsible thinking, media literacy, compassionate communicating, movies, TV, Internet, Bullying); “Peace Within” (non-violent problem solving, role playing, peace advocacy) and “Peace with Self” (centering, calming the mind and body, meditation, breathing, concentration, movement). There will also be singing, story telling, art projects, nature walks and outdoor games.

What about lunch and snacks at Peace Village?

Children are expected to bring their own healthy lunch each day and will enjoy an extended lunch period for eating, talking, and playing together. Healthy morning snacks will be provided. (Note: If there is an economic need we can provide lunch for a child).

How can I register for Peace Village and/or get more information?

To register, please fill out the registration form on the back and return it with payment to First Congregational, 200 N. Main St. , Mount Vernon, Ohio. We hope to accommodate all children who register, but please understand that if the response is too great, there may be a waiting list. Only hard copy registration forms are accepted. There are only 30 camper enrollments available on a first come basis, so we encourage registration forms to be sent in early. Upon registration, you will receive an email confirmation notice. For more information call the church office at 740-393-1736 or go to our website mvucc.org.