

Peace Camp
August 7-10, 2018
5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Smyrna United Church of Christ
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Peace Camp is a multicultural camp with the mission to provide a fun, educational environment in which children can learn messages and practices of nonviolence and peacemaking. Our theme this year is “**Let Peace Begin with Me,**” and we will have lessons, music, yoga and art each evening.

Peace Camp will be held August 7-10, 2018. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. each evening for a light meal together and finish by 8:30 pm. On the last evening, Friday, August 10th, families of the children attending will be invited to join us for a closing ceremony at 8:00 pm.

Where is the camp? Peace Camp will be held at the Smyrna United Church of Christ, 31119 S. Canby-Marquam Highway (Highway 170), Canby, Oregon. Contact info above.

How much does it cost? Meals, snacks, t-shirts, and all materials will be provided for all participants through the support of members of Smyrna UCC.

Who participates in Peace Camp? We have space for 40 participants, so apply early. This year, we are including Pre-K through all school grades. We will have four different age groups: Pre-K, Primary, Elementary, and Upper Grades.

What do the children learn while at Peace Camp? Children will learn about the practice of peacemaking, by learning practical techniques to deal with conflict and violence in around them. These techniques for peacemaking include nonviolent conflict resolution, physical and mental practices such as mindfulness and yoga, the arts, nature studies, and media literacy. These experiences will be developmentally appropriate for the ages and will model a deep respect for cultural, social and religious diversity. We celebrate that our children are nurtured by many traditions and welcome this opportunity to learn from each other in order to create a more peaceful and tolerant world, where everyone feels like they have a sense of belonging.

How can I apply to Peace Camp and/or get more information? To apply, please fill out the attached application form and return it to Smyrna United Church of Christ. Please understand that submitting this application does not guarantee participation. We hope to accommodate all children who apply, but space is limited, and there may be a waiting list. For more information, please contact our church office or pastor (contact information above).