



Kirksville
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



Dear Parent(s),

Welcome to Caravan! What a fun and exciting time your children will have here at Kirksville Church of the Nazarene.

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men"

(Luke 2:52).

The Caravan ministry exists to help elementary-age children become more like Jesus by encouraging their growth in the four specific areas mentioned in Luke 2:52: **mental** (wisdom), **physical** (stature), **spiritual** (favor with God), and **social** (favor with men).

Caravan is a time for children to learn how they can grow in all areas of their lives. It also helps children develop an appreciation for and understanding of Nazarene heritage and beliefs.

CARAVAN HISTORY

LeRoy Haynes wanted boys and girls to learn the beliefs and doctrines of the Church of the Nazarene. He planned and organized the first Nazarene club program for use in his local church in the 1930s. Word of this successful new approach spread quickly.

In 1934, the Southern California district actively launched "Boy's Work" under the direction of LeRoy Haynes. In 1935, the district program expanded to include "Girl's Work" with Jeanne Haynes as the director.

As the program grew, people from across the United States and the British Isles began contacting LeRoy and Jeanne Haynes for help in setting up local Nazarene club programs.

At about the same time, Rev. W. W. Clay was concerned about creating a program that would teach Christian principles to kids. He developed two programs, "Bluebirds" for young children and "Pioneers" for older children.

Rev. Clay invited Rev. Milton Bunker to work with him to develop and promote these club programs.

Interest in Nazarene children's club programs grew, but a problem occurred as the number of club programs increased. The local churches and districts were handicapped by the lack of a unified program and inadequate materials.

Therefore, the 1940 General Assembly called for a "Commission on Boys' and Girls' Work" to find a solution.

On November 17-18 in Santa Cruz, California, representatives from six western districts, three members of the commission on Boys' and Girls' Work, and two members of the Department of Church Schools attended an historic meeting.

The decision was made for the Church of the Nazarene to develop its own children's club program.

A committee was appointed to prepare the manuscripts for the Nazarene Caravan program. The newly-created club program was presented to and approved by the Board of General Superintendents.

In 2005, a Children's Ministries team, led by the Caravan Editor, Suzanne Cook, completely revised the Caravan program.

The program was re-structured to adapt easily to the scouting aspect of Caravan into the evangelistic, visitor-friendly kids' club type of ministry that it is today.

Among the many changes, Core Values badges were added to the Caravan curriculum.

Core Values are designed to teach children the Articles of Faith of the Church of the Nazarene.

In addition, several skill badges were added or modified. All badges and awards in the program were re-designed in full color.

2006 marked the 60th anniversary of the Caravan program.

"Parent Pack" is an information package for both parents and children. The information included has everything that both you and your child needs to know. What a Caravan should know, required books and materials, uniforms, and much more. We ask after you review the Pack, please sign, date and return the Parent and Child Contract. This is to let us know that you have received it.

May God bless your home and family,

Steve & Rachel Anderson,
Debbie Dore,
Stacey Perry,
Laura Capps

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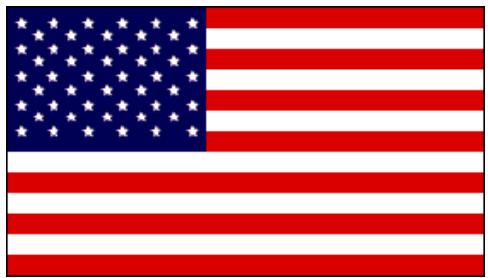
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Statements of Faith

These are the Biblical beliefs Nazarenes hold to be true:

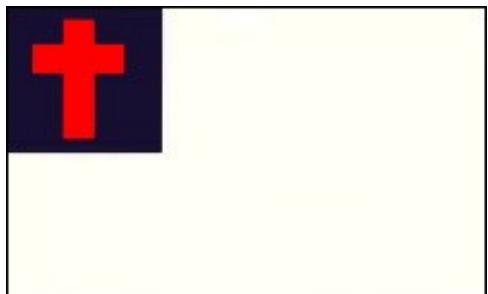
- **We believe in one God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**
- **We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures, given by plenary inspiration, contain all truth necessary to faith and Christian living.**
- **We believe that man is born with a fallen nature, and is, therefore, inclined to evil, and that continually.**
- **We believe that the finally impenitent are hopelessly and eternally lost.**
- **We believe that the atonement through Jesus Christ is for the whole human race; and that whosoever repents and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ is justified and regenerated and saved from the dominion of sin.**
- **We believe that believers are to be sanctified wholly, subsequent to regeneration, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.**
- **We believe that the Holy Spirit bears witness to the new birth, and also to the entire sanctification of believers.**
- **We believe that our Lord will return, the dead will be raised, and the final judgment will take place.**

Pledge to the American Flag



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

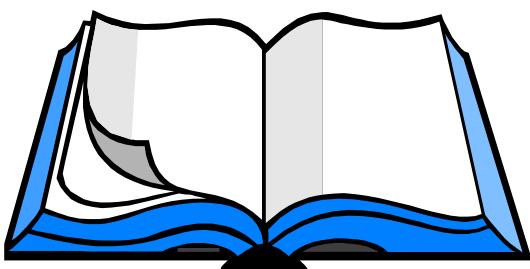
Pledge to the Christian Flag



I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior, for whose Kingdom it stands; one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty for all who believe.

Pledge to the Holy Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path, and hide its words in my heart that I may not sin against God.



Caravan Moto

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight

The Golden Rule

Matthew 7:12 (NIV)

So in everything, do to others what you would have them
do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

How does Caravan work?

The next several pages will explain Caravan in general; the Ratings, Awards, required materials, responsibilities, scripture memorization, the Rules of the class room, etc....

Caravan: Grades K - 6th

Caravan is a scouting, or kids' club, type of program that typically meets once a week, usually on Wednesday night.

Children are assigned to one of the three major groups – Searchers (first and second graders), Explorers (third and fourth graders), or Adventurers (fifth and sixth graders) – according to their grade in school.

Each group is under the direction of one or more adult leaders who are called “guides.” The awarding of badges is an optional part of this program.

3 R's

We the leaders of Caravan have seen a generation that has no reverence for the Church, no respect for the elderly or authority, and do not want to take responsibility for anything. We believe in time that God will make a huge impact in their life. Therefore, we want to train these young children in discipline of the 3 R's.

The 3 R's are based upon common sense and relationships. We not only try to teach things that deal with Jesus Christ and the outdoors, but also with everyday living with one another and most of all the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The 3 R's tie into all we do in the Caravan program.

Reverent –

All people in the Body of Christ must have reverence for the Word of God, the House of God, the Presence of God, the Movement of God, and the Men of God. This is for the betterment for the Church and ones walk with Jesus Christ.

Scripture: Lev. 19:30 & 26:2, Ps. 89:7, Heb. 12:9 & 28

Respect –

To earn respect by others first you must respect them. We should all respect one another for we count on each other. We all should have respect for ourselves, our minds, body and spirit.

Scripture: Gen. 4:4-5, Ex. 2:25, Ps. 74:20 & 119:117, Isa. 17:7, Php 4:11, Jas 2:3

Responsibility –

Everyone is responsible for their own conduct, actions, well-being, and spiritual life.

Scripture: 2Ch. 8:14, Ezr. 3:4, Ec. 12:73, Lu. 17:10, Rom. 15:27

The Rules

**Respect God
Respect Others
Respect property**

1. **Listen** – You cannot hear God or instructions from leaders or teachers if you are talking or not paying attention.
2. **Obey** – A Caravan is Obedient, we obey our parents, leaders and those in authority. A Caravan must learn obedience for we must all obey God's Word and His Will.
3. **Have a good willing attitude and follow directions** – We all want to have fun, but everyone needs to cooperate so everyone can complete their work quickly.
4. **Bring your Bible** – You need the Bible to learn God's Word.
5. **No Abusive Language** – "The tongue is sharper than a two edged sword." Name calling or making fun of somebody can hurt someone deeply and is also very rude.
6. **No Physical Violence** – Violence does not solve anything.
7. **No candy, toys, electrical gadgets, or anything that will disturb and/or distract the meetings. Unless otherwise approved by the group leader.**

To Maximize Your Caravan Experience

8. **Bring Handbooks** – You need the Group handbook to learn in meetings and to do requirements for Ratings and Awards at home. Also to keep record of your achievements.
9. **Bring Folder** – To be able to complete and accomplish goals you need the right tools. There are handouts sent home to your parents to review. The Caravan Folder is to help you organize and to carry your entire handouts and handbooks home.
10. **Wear Uniform** – Caravans are a team. It lets people know who we are.

Disciplinary Actions

If your child causes a continual disruption of the class or becomes violent, they will be taken to the red zone to discuss their behavior. All disciplinary action will be discussed with you the parent.

Required Materials

The materials listed are required for every time the group meets for class on Wednesday nights and for any Caravan outing. As you have noticed some of the materials are in the "Rules". This is how important it is for your child to bring these materials.

Handbook – Contains information for ratings, achievement badges and topics.

Folder - This Folder is where he will keep handouts, handbooks and any parental information.

Uniforms - Every sports team, club, etc. are required to wear a uniform to promote themselves. Our uniforms are for the same reason. Also, the uniform puts everybody on the same level while creating a healthy competitive environment.

Note: Sometimes we have projects that get messy, so on those nights at the discretion of the Leader they will be able to wear their grubbers/play clothes. Paint shirts will be available.

Assignments – Periodically we send assignments home with Caravans due to time restraints. Also, when the children enter the Caravan Program they may not read very well and we are not able to spend as much time on a one-to-one basis during the meeting. These assignments are usually not difficult. Parents are encouraged to help their child with any of their Advancements and Bible studies, but you are not to do the work for them. The more work at home they do the faster they start on the next Award.

The Point System

Ticket Guidelines

Green Tickets

Can be earned in Route 65, Sunday School, or Caravan

Can be redeemed for a prize in the Reward Store

(small daily prize or saved for a big prize)

Earned for completing the following (1 ticket each requirement)

- Route 65
 - Bring your Bible
 - Memorized the Bible verse from the previous week
 - Good behavior during class
 - Participation
 - Bring a friend
 - (1 ticket per friend; bring 2 friends, earn 2 tickets, etc.)
- Sunday School
 - Bring your Bible
 - Memorized the Bible verse from the previous week
 - Good behavior during class
 - Participation
 - Bring a friend
 - (1 ticket per friend; bring 2 friends, earn 2 tickets, etc.)
- Caravan
 - Wear your uniform/Caravan shirt
 - Bring your Bible
 - Memorized the Bible verse from the previous week
 - Good behavior during class
 - Participation
 - Bring a friend
 - (1 ticket per friend; bring 2 friends, earn 2 tickets, etc.)

Classroom Tickets

Different colors for each class (Yellow=Searchers, Blue=Explorers, Green=Adventures)

Each class can collectively earn tickets during class for good behavior and participation. Tickets all be put in class jar to earn a class party.

(popcorn, popsicle, movie, game night, etc.)

This will encourage good behavior from all the students and group accountability.

The Things a Caravan needs to know.

- Pledge of Allegiance (page 5)
- Pledge to the Christian Flag (page 5)
- Pledge to the Bible (page 5)
- Caravan Moto (page 6)
- Golden Rule (page 6)
- Know there are 66 books in the Bible

Bible Scriptures:

Matthew 7:12, the Golden Rule

John 3:16, Psalm 23, and Ephesians 6:1

Matthew 7:13-14, Matthew 6:9-13 (Lord's Prayer), Matthew 25:21, and John 15:12

Matthew 16:26, 2 Timothy 3:16, Psalm 119:11, Psalm 119:105, Psalm 119:104, Romans 1:16, Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 119:9, John 20:31, John 5:39, Isaiah 40:8, Romans 12:10, and John 14:15

Achievement Badges

Achievement Badges can be earned while working on a requirement for a Rating or Merit Award. The requirements for the Badges are simple and usually take a four-week period. The Achievement Badges are to be worn on a Caravan awards sash.

To review requirements of any of the Achievement Badges, please find them in your child's Handbook.

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Caravan Registration Form

Date: _____

Name: _____
First _____ Mi. _____ Last _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone #: _____ **Email:** _____

Age: _____ **Birthday:** _____ **Grade:** _____

Mother: _____ **Father:** _____

Siblings: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone #: _____ **Relation:** _____

Hobbies/Talents: _____

Health Alerts: _____

I approve of the use of my child's photo to be used online or in media print: Yes
No

\$15.00 Registration fee paid:



Includes books, shirt, badges and trips.

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Emergency Medical Information Form

Caravan's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Father's Name _____

Occupation: _____

Mother's Name _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell/Beeper: _____

Family Doctor: _____ Phone # _____

Insurance Co. _____ Policy # _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Persons (other than parents) to contact in case of an emergency

_____	Relation	_____	Phone #
_____	Relation	_____	Phone #

Does your child take any regular medications? Yes No If Yes, please list medication and direction.

Is your child allergic to any type of medication? Yes, No, If Yes, please list.

Has your child ever had an operation? Yes No If Yes, what kind of surgery?

Does your child have, has, or ever had any of the following? Please explain on back of sheet.

ADS	Yes	No	Heart Conditions	Yes	No
Asthma	Yes	No	Hemophilia	Yes	No
Allergies	Yes	No	Kidney Conditions	Yes	No
Broken Bones	Yes	No	Measles	Yes	No
Chicken Pox	Yes	No	Mumps	Yes	No
Color Blindness	Yes	No	Physical Handicaps	Yes	No
Diabetes	Yes	No	Respiratory Conditions	Yes	No
Hay Fever	Yes	No	Seizure Disorders	Yes	No
Food Allergies	Yes	No	Sleep Walking	Yes	No

Does your child get nervous or upset easily? Yes, No (Please explain on back of sheet)

May we give aspirin, Tylenol, or Advil for pain and/or fever? _____

What is the date of your Childs last physical exam? _____

What is the date of your Childs last tetanus shot? _____

Can your child swim? Yes No _____ How long has he been swimming? _____

What skill level are they in swimming? _____ Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advance

Is there any other information or medical conditions that might be useful for us to know?

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Medical Treatment Authorization

_____ has my permission to participate in a sanctioned activity of Kirksville Church of the Nazarene, Kirksville, Missouri, Caravan, provided they are properly supervised. Such activities would include field trips, campouts, ball games, and any other normal activities.

I (we), as Parent(s), understand that all the necessary precautions have been taken for the safety of my child and I will be notified in the case of an emergency. I (we), as Parent(s), authorize the calling of a doctor and the providing of medical services in the case of an accident, injury, or sickness. I (we), as Parent(s), understand that my personal insurance will be the primary insurance policy to be billed in the event of any medical treatment or evaluation and the Kirksville Church of the Nazarene will be billed as the secondary insurance policy. Any medical expenses incurred that insurance policies will not pay; they will be my responsibility as the parent/guardian.

I agree to Kirksville Church of the Nazarene in the event of any health changes that would restrict my child's participation in any of the normal activities of the group. I also understand that the Caravan Leader reserves the right to restrict my child from any activity that he does not feel is within the physical capabilities of my child.

Medical Information

Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Doctor's Name: _____

List any special medical needs: _____

In case of emergency, contact:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Signature of parent/guardian

Date

Subscribe and sworn to, before me this

_____ day of _____ 20 _____

Signature of Notary Public

Date commission expires

This document is null and void on January 1 of the following year.

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Permission Slip

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Birthday ____ / ____ / ____ Phone ____ - _____

Emergency contact person: _____ Relation: _____

Phone: ____ - _____ Cell Phone: ____ - _____

I (we) grant permission for _____ to attend the Caravan event _____ on _____ from time _____ till date _____ at time _____. This event will take place at _____ in _____, Mo. I (we) understand that in the event that medical treatment is required, every effort will be made to contact me. However, if I cannot be reached, I give permission to the Caravan staff to secure medical services to provide the care necessary for my child's well-being.

I (we), as Parent(s), understand that the Caravan staff while strive to insure a wholesome, safe, and closely supervised environment for children in its care, cannot be liable for any unforeseen and/or unforeseeable accident or injury which may occur during the course of any Caravan activity.

Responsible leaders, persons and acting agents transporting on behalf of the Caravan Ministry of the Kirksville Church of the Nazarene, assume no personal liability in case of accident or sickness.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Please list any medical and food allergies, medications being taken, medical problems, or other pertinent information on the backside of this form.

All Caravan please meet at the church at time _____.

This Permission slip with must be returned or your child will not go.

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Contract of Agreement

Whereas, I have made the decision to come and participate in the Caravan Program of the Kirksville Church of the Nazarene,

Whereas, I agree to obey all rules dictated by the Caravan organization,

Whereas, I agree to obey my Leaders, parents and those in authority,

Whereas, I agree to wear my uniforms to all Caravan meetings and functions,

Whereas, I agree to do my best to complete all assignments on time as requested,

Whereas, I agree to conduct myself in a manner becoming to a Caravan,

Whereas, I agree to set a Proper Example for future Caravans,

Whereas, I agree to try my Utmost Best at All Times,

I, _____, do hereby affix my signature to this document, this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Signature _____

Parent _____

Parent _____