



KidQuake

April 10-12, 2026

April 24-26, 2026

Gilmont Camp and Conference Center

Gilmer, TX

For additional questions after reviewing this packet, please contact Jen Bluestein at jen@gracepresbytery.org or (214) 393-5616.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

[Register Here](#)

Registration Deadline:

March 25 for April 10-12 session
April 8 for April 24-26 session

WHAT IS KIDQUAKE?

KidQuake is a weekend camp for elementary-age children in kindergarten through fifth or sixth grade. (Churches choose whether their sixth graders should attend KidQuake or our GAP Middle School Conference.)

Children will participate in Bible learning, small-group time, and engaging camp activities, including canoeing, hiking, and games (weather permitting). They will meet kids from throughout Grace Presbytery. Both weekends of KidQuake provide the same Bible content, experiences, and activities.

WHEN AND WHERE IS KIDQUAKE?

We are offering two KidQuakes at [Gilmont Camp and Conference Center](#), 6075 State Highway 155 N, Gilmer, TX 75644. There will not be a KidQuake at Glen Rose in 2026. KidQuake at Gilmont will be held on April 10-12 and April 24-26. KidQuakes begin on Friday at 8:00 pm and conclude before noon on Sunday.

WHAT IS THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S KIDQUAKE? Our 2026 theme is "The Next Right Thing!" We will learn the brave ways that Lydia, Mary, and Mary Magdalene did the next right thing for God. Our mission project, making personal hygiene kits for disaster victims, will give children hands-on experience of how their actions can have a significant impact on God's world.

WHAT DOES KIDQUAKE COST?

\$170 for each youth and adult sponsor. Registration includes cabin lodging and all meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Transportation and meals during travel are the responsibility of the youth or the church.

ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

Yes! Parents may apply for a scholarship funded by the Prairie Valley Legacy Fund (PVLf). This scholarship typically covers up to 50% of the registration cost. Please have parents complete this [Online scholarship application](#)

Please note: **Our scholarship application process requires a church leader to endorse the online application. Parents must include a church leader's email on the online application.** After the application is completed, you will receive an email to endorse or reject the application on behalf of your church. Endorsing the application confirms to the scholarship team that the family is affiliated with a PCUSA church. **The scholarship team will not process your application until we receive your response.**

WHERE WILL WE STAY? WHAT WILL WE EAT? WHAT ABOUT DIETARY RESTRICTIONS?

Groups will be housed in cabins at Gilmont. Children from more than one church may share a cabin space. Adult sponsors will stay in the same cabins as the children. Cabins are outfitted with twin-sized bunk beds. Each cabin houses up to 20 people and has two restrooms with showers. KidQuake participants should pack their own towels, pillow, and twin sized sheets or sleeping bag. To see what a cabin looks like go [here](#).

Gilmont's kitchen staff will prepare all meals with dietary needs in mind. Please make sure to indicate any restrictions, including allergies and special diets, on the registration form. Those with dietary needs should tell the kitchen staff their name when they go through the line to receive their specially prepared meal.

DO WE NEED ADULT SPONSORS?

Yes! Each church is asked to send 1 sponsor for each 8 children attending. If your church is sending both female and male youth, please send at least 1 male and 1 female sponsor, even if you are bringing fewer than 8 children.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SPONSORS' RESPONSIBILITY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS?

Background checks are required by Grace Presbytery, our insurance carriers, and the campsite. If your adult sponsor has not had a background check, you must do one prior to KidQuake. In addition, every adult attending must complete Grace Presbytery's Participant Emergency and Consent Form and Gilmont's Waiver of Liability. Sponsors must be present for the entire weekend and are responsible for supervising children, particularly in the cabins during the evenings. Adult sponsors will stay in the cabins with children.

I AM HAVING A HARD TIME FINDING SPONSORS. CAN OUR YOUTH STILL ATTEND?

We want all kids to participate! We prefer that children attend with adults from their home church to foster relationships that will endure beyond the retreat, but this is not always possible. If your church cannot send the requested sponsors, please contact Jen Bluestein (jen@gracepresbytery.org) to discuss partnering with another church to sponsor your youth.

WHO IS SPONSORING KIDQUAKE?

Grace Presbytery's Generational Leadership Development Committee

I HAVE A QUESTION NOT ANSWERED HERE. WHO CAN I ASK?

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2026

Leadership Team

KidQuake is led by a Planning Team of experienced children's ministry leaders from throughout Grace Presbytery. We are excited to introduce this year's planning team members!

Austin College AActivators and other young adults who have been background-checked and have experience and training working with children serve as small-group leaders for children throughout the weekend.



Directors

Sue Suneson & Jen Bluestein Miatta Wilson & Rebecca Sicks



Sue Suneson is a Certified Christian educator who has served churches in Grace Presbytery for 30+ years. She currently serves as the Director of Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church in Garland. KidQuake is one of the highlights of her year!

Jen Bluestein currently serves on the staff of Grace Presbytery, and her responsibilities include supporting children and youth ministry. For nearly 20 years, Jen has served children and their families in both congregational children's ministry and as a chaplain in a pediatric hospital.



Miatta Wilson is a Certified Christian Educator and longtime organizer of the Grace Presbytery KidQuakes. After serving as an educator with children and families in congregations for 30 years, Miatta now works for the PCUSA resourcing Christian Education Leaders across the denomination.

Rebecca Sicks currently serves at Northridge Presbyterian Church in Dallas leading faith formation activities and providing pastoral care. She loves children's books and helping children to think about their faith.



KidQuake Trainers and Writers



Janet Hayes serves as KidQuake Small Group Leader Trainer. Janet is a Certified Christian Educator who has served in congregational settings for over 25 years and currently works in the Office of Christian Formation at the PCUSA denominational offices. Children's and Youth Ministry, as well as Camp Ministry, have been at the heart of her ministry!

Jennifer Friedel developed the Small Group activities for KidQuake and serves as the Director of Youth and Children Ministries at St. Barnabas. Jennifer loves to laugh and to encourage kids to think about faith and their lives.



Katy Evans wrote the liturgy for KidQuake worship. Katy currently serves as a pastoral intern at NorthPark Presbyterian Church in Dallas. Katy loves hiking, camping, and reading.



REGISTRATION – FOLLOW THESE STEPS!

REGISTRATION DEADLINES – March 25 for April 10-12 session, April 8 for April 24-26 session

1. Collect registration information (name, grade, t-shirt size, special needs, and dietary restrictions) and payments from children, parents, and adult sponsors.
2. Register your youth and adult sponsors at this registration link **by March 25 or April 8!**
<https://gracepresbytery.regfox.com/kidquake-2026>
3. Pay fees with a credit card at registration. Or if paying by check, please indicate on the check that the payment is for KidQuake and mail a check for the amount due to:

Grace Presbytery
Attn: Kat Studley
6100 Colwell Blvd., Suite 100
Irving, TX 75039

4. Complete emergency and release forms.
 - a) Grace Presbytery Children and Youth Participant Emergency and Release Form
<https://form.iotform.com/252737066670159>

This form should be completed by the parent/guardian of each child and each adult sponsor. Grace Presbytery will receive electronic copies of the completed forms. **Ask parents to add your email as the church leader so you receive an email copy of the Consent and Emergency Form for your records.**

b) Obtain parent's signature on the Gilmont Waiver and Release of Liability linked on the KidQuake registration page. Bring the Gilmont forms with you to KidQuake.

5. If you have not submitted a copy of your church's Approved Adult List this year or you are adding a newly background-checked adult sponsor, please submit the Approved Adult List form at the end of this document to Kat Studley (kat@gracepresbytery.org) by the registration deadline.

The registration deadline is March 25 for the April 10-12 session and April 8 for the April 24-26 session. Best practice tip: Set your registration deadline for parents several days earlier to allow time to follow up with those who have not yet completed the sign-up process. No cancellations will be refunded after the registration deadline, but you may substitute participants up to the event day.

GRACE PRESBYTERY

Acknowledgment of Child Abuse Prevention and Leadership Screening Program 2026

CHURCH: _____

CITY: _____

The undersigned representatives of the above-named church hereby acknowledge that this church maintains its own written child protection policy.

All individuals listed on this form are currently members of this congregation and have been screened including a security background check conducted in accordance with church and/or presbytery guidelines. These individuals have been authorized to work with the children and youth of this church.

Date _____

Signature _____ Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Printed Name _____

Capacity with Church _____ Capacity with Church _____

Background Checks have been conducted through (Name of Organization):

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

7. _____ 8. _____