

# LOGOS

## Parent Handbook

### 2023-2024

LOGOS is a Mid-Week Program for ...

***Elementary  
Youth***

***Middle School  
Youth***



**A ministry of the Education Ministry Unit  
of The State College  
Presbyterian Church**

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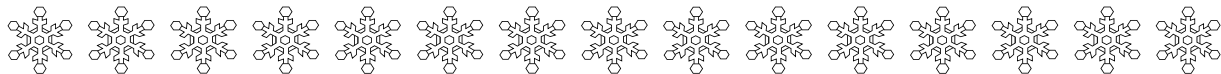
Phone: 814-238-2422

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**We will begin accepting children at 4:00 pm and our program will begin promptly at 4:15 pm. If you are arriving after 4:15 pm, please park your car and walk your child into the church to the location of their first program area (schedule listed below).**

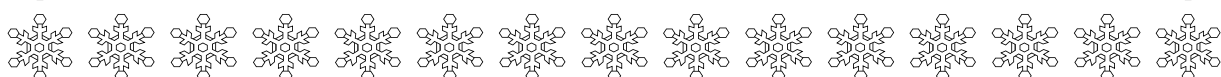
### Tuesday LOGOS Schedule

Grade	4:15—4:55 pm	4:55—5:35 pm	5:35—6:15 pm	6:15—7:00 pm	7:00—8:00 pm
1	Worship Skills	Activities	Bible Study	Family Time	
2	Worship Skills	Activities	Bible Study	Family Time	
3	Activities	Worship Skills	Bible Study	Family Time	
4	Activities	Worship Skills	Bible Study	Family Time	
5	Bible Study	Worship Skills	Activities	Family Time	
	4:15—5:15 pm	5:15—5:35 pm	5:35—6:15 pm	6:15—7:00 pm	7:00—8:00 pm
6					
7	Cocoon Time (optional)	Gathering Time	Worship Skills	Family Time	Bible Time and Activity Time
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### Cancellation Policy

If public schools are canceled, dismissed early, or if after school activities are cancelled due to bad weather, LOGOS is canceled



# **What is the LOGOS System and Program?**

The LOGOS System and Program is a dynamic ministry of Christian nurture, the goal of which is to nurture youth and children into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and lives as his disciples.

The LOGOS System and Program is found in approximately 4,000 churches in the United States, representing over 25 denominations. The Program is also found in Russia, Japan, and Canada. Invitations to the national staff have been received from Cameroon, Nigeria and India. As part of this large family we receive the benefit of excellent resources, training, and a wealth of shared experience.

The LOGOS System Associates (all persons in local churches engaged in the LOGOS System and Program) believe that nurturing youth and children into right relationships of faith with God through Jesus Christ is the most important thing the church ever does.

LOGOS System Associates, originally known as Youth Club Program, Inc., was initiated in 1957 in Pittsburgh. Our State College Presbyterian Church LOGOS Program was started in 1990.

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## **The System**

The LOGOS System of Christian Nurture involves the entire congregation. It is only when everyone makes a significant commitment of time, energy and ability to the nurture of young people that the LOGOS Program is most effective. Parents, single adults, grandparents, couples without children, pastors, all join together sharing their talents and gifts.

The LOGOS System unites the efforts of all programs of Christian Nurture in the church. The Church School, Youth Fellowship Groups, Mission and Outreach Programs, Vacation Bible School and the LOGOS Program work together to bring a comprehensive experience of Christian Nurture to our young people.

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## **The Program**

The LOGOS Program is a Four-Part Program. All youth and children participate in all four parts of the LOGOS Program every week. Adult leaders participate in the part of the Program in which they have agreed to share their gifts.

GECKOS is our LOGOS ministry for children in grades 1 through 5. It meets on Tuesday from 4:15 - 7:00 pm. It provides a structured program that builds relationships with peers, Christian adults, and the congregation.

CHRYSLIS is our LOGOS ministry for middle school youth (grades 6 - 8). It meets on Tuesday from 5:15 - 8:00 pm. It provides the youth with a nurturing environment in which to build relationships while learning about their faith.

The four parts of the LOGOS Program are designed to create an arena in which everyone can practice, through their relationships, the theological concepts learned in Bible Study. The Program enables youth and children to experience God's unconditional love, and to learn to share that love with their peers, adult leaders, and their families.

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## **What is LOGOS?**

## The Program (cont.)

The four parts are designed to reflect the life of the early church as expressed in Acts 2:42:

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."



"Apostles' Teaching" = Bible Study  
"Fellowship" = Activity Time  
"Breaking of Bread" = Family Time  
"Prayers" = Worship Skills

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## Parental Participation Requirements

The LOGOS Program provides a place for parents to continue to fulfill the promises they made at their children's baptism. The nurture and care of youth in the church and a commitment to Jesus Christ are essential to the LOGOS Program. By taking an active role in the LOGOS Program, you fill a vital need in a child's life. The LOGOS Program is family oriented and can help to strengthen family ties within the church and at home.

**ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY AT LEAST ONE PARENT IS REQUIRED.** Our staff is made up primarily of volunteers. Part-time service by a large number of people is essential to keep the program running. Your physical presence provides a visible commitment to your child and the LOGOS Program. Childcare and dinner are provided for your other children (Kindergarten age and younger ONLY) on the nights that you participate.

Sometimes it is difficult for parents who work, or for single parents to fulfill this participation requirement. We will try to be as flexible as possible in finding some way that you can provide support to the program. Perhaps you may even suggest a "surrogate" who can be there for your child (grandparents, friend, aunt/uncle, etc.)

Parents can walk their children in or drop their children off directly at the church's parking lot entrance where they will be greeted by a LOGOS staff member. At the end of the program evening, parents will need to come into the Social Hall to pick up their children. If you are going to pick up your children early or if pick up arrangements are out of the ordinary, please send in a note with your child(ren) and give to the greeter upon arrival. To avoid interrupting class time, early dismissals will occur between session only.



## Bible Study

The Bible study portion is the foundation to building Christian relationships by knowing and understanding the Bible. This is an arena to create Biblically literate youth who apply what they have learned to all aspects of their life. We will be using *Faith for Life* curriculum that was especially written for the LOGOS Program.

*The Faith for Life* curriculum is designed for learners in ways that will:

- involve them in activities that are enjoyable and satisfying as well as challenging and knowledge producing.
- involve them in making choices, exploring subjects, expressing themselves creatively, interacting with teachers and other learners, and developing commitments. All of this is intended to increase their motivation for learning and applying what they have learned to their own lives.
- respond to the physical, emotional, moral and spiritual aspects of the learner's development at their various ages and stages from grades one to five.

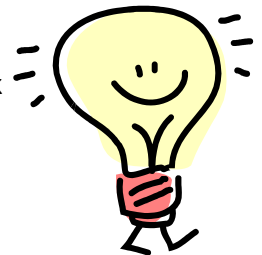
In **Chrysalis**, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will explore the Bible by discovering how the Bible and its wisdom relate to real-life situations in today's world, and in their own lives. Chrysalis' three-year rotation model of Christian Practices is based on Way to Live and the *Valaprisio Project*. You can learn more about these resources at [waytolive.org](http://waytolive.org) and [practicingyourfaith.org](http://practicingyourfaith.org).

## Activity Time

The GOAL of Activity Time is to experience great fun, as defined by the kids, at the expense of no one else. LOGOS is about re-creation, not wreck



-creation; we are about the business of building, not tearing down relationships. This segment of the program is designed to allow the children to play and express themselves both physically and creatively.



Games, sports, arts and crafts will be offered. We will use non-competitive games as a means of providing a safe environment

for all who are part of the program. The craft time will vary with the age groups. It is our hope to also draw on people from our community of faith who have a

particular talent to share with the group. This talent might be basketry, quilting, or woodworking all geared toward the proper age group.



Our goal is to provide yet another arena for the practice of building Christian relationships.





## Worship Skills

The Worship Skills portion of the program prepares youth to participate regularly in worship since worship is the most important thing that Christians do. Worship is for the congregation what breathing is for the human body. We can't live without it. Therefore, Worship Skills is not just a choir, it is learning about, practicing in, and leading in Worship. While choir is the foundation of Worship Skills, singing will be supplemented with handbells, Orff instruments, creative movement, instruments, drama, and exploring all aspects of worship leadership.

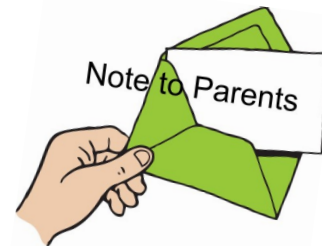
In early September, you will receive a postcard with the LOGOS Worship Skills Calendar. You will also receive an email reminder a few days ahead of time. If your child/children cannot participate on a given Sunday, please phone the church during the day (814-238-2422). Each and every child is important to our worship leadership and we rejoice when your child is with us.

**Christmas Eve:** All available LOGOS Choristers will present a Christmas musical at the 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service. There will be a special rehearsal for just those who will participate on Christmas Eve on Tuesday, December 19 from 4:30 - 5:30 pm (no dinner).

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## Note to Parents

You are welcome to sit in on a Choir Rehearsal at any time during the year. Be prepared to grab a music folder, sit in the choir, and join in the singing!

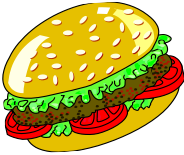
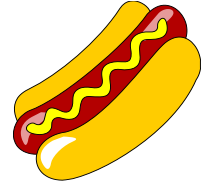




## Family Time

Family Time is the most popular segment of the program for the kids. The hottest topic upon arrival is “what’s for dinner?” We believe that dinner is the hub of the program. Relationship building takes place as youth and Table Parents share in creative dialogue in a caring, “family” atmosphere.

Good manners and proper conduct are two vital elements that make Family Time an important time. The meal is served family style with everyone having the opportunity to serve one another. The youth sit at the same table with the same Table Parents for the entire year. Family Time also includes announcements, introductions, grace, a major “thank you” for the kitchen crew, and the infamous table game.



We are trying to be conscious of nutrition; however, nutrition is not our sole goal. Our goal is to provide a fun meal that might include hot dogs, finger foods, and gooey desserts.

Family Time themes are listed on the LOGOS Calendar in this Handbook.

Sometimes the children, youth, and adults are asked to wear or bring something special in coordination with the theme (for example, pajamas on Pajama Night).

Please contact the LOGOS Director, Keri Rounsville at 814-574-5156 or rouns626@yahoo.com with any specific dietary requirements your child may have.



## Discipline P O L I C Y

## Discipline Policy

First and foremost, we want to be partners with all parents, as together we nurture and guide our children and youth. We hope to communicate well in order to meet everyone’s needs.

Cooperation with all members of the LOGOS staff should be stressed by the parents at home. General

demeanor at LOGOS should reflect Christian thought and concern for others. Courtesy is expected at all times whether in study or play.

Disciplinary problems will be dealt with as promptly, realistically, and consistently as possible, as they are detrimental to the progress of the entire program and sometimes to the safety and well-being of other children. Every effort will be made to solve discipline problems immediately. However, if staff is unable to satisfactorily resolve the problem, the child’s parents will be called. The problem will be discussed with the parents and the goal will be to reach a solution acceptable to all parties involved.

To review our detailed discipline policy, please contact a coordinator (*see list on page 2*) and they will share what has been adopted by the LOGOS program.





## Attendance Expectations

- ◆ Weekly attendance of all four parts of the program is strongly encouraged so that your child can get the full benefit of the program.
  - ◆ Even though dinner is at the end of the program evening (for grades 1-5), children are encouraged to stay through dinner to reinforce the family atmosphere of the program and the building of Christian relationships.
  - ◆ The mid-week LOGOS program is not meant as a substitute for Sunday School.
  - ◆ If a conflict prevents full participation in the entire program for your family, please contact the LOGOS Director or a Coordinator. We believe that the program is most effective with full participation and we miss your children when they are not here.
  - ◆ Attendance is strongly encouraged on Sunday mornings, especially when LOGOS Choirs are participating in worship. Your child has worked with the other children to prepare to lead worship. This work not only serves the church, but builds esteem and teaches worship.
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## Tuesday Drop Off Procedures for LOGOS-GECKOS

4:00 pm - 4:15 pm

We have an efficient drop off plan - mostly due to limited parking

- Parents may walk their children in
- OR**
- why not drop them off directly at the church's parking lot entrance where they will be greeted by a LOGOS staff member, sign in, and wash their hands before heading to their first rotation.



Since we have glass doors now, parents will be able to see us through the doors and you can drive off after your child makes it through the doors!

At the end of the program evening, **GECKO** parents will need to come into the Social Hall to pick up their children.

**CHRYSLIS**—Chrysalis youth often arrive at different times and can sit in Cocoon Time, but hopefully all are here by **5:15 pm**. At the end of the evening, Chrysalis parents should wait in the downstairs hallway when picking up their youth at 8:00 pm.

## Registration Fees

Registration is to be completed by a parent or guardian of the child(ren) being registered.

**Participation in LOGOS cannot occur until registration forms have been completed and turned in.**

No child will be denied the rich Christian experience of LOGOS/Chrysalis for financial reasons. Scholarship aid is available. Please contact Deannine Shipman, Director of Education and Program (814-238-2422 or deanninescpc@gmail.com) or Keri Rounsville (814-574-5156 or rouns626@yahoo.com) to make arrangements for financial aid. All requests and arrangements are strictly confidential.

Tuition fees help cover the cost of meals, Bible study curriculum, crafts and recreation supplies, Mission Membership in LOGOS System Associates, and special activities. Chrysalis fees are slightly more to cover the extra activities in which our middle-school youth participate. The State College Presbyterian Church operating budget covers about half of the total cost of the LOGOS Program. Fees are reviewed annually by the LOGOS Coordinators and adjusted when necessary.

Tuition is paid in two installments. The first installment is due at registration and the second installment is due in January. Tuition bills will be sent in January as reminders.

We are now offering an online payment option — the online payment option includes a 2% convenience charge [amount in ( ) below]. Specifics about installment amounts are on the LOGOS Registration Form. To help those families with two or more children in the Program the following fee schedule will be in effect for 2022/2023:

Geckos fees	1 Child - \$140.00 (\$142.00)	2 Children - \$230.00 (\$234.60)	3 children - \$310.00 (\$316.20)
Chrysalis fees	1 Youth - \$155.00 (\$168.30)	2 Youth - \$270.00 (\$275.40)	3 Youth - \$360.00 (\$367.20)
1 Geckos Child + 1 Chrysalis Youth - \$255.00 (\$260.10)		2 or more Geckos + 1 Chrysalis Youth - \$325.00 (\$331.50)	
1 or more Geckos + 2 or more Chrysalis - \$350.00 (\$357.00)			
*10% discount to families with youth in FISH*			



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## Registration Fees



## Transportation/Car Pools

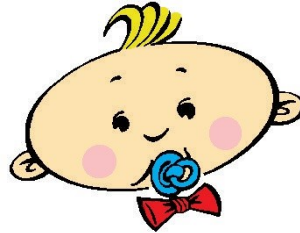
The staff of the LOGOS Program will be happy to assist you with transportation ideas if transportation is an issue.

Please contact Keri Rounsville ( 814-574-5156 or rouns626@yahoo.com) for names of possible car pool participants.

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## Childcare

Childcare is available for those who are volunteering and have preschool age children. This needs to be planned in advance with Deannine Shipman.

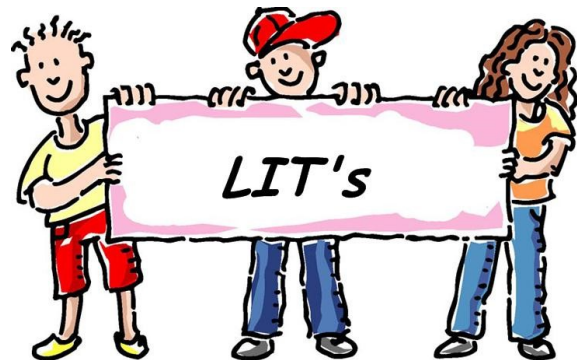


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## Leaders-in-Training

Youth who are interested in ministry with children may apply to be "Leaders-In-Training."

Applications are available in the church office or on our website: [www.scpresby.org](http://www.scpresby.org).



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## Guests at LOGOS

LOGOS members are encouraged to bring their friends to visit the program. Guests interested in the program do not need to come with a church member and are always welcome. To insure that we are prepared for guests, we have had to establish guidelines for bringing a guest to the LOGOS Program.

- ♦ The youth bringing a guest needs to contact the church office (814-238-2422) at least by the Monday before, so meal and seating arrangements can be made.
- ♦ Friends are allowed to visit up to three times a year. After this time, they and their parents will be asked to make a commitment to the program and to join us on a regular basis.
- ♦ LOGOS members are responsible for their guests while at the program. They are expected to stay with their friend and introduce them to the staff during each session. It is our hope that guests will feel comfortable and welcomed.

***Bring a Friend to LOGOS!***

## 2023-2024 Health and Sickness Policies

If your child has been absent from school on a LOGOS day for a sickness or fever, we ask that you keep them home for the afternoon LOGOS program as well.

If your child has any of the following, they should stay home:

- A fever of 100.4 or higher
- Unusual spots or rash
- Vomiting
- Lice
- Loss of smell/taste
- Shortness of breath

If your child has any TWO of these extra symptoms, please keep them at home:

- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Nausea
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Congestion/Runny Nose
- Persistent cough

If your child tests positive for COVID-19, they should stay home for at least 5 days and isolate from others in your home. Depending on when the LOGOS day falls, they may attend if it's been 5 days, but we suggest they wear a mask until past the 10 day mark.

In the event of a medical emergency, we will treat your child with first aid. If it is a life-threatening or serious injury, you will be called and your child will be taken to the emergency room at Mt. Nittany Medical Center or an ambulance will be called. In a minor event, you will be notified when you should pick up your child.

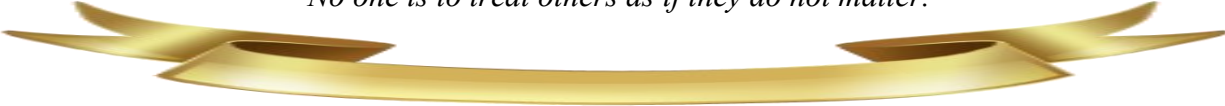
If your child needs approved medications while here at LOGOS, please note this on the Health Form.

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**The Only Rule of the LOGOS Program is . . .**

*. . . Treat every person as a child of God.  
No one is to treat others as if they do not matter.*



# The Four Parts of LOGOS



**"They devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and the prayers."**

Acts 2:42





## 2023-2024 LOGOS (Geckos & Chrysalis) Calendar

Fall Semester			
Date		Geckos Theme	Chrysalis
Sept 12th KLONDIKE KICK OFF Night - 6:00—7:00 pm			
September 19	Regular Meeting	Crazy Shorts	A is for ...
September 26	Regular Meeting	Pirate (Arrgh)	B is for ...
September 29th - Oct. 1st		CHRYSLIS retreat	C is for ...
October 3	Regular Meeting	Cute BUGS	D is for ...
October 10	Regular Meeting	DISNEY	E is for ...
October 17	Regular Meeting	Silly Socks	F is for ...
October 24	Regular Meeting	Balloon Night - Up, Up & Away	G is for ...
October 31st - Will not meet due to Halloween Night (H is for ...)			
November 7	Regular Meeting	Horrible Hair	I is for ...
November 14	Regular Meeting	Giving Thanks	J is for ...
November 21	Thanksgiving Break — No LOGOS		
November 28	Regular Meeting	thgiN sdrawkcaB	K is for ...
December 5	Regular Meeting	Pajamas Party	L is for ...
December 12	Regular Meeting	Advent/Christmas Party	M is for ...
December 19	Christmas Eve Rehearsal - 4:30-5:30 PM (No Dinner)		
December 24	LOGOS Choirs Sing at Christmas Eve Service - 7:00 PM		
Spring Semester			
January 9	Regular Meeting	Dance Party	N is for ...
January 16	Regular Meeting <i>(no school this day, but we WILL have LOGOS)</i>	Super Hero	O is for ...
January 23	Regular Meeting	Movie Trivia	P is for ...
January 30	Regular Meeting	Airline Night	Q is for ...
February 6	Regular Meeting	SPORTS	R is for ...
February 13	Regular Meeting	Mardi Gras	S is for ...
February 16-17 Chrysalis will hold a Coffee House/LOCK-IN - T is for ....			
February 20	Regular Meeting	Diggin' Dinosaurs	U is for ...
February 27	Regular Meeting	Dr. Seuss	V is for ...
March 5	Spring Break - No LOGOS		
March 12	Regular Meeting	Joke and Riddle Night	W is for ...
March 19	Regular Meeting	Favorite Book	X is for ...
March 26	Regular Meeting	Luau Party	Y is for ...
April 2	Regular Meeting	Campfire/Storytelling	Z is for ...
April 9 Year End Celebration			



Geckos are encouraged to dress according to the weekly calendar themes if they are so inclined !