

LOGOS

Parent Handbook

2024-2025

LOGOS is a Mid-Week Program for ...

***Elementary
Youth***

***Middle School
Youth***



**A ministry of the Education Ministry Unit
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Presbyterian Church**

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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 2024-2025

Grade	4:00-4:15 pm	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	Gathering in Westminster Hall	Worship Skills	Activities	Bible Study	Family Time	
2						
3		Activities	Worship Skills	Bible Study		
4				Bible Study		
5				Bible Study		
	4:00 - 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 GenOn and LOGOS ?

GenOn Ministries is an ecumenical organization led by a dedicated staff, working board of directors, and more than 100 passionate volunteers around the country. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization funded by training events, resource sales, and donations from individuals and partner churches. We work with churches of all denominations and sizes.

GenOn Ministries (formerly The LOGOS Ministry) was a name created to reflect a wider mission for intergenerational ministry. GenOn is a contraction of the word “interGENERatiONal” and also reflects the importance of passing the faith from one **GEN**eration **ON** to another. LOGOS at SCPC is actively connected to this national program.

LOGOS is a weekly intergenerational experience

LOGOS is an intentional time for all ages to come together to learn about God and experience activities that grow their relationship with God and others. At each **LOGOS** gathering, participants take part in Bible study, recreation, a family-style meal, and a variety of worship arts to lead in worship. These four parts are fashioned after the early church in Acts 2:42 (CEB), “The believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers.” LOGOS is a purposeful and planned ministry led by parents, grandparents and other adults who share their God-given gifts.

LOGOS builds intergenerational community

LOGOS helps develop deep roots within the congregation when parents, grandparents, and other significant adults dedicate time to the ministry. When parents volunteer in LOGOS, it helps them as the primary spiritual guide for their children. Clergy and other volunteers of all ages from the church also serve, making this a congregational ministry.

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.

CHRYSALIS 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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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

Parental Participation Requirements

The LOGOS Program provides a place for parents/guardians 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 GUARDIAN 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 (Little LOGOS) and dinner are provided for your other children (Kindergarten age and younger ONLY) when you participate as a volunteer.

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.

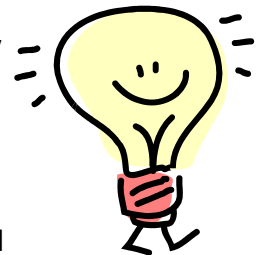
In **Chrysalis**, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will explore the Bible by discovering how the Bible and its wisdom relate to real-life situations in today's world and in their own lives. Chrysalis leaders pick themes that will connect our youth to the world around them in a way that encourages youth to explore their faith by asking questions, finding connections in the Bible, and having discussions with their peers and leaders.

Activity Time

Activity time is about coming together in fun and fellowship, as defined by the kids. The program is designed to allow the kids to play and express



themselves physically and creatively through arts and play. We spend time getting to know each other and developing teamwork skills. The recreation time is used to play cooperative games, have scavenger

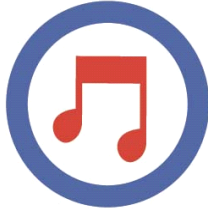


hunts, play icebreakers, and complete obstacle courses, among many other games. Activity time also includes arts & crafts projects, board games, and craft choices to align with the weekly themes. Church and community members sometimes join us to share talents or special skills to help us learn and grow in our fellowship.



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 all aspects of congregational worship. 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 a place for learning about, practicing, and leading in Worship. We will use our own voices as our primary instrument, and we'll supplement that with handbells, Orff instruments, creative movement, and drama. We will explore all aspects of worship leadership.

The LOGOS Worship Skills Calendar will be available at the end of August for the Fall semester and the beginning of January for the Winter semester. Watch for email notifications with helpful information (such as song lyrics and links to recordings) as the Sundays approach. If your child/children are not able to participate on a given Sunday, please let Heike know as soon as possible. (musicministriescpc@gmail.com) 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 lead worship at the 4:00 pm service on Christmas Eve. There will be a special rehearsal for just those who will participate on Christmas Eve on Tuesday, December 17 from 4:15-7:00 pm.

Note to Parents

You are welcome to sit in on a Worship Skills meeting at any time during the year. Be prepared to grab a music folder, sit with the group, and join in the singing!

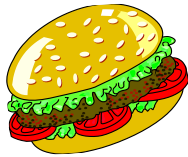
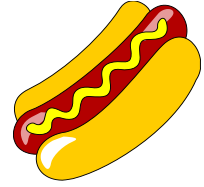




Family Time

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 invited to wear or bring something special in coordination with the theme (for example, pajamas on Pajama Night). Please contact the LOGOS Director, Janet Schaufler, or Mike and Amy Gordon, 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.



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 mornings.
 - ◆ 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**
- drop them off directly at the church's parking lot entrance where they will be greeted by a LOGOS staff member where they sign in and head to Gathering Time.



If it's chilly and the leaders are inside, you can see us through the glass 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.

CHRYSALIS—*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 deanninespc@gmail.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 can be paid online or by check/cash at the beginning of the program, or by check throughout the program year.

The online payment option includes a 2% convenience charge. Specifics about installment amounts are listed as you go to pay online. Here are the program fees for the upcoming year of 2024/2025:

Geckos fees	1 Child - \$145.00	2 Children - \$275.00
Chrysalis fees	1 Youth - \$170	2 Youth - \$325.00
1 Geckos Child + 1 Chrysalis Youth - \$300.00		
<i>If you need to add another child, there is a \$15.00 discount for each child/youth added. This is noted in the above prices.</i>		



Registration Fees

Need a Ride?



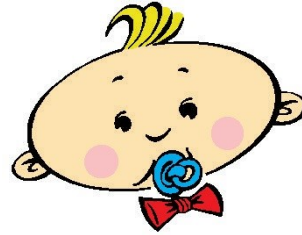
Transportation/Car Pools

The staff of the LOGOS Program will be happy to assist you with transportation ideas if transportation is an issue. We have a place on the registration forms for those to mark if they are willing to assist! Please contact Janet Schaufler for names of possible car pool participants.

“Little LOGOS”

Childcare is available for those who are volunteering and have preschool - Kindergarten age children.

This needs to be planned in advance with Deannine Shipman.



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.



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 need to contact the church office (814-238-2422) 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!

Car Pools

Little Logos

LIT's

Guests at LOGOS

2024-2025 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 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.

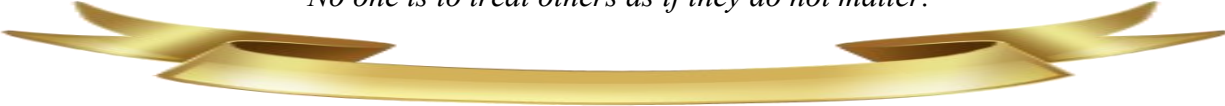
In the event of a medical emergency, we will treat your child with first aid. If it is a life-threatening or serious injury, you will be called and your child will be taken to the emergency room at Mt. Nittany Medical Center or an ambulance will be called. In a minor event, you will be notified when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

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



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



2024-2025 LOGOS (Geckos & Chrysalis) Calendar

Fall Semester			
Date		Geckos Theme	Chrysalis
September 17, 6:30 pm—7:30 pm, KLONDIKE KICKOFF for parents, children & youth			
September 24	Regular Meeting	Hilarious HATS	Trees
October 1	Regular Meeting	Arrg... it's PIRATES	Trees
October 4-6		Chrysalis Retreat - Trees theme continues!	
October 8	Regular Meeting	Bugs, Bugs, and more Bugs	Trees
October 15	Regular Meeting	Silly Socks/Bring a Friend	Insects
October 22	Regular Meeting	LEGO/Minecraft	Insects
October 29	Regular Meeting	Halloween - wear your costume!	Insects
November 5	Regular Meeting	My Hair IS Wild Hair	Birds
November 12	Regular Meeting	thgiN sdrawkcaB s'tl	Birds
November 19	Regular Meeting	Giving Thanks	Birds
November 26	Thanksgiving Break — No LOGOS		
December 3	Regular Meeting	DANCING Party	Angel Tree Shopping
December 10	Regular Meeting	Christmas/Advent	Christmas Party
December 17	Christmas Eve Rehearsal - 4:15-7:00 PM and DINNER too :-)		
December 24	LOGOS Choirs Sing at Christmas Eve Service - 4:00 PM		
Spring Semester			
January 7	Regular Meeting	PJ's (bring a stuffed animal)	Water
January 14	Regular Meeting	"Let's Go to the MOVIES" trivia	Water
January 21	Regular Meeting	Fly LOGOS Airlines	Water
January 28	Regular Meeting	"Having a Luau"	Stars and Space
February 4	Regular Meeting	All about SPORTS	Stars and Space
February 11	Regular Meeting	Valentines Day	Stars and Space
February 14th - Chrysalis Coffee House & Lock-In (Stars and Space)			
February 18	Regular Meeting	Superhero	Flowers and Plants
February 25	Regular Meeting	Joke/Riddle Fun	Flowers and Plants
March 4	Regular Meeting	Mardi Gras	Flowers and Plants
March 11	Spring Break - No LOGOS		
March 18	Regular Meeting	Dr. Seuss	Flowers and Plants
March 25	Regular Meeting	Kid Choice Night	Scavenger Hunt
March 28th - LOGOS Musical Rehearsal 4:15pm with pizza afterwards			
April 1	Regular Meeting	Campfire & Storytelling	8th Grade Crossings Ceremony
April 8	End of Year Celebration		



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