

## **Camp Friendship reaches out to children in need**

Camp Friendship benefits two groups: children who are economically disadvantaged and are not part of the congregational life of a Disciples congregation, and Christian Church youth who wish to provide camp for these 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade children.

About thirty kids will be recruited from congregations throughout the Kansas Region. Congregations will recruit and send them to camp on July 22-24, at no cost to the families. This outreach is supported by Reconciliation funds and other gifts.

About 10 young people, grade 10-college, will serve as counselors under the direction of Travis McKee. Counselors submit the Camp Registration form and pay \$60 fee.

The children will experience the camp program, using the “Be a Hero” theme. They will play games, swim, go to Campfire, and do all the other elements of camp including Bible Study.

If your congregation knows of eligible children—those who receive free lunches in the public school—please contact the Regional Office for an application form. Or contact Travis McKee at Pittsburg FCC ([mckeetr@gmail.com](mailto:mckeetr@gmail.com)) for more information on this camp or Steve Martin ([smartin@kansasdisciples.org](mailto:smartin@kansasdisciples.org)) for general information.

Congregations may need to provide transportation to and from camp for these disadvantaged children. Sometimes these children need help with acquiring bedding, appropriate clothing, or other needs for camp, and some congregations have offered to assist with these needs.

Camp Friendship is an important outreach ministry and serves “the least of these...” who live in all our communities.