

## **Professional/Certified Staff & A Historical Note**



### **Professional and Certified Staff:**

Our school age child care programs take pride in providing quality training for each staff member. The School's Out program currently employs 6 part-time employees. The Faith Kids Camp program employs nearly 18 part-time summer employees. Our child/staff ratio requirements are above and beyond the general requirements in providing a sense of safety, structure, organization and professionalism.

Each employed staff member undergoes between 10-20 hours of intensive training prior to working in either the after school or summer camp programs. This includes CPR and First Aid. Additionally, the director conducts weekly/monthly staff meetings to review progress, objectives and goals. Areas of improvement are discussed and changes are made to better serve the needs of our child participants and their families. Gaining training knowledge and certification is encouraged and supported among the staff. A common understanding and knowledge of their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and personal savior is clearly evident through ethical and integrity perspectives.

Each employed staff member has cleared a criminal background and reference check to gain prior approval to work with children. As part of the ongoing professionalism within our school age child care programs, the staff are not permitted to baby-sit or transport any child participant while employed.

### **A Historical Note:**

School's Out and Faith Kids Camp was founded and developed by Ryan Jones, former Director of School Age Child Care Programs, in the summer of 2004. Since then, hundreds of children have been ministered to, along with many decisions to follow Christ! We thank God for this!

Great appreciation is deserved upon the many staff members that have made School's Out and Faith Kids Camp what it has become today. Throughout the community and around Dutchess County, School's Out and Faith Kids Camp are known as Christ-Centered Programs that encourage children to develop their full potential in Christ. They are ministries of Faith Assembly of God Church, which is affiliated with the Assemblies of God General Council. Special thanks to George Jennings for having served as a spiritual mentor and advisor to Ryan over the years. Today, Ryan resides in Madison, Wisconsin with his wife/family.