



# Tickets for Children's Charities 2022

*"The most beautiful music in the world is the sound of children laughing."*

Since 1992, **Idlewild & SoakZone**, along with our sister parks **Kennywood** and **Sandcastle**, have donated over 300,000 days of summer fun through our **Tickets for Children's Charities** program, by providing tickets to organizations that directly serve disadvantaged children and/or children with disabilities.

This particular program is dedicated toward making an immediate, and direct, impact on youngsters with those particular special needs. It offers children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience one of our parks, a day filled with fun and laughter, and the promise of wonderful memories for years to come.

Written requests from tax-exempt 501C-3 charitable organizations whose requests fall within the program guidelines are accepted each September through January by **Idlewild & SoakZone**.

Following the review of requests, in order of receipt, organizations receiving ticket grants will receive a letter of acceptance normally by early April 2021. Please understand that we receive hundreds of requests and a limited number of tickets are available for distribution.

How to request **Tickets for Children's Charities**:

## **Step 1: Review Mission Statement to determine if your organization qualifies:**

***The mission of Tickets for Children's Charities is to provide tickets to 501C-3 not-for-profit organizations to be used directly by disadvantaged children and/or children with disabilities, and to provide tickets for fund-raising purposes for agencies that work directly with such children.***

## **Step 2: Submit Letter of Request and Application Form**

On organization letterhead, please include information about your organization, the children you serve and summary information regarding the number of tickets and who will utilize the tickets. Every application **MUST** include a letter of request, application form, and proof of 501C-3 status or will be disqualified.

The application form, along with Frequently Asked Questions, can be found on page 2 of this document.

**Requests should be received by January 31, 2022, for the 2022 Summer Season**

Please mail completed form with an accompanying letter & brochure (if available) to:

***Tickets for Children Charities***  
**c/o Idlewild & SoakZone**  
**PO Box C**  
**Ligonier, PA 15658**

(For Kennywood or Sandcastle ticket requests, please reference [kennywood.com](http://kennywood.com) or [sandcastlewaterpark.com](http://sandcastlewaterpark.com) – you must apply separately.)

Frequently Asked Questions regarding the *Tickets for Children's Charities* program:

**Q. Who qualifies to receive these tickets?**

A. The mission of *Tickets for Children's Charities* is to provide tickets to 501C-3 not-for-profit organizations to be used directly by disadvantaged children and/or children with disabilities, and to provide tickets for fund-raising purposes for agencies that work directly with such children.

**Q. Just what do *Tickets for Children's Charities* offer?**

A. There are two categories of tickets: one benefiting individual children , and the other benefiting an organization that directly supports children.

**Q. Are individuals raising funds privately eligible to receive tickets?**

A. No. All tickets are disbursed via charities that directly benefit children, i.e., tickets are granted to 501C-3 organizations directly rather than through individual fundraising activities.

**Q. May our group use tickets to raise money for our children with door prizes, raffles, etc.?**

A. Yes. Idlewild Cares tickets may only be sold (directly or through raffles, prizes, etc) to raise money to directly benefit the children at the 501C-3 organization.

**Q. Do you accept proposals from 501C-3 non-profits outside the western Pennsylvania area?**

A. Yes.

**Q. Do past ticket recipients automatically receive tickets?**

A. No. Each year is autonomous. You may also reapply if you did not receive tickets previously.

**Q. When are applications for *Tickets for Children's Charities* accepted?**

A. Applications may be submitted between **September 1, 2020** and **January 31** for the following summer season. Applications are reviewed in order of receipt. Awards and distribution will generally take place by the beginning of April. Please understand that due to the seasonality of our business, we cannot grant many requests that fall during the November-March timeframe.

**Q. Who decides which groups receive tickets?**

A. A rotating committee at each park meets in February and March to award tickets.

**Q. If I have further questions, whom should I contact?**

A. Please either email [guestrelations@idlewild.com](mailto:guestrelations@idlewild.com) .

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*Tickets for Children Charities*, c/o **Idlewild & SoakZone**, PO Box C, Ligonier, PA 15658

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Website \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Status/501C-3 # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Title \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets requested for **Idlewild & SoakZone** \_\_\_\_\_