



Hello VBC Volunteers!

First of all, **thank you** for volunteering to help with Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) this year. Without you, we could not pull this off. And with all your help the week of camp, we know we can make it a success! This letter is our chance to explain how things will go and give you a chance to ask questions before camp starts. Please read through the letter in its entirety and contact us if there's questions or concerns.

Volunteer Meeting: Sunday, July 17th from 3-6 (ish) in Friendship Hall. At this pre-camp meeting, you will learn: 1) About your role at camp. 2) What you need to know for the week. 3) Decorate the spaces we will be using during camp.

** Please make this a priority to attend as it will help camp get kicked off and run smoothly right from the start!

Daily Prayer: Camp runs from 6-8:15 pm, Monday - Thursday. Please arrive before 5:45, because each day at that time we will have a volunteer prayer and team meet up in the Gathering Space. If you are unable to make it, you can find the daily prayer in your binder.

Attire: Please wear your "Monumental" t-shirt each day of camp. Feel free to add your own Southwestern accessories!

Water: Please bring your own water bottle each day! Be sure that it either can be easily identified as yours or has your name on it.

Daily Schedule: There are 4 activities you will lead your group to each day: science, games, classroom and crafts. There will be a station leader at each activity. Group Leaders are responsible for getting the campers where they need to be, help out with activities and discipline as needed, and help with bathroom breaks along the way.

Note about Youth Helpers: Group leaders will have youth helpers assisting all throughout camp. They are available to help the campers with the activities. There are a few things they are **not able to do:** *take campers on bathroom breaks, use sharp objects (including but not limited to paper cutters, knives or shredders).* Also, you are to take attendance of your youth helpers each evening just as you would a camper. Same as at camp dismissal, youth helpers need to be picked up by a parent

unless a written note has been provided stating someone else is picking up the youth helper.

Coin Wars: Part of the tradition during VBC is to have a coin war between boys and girls to see who can collect the most for the chosen charity. There will be jars in the Sanctuary for the campers to put their change.

Stickers: You have a page of stickers in your binder. The kids earn stickers throughout the week for various things: good behavior, great manners, good dancing—whatever you feel is worth rewarding! They put these stickers on their name tags. Once they earn 5 stickers they can get a prize. Let's encourage campers positively and reward them when we see great behavior!

Camper Drop-Off/Pickup:

- Campers should be checked in by 6 p.m.
- Parents will be picking up their child/ren in the Sanctuary at 8:15.
- If someone other than a parent is picking up one of your campers at the end of camp, a written note is required.

Projects: Each age group will have a designated table in the gathering space to leave craft/science projects on instead of carrying them around during camp. Please utilize these tables so campers don't have to carry items around all evening.

Photography: There will be a volunteer photographer walking around taking pictures.

Set-up and Clean-up: We will be setting up on July 17th after our team meeting. At the end of camp, everyone's help is needed to clear the parish before leaving Thursday night. Many hands make less work!

Please feel free to contact the VBC chairs, Liza Deters or Ben Trick with any questions.

We are excited to see you at Camp!