

# Vacation Bible School 2016



New Team Member  
Application Packet

## What is Vacation Bible School?

Vacation Bible School is a fun Scripture learning experience where youth gain valuable tools to use everyday. Young people are able to learn leadership skills, responsibility, and team work.

It is important to remember that as a member of the Vacation Bible School team you are not only representing yourself, but also St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church, the Diocese of Las Vegas, and most importantly, Jesus Christ. Vacation Bible School team members are expected to live their faith and be a positive example to others of what it means to be a Catholic.

## Application for Team Members

The process for applying to serve on the Vacation Bible School team begins with completing this application. The application will then be carefully read by the Youth Ministry Office and **ALL new applicants ARE RESPONSIBLE for scheduling an interview with Meghan Hernandez through the Sign Up Genius link emailed to you after the Youth Ministry Office receives your application.** After the completion of the interview process the information will be reviewed by the Youth Ministry Staff and the applicants will be notified of our decision. Please note, service as a team member one year does not guarantee acceptance from year to year.

## Who May Apply?

Any student entering grades 7—12 in the Fall of 2016 as well as college students. Parents we need your help too!

**Please note: VBS Team Member Applications must be returned to the Youth Ministry Office no later than Friday, May 13, 2016.**

## Commitment, Dedication and Selection Process

Vacation Bible School team members must be committed. **Team members are responsible for the week(s) they are assigned and 2 hours of decoration.** Team members must be committed to the entire week they are assigned. Unfortunately, we cannot allow team members to volunteer only some days during a week as it is disruptive to the youth attending. **Do not schedule any doctor, dentist, orthodontist appointments, personal appointments, etc. before 1:30 p.m. on the week you are volunteering at VBS.** Additionally, although you may sign up to volunteer one particular week, you may be assigned to volunteer a different week.



Priority will be given to active, participating members of Youth Ministry programs and parish ministries as well as returning team members. Assignments will be made based on the number of years volunteered at Vacation Bible School, and parish/Youth Ministry involvement, not the age of the leader. **Please note, active/participating members of Youth Ministry programs will receive the highest scheduling priority. Scheduling of volunteers will be done at the discretion of the Youth Ministry Staff.**

Some of the time commitments of team members include:

- ✠ Arrival at 7:45 a.m. each day
- ✠ Dismissal at 1:15 p.m. each day
- ✠ Attendance at the Vacation Bible School Team Meeting and Retreat on Saturday, June 4th from 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. (*Attendance is mandatory*)
- ✠ Movie Tuesday afternoons from 1:15 p.m.—4:00 p.m.  
(Not all Team Members will participate. Team Member participants will be selected in the Application process)

*\*Please keep this page for your record*

# Vacation Bible School New Team Member Application

## Youth Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Our primary form of communication will be through email

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in 2016-2017 school year: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT T-Shirt Size (circle one):      Small                  Medium                  Large                  Extra Large

I would like to volunteer for the following sessions:

(Please circle your selections and number in order of preference. Label any you cannot volunteer. Please note: preference will be given based on seniority, parish/Youth Ministry involvement, and the date the application was received by the Youth Ministry Office.)

Cave Quest:                          June 13-17                          Movie Tuesday—June 14 from 1:15 –4:00pm

Egypt:                                  August 1-5                          Movie Tuesday—August 2 from 1:15 –4:00pm

I would like to do my 2 hours of decoration during      June 6-10                  or                  July 25-29

## Parent Information

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Resides With: \_\_\_\_\_

## Role Description

**Crew Leader** - Open to leaders entering grades 6 -12. As a crew leader, you will be assigned to one particular crew to lead the children through different activities throughout the day. You will be responsible for the same crew all week.

**Room Leader** - Open to leaders entering grades 9 -12 and above. As a room leader, you will be responsible for one of the rooms or stations through the week (Bible Adventure (Drama/Skits), Bible Stories, Crafts, Games, and Snacks.). You will lead the youth through the daily activities in your room each time a new cycle of crews comes in.

**Core Team Member** - see pg. 7 for application questions and other requirements

Which role description best describes how you want to help this summer:

(Circle One)                          Crew                  Room                  Core Team  
Leader                  Leader                  Member

## VBS New Team Member Questionnaire

1. Why do you want to be a member of the Vacation Bible School team? How did you first learn about VBS?
2. What do you think it means to be a leader of faith?
3. What gifts has God given you that will help you to be a good team member and/or a good leader?
4. Please list any Youth Ministry activities that you have been involved in during the 2015-2016 school year.
4. Please list any parish activities that you have participated in, or any parish groups that you are involved in (example: Jr. High Youth Group, Scouts, Choir, Altar Server etc.):
5. Do you think that you can dedicate yourself to Vacation Bible School? What obstacles stand in your way?  
*(Requirements are listed on the schedule on page 2 of this packet)*

## Parent Recommendation

\*While it is only necessary for one parent to complete this form, we welcome the input of both parents.

Parent Name(s):

1. Do you feel that your son/daughter would make a good member of the Vacation Bible School team? Why?

2. What do you feel his/her gifts are? How is your child a leader of faith?

3. What do you feel his/her areas of improvement are?

4. Vacation Bible School requires a time commitment. The team will meet each morning promptly at 8:00 a.m. as well as at 12:45 p.m. each day. It is important that every team member be present for both the morning and afternoon meeting each day. If your son/daughter is chosen as a member of the Vacation Bible School team we will need your full support.

I/We give my permission and support for to apply to be a member of the Vacation Bible School team for the Summer of 2016.

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Parent Signature

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Date

## Teacher/Coach/Scoutmaster/Parish Leader Recommendation

\*Please ask one of your teachers, coaches, or leaders of parish activities that you are involved in to complete this recommendation.

Teacher/Coach/Parish Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Sport/Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you feel that this youth would make a good member of the Vacation Bible School team?  
Why?

2. What do you feel his/her strengths are? How do they demonstrate that they are a leader of faith?

3. What do you feel his/her areas of improvement are?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher/Coach/Parish Leader Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Vacation Bible School Core Team Questionnaire

Would you like to be a part of the VBS Core Team? VBS Core Team is open to youth entering grades 9—12 as well as college and adults in the Fall of 2016. VBS Core Team applicants must commit to the following meetings/events:

Meeting #1: Tuesday, May 10th from 3-4:30 p.m. for Week 1 and 4:30 –6 p.m. for Week 2

Meeting #2: Saturday, May 14th from 9-11 a.m. for Week 1 & 2

Meeting #3: Saturday, May 21st from 9-11 a.m. for Week 1 & 2

Other meetings may be scheduled depending on the need and schedules of the Core Team Members.

Assist in planning and implementation of VBS Team Member Retreat on Saturday, June 4th, from 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Core Team Members must volunteer their full week of Vacation Bible School and assist in decorating the week before. Core Team Members are responsible for the design and decoration of their room. Core Team Members do not have to volunteer for both weeks of VBS.

1. Why do you want to be a part of the Vacation Bible School Core Team?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What gifts would you bring to the team? How do these make you a leader of faith?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Which room would you like to be in and why? The room choices are: Bible Adventure (Drama/Skits), Bible Stories, Crafts, Games, and Snacks.

# Vacation Bible School Guidelines

## Team Members

- ✚ All Vacation Bible School team members are expected to act in a Christ-like manner at all times. This includes:
  - ✚ No inappropriate language
  - ✚ No roughhousing or "play-fighting"
  - ✚ Keeping your hands to yourself at all times
  - ✚ No teasing or ridiculing anyone
  - ✚ Any other behaviors deemed inappropriate by the Youth Ministry Office
  - ✚ Inappropriate behavior may result in your removal from the Vacation Bible School team.
  - ✚ Appropriate and modest dress is required. We will provide students with a Vacation Bible School T-shirt which must be worn at all times. Please make sure your t-shirts are clean and presentable. T-shirts do not have to be tucked in. However, t-shirts may not be tied in the back with a rubber band or any other item. Jeans and shorts are permitted, but they must be of a modest length. No skirts are permitted at VBS. Only natural hair coloring is allowed during VBS weeks.
  - ✚ No sandals, flip-flops, or open-toed shoes. Tennis shoes or flats are required.
  - ✚ Please remember that at all times you are representing St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, the Diocese of Las Vegas, and most importantly, Jesus Christ.

## Parents

- ✚ Parents will discuss these guidelines with their child and reinforce the necessity of proper Catholic Christian behavior at all times.
- ✚ Parents agree to pick up their child from Vacation Bible School if any inappropriate behavior is reported.

I agree to follow all of the above guidelines. I agree that I will attend the VBS Team Member Meeting and Retreat on Saturday, June 4th from 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

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Student Signature

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Date

I/We agree that my/our child will follow all of the above guidelines.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date