

Vacation Bible School 2016



Returning Team Member
Application Packet

What is Vacation Bible School?

Vacation Bible School is a fun Scripture learning experience! Volunteering at Vacation Bible School gives youth 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. Once reviewed by the staff, 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 and adults.

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 sign up for. 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)

Crew Leader - Open to leaders entering grades 7 -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. 8 for application questions and other requirements

**Please keep this page for your record*



Vacation Bible School Returning Team Member Application

Student Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

*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 (circle one) June 6-10 or July 25-29.

I would like to be a Crew Leader (circle one) Yes No

I would like to be a Room Leader in (circle one)

Bible Adventure (Drama/Skits) Bible Stories Crafts Games Snack

(Please note: Crew Leader/Room Leader choices are not guaranteed. Preference will be given based on seniority, and parish/Youth Ministry involvement,)

I would like to also be a part of the following (circle any that apply) Daily Dramas Emcee Dance Crew

Parent Information

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Contact Number: _____ Contact Number: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Youth Resides With: _____

Number of years participated in VBS as a leader: _____

Why do you wish to return to VBS?

What do you hope to get out of being a leader at VBS?

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, the Catholic Church worldwide 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.

Student Signature

Date

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

Parent Signature Date

Parent 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.