

Vacation Bible School 2017



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 youth entering grades 7—12 in the Fall of 2017 as well as college students and adults. Parents we need your help too!

Please note: VBS Team Member Applications must be returned to the Youth Ministry Office no later than Thursday, May 4, 2017.

Commitment, Dedication and Selection Process

Vacation Bible School team members must be committed. **Team members are responsible for the week(s) they are assigned plus 2 hours of decoration.** A team member may sign up to decorate more than the two hours if they wish. 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 3rd 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 2017-2018 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.)

Rome: June 12-16 Movie Tuesday—June 13 from 1:15 –4:00pm

Maker Fun Factory: August 7-11 Movie Tuesday—August 8 from 1:15 –4:00pm

I would like to do my 2 hours of decoration during June 5-9 or July 31-August 4

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 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), Imagination Station, Music Melodies, 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 you have been involved in during the 2016-2017 school year.

4. Please list any parish activities you have participated in, or any parish groups you are involved in (example: Jr. High Youth Group, Scouts, Choir, Altar Server etc.):

5. Do you think 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 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 for every team member to 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 my/our child to apply to be a member of the Vacation Bible School team for the Summer of 2017.

Parent Signature

Parent Signature

Date

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 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 they are a leader of faith?

3. What do you feel are his/her areas of improvement? How do these hinder their leadership qualities?

Teacher/Coach/Parish Leader Signature

Date

Vacation Bible School Room Descriptions

1. **Games** : Where the youth come to have a great time with energetic games. There will be 1 or 2 "water game" days where you will be outside in the Courtyard for the day. The other location for the games will be in the Cafeteria. You will be responsible for setting up the games, explaining the games to the youth and helping to clean up the room.
2. **Snacks** : This room is for the youth to come, sit down, and enjoy a nice snack. The "menu" is set before the week begins. You will be responsible for setting up and cleaning up throughout the day, reminding the crew leaders to do their God Sightings or leading the youth through a game if all are finished eating from the VBS approved game list.
3. **Bible Adventure** : This room is where the story of the week is told. Choosing this room requires dressing up as a character, acting out stories if need be, and encouraging and helping the youth to do the activity that comes along with each day.
4. **Imagination Station** (usually only one week of VBS) This room is full of imagination! Youth come into this room to be amazed by small science experiments or activities related to the day's theme. Choosing this room sometimes means getting messy!
5. **Crafts** (sometimes 2 crafts stations during the week of VBS): The crafts room(s) are responsible for making the crafts of the day. This requires setting up and cleaning up throughout the day, as well as helping the youth make the craft if necessary (particularly the younger youth).
6. **Music Melodies** : As we know the big finale on Friday works best when the youth know the songs and motions. Music Melodies is a second teaching opportunity for the youth. You will be required to be familiar with the songs and the motions and be willing to teach them to the youth and youth leaders. Lots of smiles are required to make the room fun and energetic!

Vacation Bible School Guidelines

Team Members

- ✚ All Vacation Bible School team members are expected to act in a Christ-like manner at all times towards everyone in the program including your peers. 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 you 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 3rd from 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Youth Signature

Date

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

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date