

## **Questions Concerning Participant Registration**

### **Q: What is the timeline for registration?**

Registration for participants opens on Monday, January 20, 2025, and closes on Saturday, May 31, 2025. We suggest you register your child(ren) as soon as possible as space is limited!

### **Q: How do I know what age group to place my child in?**

Children should be placed based on what grade they will be entering in Fall 2025. For example, if your child will be entering the first grade in Fall 2025, you will register them for a first grade crew.

### **Q: How long is VBS each day?**

Vacation Bible School is from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm each day, with drop-off beginning at 8:50 am.

### **Q: Can I bring a child younger than preschool age to VBS?**

Children of actively registered volunteers who are younger than 4 years may be dropped off in the nursery for the duration of VBS each day. They may be dropped at 8:30 am so volunteers can be in sanctuary for their assigned duties by 8:45 am.

### **Q: What does my child need to bring?**

Students will not need to bring anything to Vacation Bible School; snacks and supplies will be provided. Due to travel around the campus we ask children to wear closed toe shoes. Children of volunteers who will be in the nursery should bring a labelled sippy cup/water bottle and a change of clothes.

### **Q: Will there be medical care on site?**

Yes; a registered nurse will be available on site in the event of a medical emergency. Parents will be contacted if considered necessary by the nurse and/or the child's crew leader.

**Q: Where will I drop off and pick up my Entering K- 6th grade child?**

Children should be dropped off and picked up in the sanctuary every day. Parents should walk their children to their respective crew leaders; children will not be allowed in or out of the sanctuary without an adult.

**Q: Where should I drop off and pick up my Entering Pre K child?**

Children should be dropped off and picked up in the Children's Ministry Building designated classroom (TBD).

**Q: What will my child do at VBS?**

Each day, your child will be led to five stations by his or her crew leader. These stations are Bible Story, Imagination Station, Snack, Recreation, and Sticky Scripture. Each station will relate to the day's Bible point, Bible story, and Bible verse, which are introduced during the opening in the sanctuary. Each day will conclude in the sanctuary for all children (except nursery).

### **Questions Concerning Volunteer Registration**

**Q: What does an elementary crew leader do?**

The crew leader will lead a small group of elementary age kids. There's no preparation required. A good crew leader is a friend and helper for the kids and station leaders. They ask questions, take kids seriously and encourage them throughout VBS.

**Q: What does an elementary crew assistant do?**

The assistant crew leader serves as a secondary crew leader. They help manage supplies, get the crew from station to station and help with experiences for their crew. A good assistant crew leader is attentive and always looking for ways to help without being asked. This is an excellent job for a teen looking to volunteer!

**Q: What does a station leader/assistant do?**

Bible Story Station, Imagination Station, and Sticky Scripture/KidVid Station leaders will be provided with materials to guide children through their daily lessons.

**Q: Will I be required to volunteer all 5 days of VBS?**

Yes! Vacation Bible School is the biggest community outreach opportunity on our church calendar each year. As such, it takes many dedicated volunteers to ensure its smooth operation. If you sign up to volunteer, you are committing to your role for all 5 days of school. If you would like to help, but cannot commit to all week, please choose "Floater" from the job list, or consider donating to our ever-growing supply list.

**Q: What training is required for volunteers?**

Any volunteers working with children or youth at Second Baptist are required to complete the **Safe at Second** background check. They are also required to attend a Vacation Bible School Volunteer training which will take place on campus prior to VBS. Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 23rd 12-1:30 pm for lunch and meeting. You will receive an invite to the meeting with details about the lunch provided at a later date.