



## **Vacation Bible School FAQs**

**Q: What age must my child be to attend VBS?**

**A:** New Hope welcomes all ages to attend VBS. Older than 12? Join us as an adult volunteer or youth crew leader and lead our campers through bible stories, games and projects with a purpose!

**Q: Where do we go on the first night of VBS?**

**A:** You will need to check-in at our Camper Registration table on the first night located by the entry doors of New Hope UMC. Here you will confirm the registration information of your child(ren) and sign a photo authorization form.

**Q: What should my child wear to VBS?**

**A:** Because everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and sturdy shoes.

**Q: Can my child be in a Crew with their friends?**

**A:** We will do our best to put your child with at least one of their friends. The Crews are designed for mixed ages/grades. This is a great time to meet new friends!

**Q: What if my child can't come every night?**

**A:** Please come the nights you can! We will miss your child if he/she is absent, but we understand summer is a busy time. It would be helpful to let your child's crew leader know what nights they will not be able to make it.

**Q: What kind of snacks will be served?**

**A:** Simple snacks will be provided by our awesome VBS Food Crew. Because we do not supply a full meal, you will want to feed your child before they arrive. Water is our beverage of choice. It is very important to include any and all food allergies on the registration form.

**Q: What does the 2 ½ hours of VBS look like?**

**A:** Each evening will start out in the Celebration Center with lively music, prayer, and a skit. After about 20 minutes the children will be dismissed by Crews to one of three "stations" located throughout the church campus. 1) Bible Adventures; 2) Projects With a Purpose; 3) Wilderness Games. Each crew rotates through all the stations each night. Our evening ends with the last 20 minutes back in Celebration Center for our Closing Campfire with music, video and dismissal activities. The time goes by really, really quickly as we are on the move! Parents are welcome to arrive at 7:30 pm each evening for closing time. Children will be dismissed to their parents at the end of the evening.



**Q: What about my child who is 5 years old or younger?**

**A:** New Hope is excited to offer 2 classrooms for children ages 5 and under. Children under the age of 4 will be in the "Tinder Toddler" crew, while children aged 4 through 5 will be in the "Pup Tent" crew. All ages will start out in the celebration center with music. The Tinder Toddlers and Pup Tent crews have an age appropriate program and only join the older kids at the beginning and end of the evening.

**Q: Who will be in charge of my child?**

**A:** Our volunteer crews are awesome! Each of the three "stations" is coordinated by at least two adults. Each Cabin Crew consists of a small group of children (mixed ages & grades) led by a Crew Leader who will be with them the entire time as they rotate through the three stations.

**Q: Is there a cost to attend VBS?**

**A:** No. At New Hope, VBS is part of our church ministry! 100% of our adults are volunteers. We accept donations of supplies to help offset the costs of materials and decorations. Please contact Jill Connery or Jenn Watson to find out what is still needed. There is a donation list located on the volunteer table.

**Q: Do you stay at the church the whole time?**

**A:** For Camp Out VBS, we will be staying on the church campus Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> is a special night when your child (ages 4 and up) will be transported via a school bus to a campsite on Sportsman's Drive in De Pere. Here they will spend 2 action packed hours at Camp New Hope. Because this site has no parking lot, if you would like to join us you are welcome to board the bus! Campers will return to New Hope Church by 7:55 pm. Special permission slips are required for Camp New Hope. These will be available at the registration table when you arrive. Children under the age of 4 will remain on church campus for their last night of VBS.