



## **New Hope VBS Volunteer Information**

### **Q: What is VBS?**

**A:** Vacation Bible School is a 3 day “camp” for kids of all ages. Kids learn about the love of Jesus, the Bible, and have fun! VBS offers games, snacks, music, a mission project, and Bible adventures.

### **Q: How can I volunteer at VBS?**

**A:** There are many areas to choose from: teaching, teacher support, lots or limited interaction with the kids, helping with a variety of age levels, baking, decorating... See the volunteer sheets on the volunteer table for opportunities or contact Jill Connery or Jenn Watson.

### **Q: Who can volunteer to help at VBS?**

**A:** Most of our volunteers regularly attend New Hope Church. All volunteers are trained and given the tools to help all kids and families have a safe and positive experience at VBS.

### **Q: Do I have to pay anything if I volunteer?**

**A:** No, there is no charge to volunteer. New Hope volunteer t-shirts are available for a small fee.

### **Q: Do I need teaching experience?**

**A:** No. There are some positions for those who like teaching, but most of the serving is done by being around the kids, building relationships, and helping.

### **Q: Do I need to complete a background check?**

**A:** New Hope has established a Safe Sanctuary Policy to demonstrate our absolute and unwavering commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of our children. A background check is required for anyone over the age of 18 who works with youth or children. The cost for this is paid for by New Hope. **Volunteers must attend a Safe Sanctuary training on either May 30<sup>th</sup> or June 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Q: Can youth volunteer at VBS?**

**A:** Yes! Youth who are 12 years old or older can volunteer to help the week of VBS.

### **Q: What if I have young children?**

**A:** New Hope is excited to offer 2 classrooms for children ages 5 and under. Children under the age of 4 will be in our “Tinder Toddler” room, while children aged 4 through 5 will be in the “Pup Tent” crew.

### **Q: As a volunteer, do I have to attend the training meeting?**

**A:** Yes, you must attend **Volunteer Training on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>** even if you have been a volunteer in previous years. You will receive your name tag and information packet during the training.

### **Q: How much extra time will I need to be there?**

**A:** Volunteers are asked to come a half-hour early and stay a half-hour late to help with clean up and preparation for the next day.

**Q: I can't serve during VBS; can I volunteer before the event?**

**A:** Yes, there are many ways you can help! See the volunteer sheets on the volunteer table for opportunities or contact Jill Connery or Jenn Watson. There is also a list of items to donate.

**Q: What if I'm not able to make it every day?**

**A:** No problem! Contact Jill Connery or Jenn Watson for opportunities on the days you are available.

**Q: Can I serve with my spouse or children in the same classroom?**

**A:** Most definitely! Serving as a family can be a huge blessing to everyone involved. We will do our best to keep you together if you desire.

**Q: Why should you volunteer?**

**A:** Make a difference in the faith journey of a child, meet new people and get plugged in, put your faith into action, bring joy to others, grow spiritually are just to name a few.

**Q: When is it?**

**A:** **July 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** We have a single session each night from **5:30 pm-8pm.** A Sunday worship celebration will be held on **July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am** where we will share the music we learned and highlights from our week!

**Important Dates**



**Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm**

Safe Sanctuary Training

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**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am**

Safe Sanctuary Training

**Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00**

VBS "Hanging of the Theme"

**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 pm**

VBS Volunteer Training

**July 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm**

VBS!

**Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:30 am**

VBS Celebration Sunday

**Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm**

VBS Clean Up





## **Become a New Hope VBS Minister!**

### **Bible Adventure Crew**

Lead kids through incredible and fun interactive learning activities that really make the Bible stories come alive. During each rotation you'll share the main Bible point for the day using storytelling and object lessons. **Crew Leader: OPEN!**

### **Pup Tent Preschool & Tinder Toddlers Crews**

Lead our youngest kids in age appropriate bible adventures, games and daily crafts. You will join the older kids during opening and closing campfires for music and fun.

Toddler Crew Leader: Vicki Richter Preschool Crew Leader: **OPEN!**

### **Music & More Crew**

Showcase your musical talents by singing, playing, and teaching our fabulous VBS Songs and motions during our opening and closing campfires. This crew meets for additional training and practice as scheduled by the crew leader. **Crew Leader: Stephanie Westbrook**

### **Opening & Closing Campfire Crew**

Bring out your inner Shakespeare during opening and closing campfire by performing a skit and a meaningful activity to help kids discover what it means to love each other. **Crew Leader: Pastor Rebecca Rutter**

### **Tech Crew**

Help the Music & More and Campfire Crews by providing video and sound during opening and closing campfires. **Crew Leader: Katy Gertz**

### **Project-With-A Purpose Crew**

Work with the VBS kids to build "G.U.T.S.Y" bears for local kids receiving family services in our area. In each rotation, you will help kids to show the light of Jesus to others. This crew works with kids on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. **Crew Leaders: Carolyn Blean & Peggy Ronk**

### **Wilderness Games Crew**

Explore the key Bible message through movement! During each rotation, help kids to play games that connect to the day's Bible Point in a fun and memorable way. This crew involves physical activity and sitting on the floor. **Crew Leaders: Leah Ann Czachor & Jennifer Stujenske.**

### **Food Crew**

Quench the thirst during the Wilderness Games! Assemble the snacks and drinks each day to offer during each games rotation. **Crew Leader: Kathy Buechler**



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### **Camp New Hope**

On July 20<sup>th</sup>, our campers (ages 4 & up) will go offsite to Camp New Hope located at a campsite on Sportsman Drive in De Pere. This crew will prepare the site for camper arrival and cleanup. Crew Leaders: Jay & Linda Cook

### **Spotlight VBS**

3 - 2 - 1 - ACTION! Capture the Holy Spirit at work through photography. During each night you will circulate throughout each station, snapping pictures of kids as they participate in the outrageous activities. Photographs need to be converted to a power point slide show for Celebration Sunday. You must supply your own camera. Crew Leader: Jenn Watson

### **Creation Crew**

Use your inspiration and creativity to turn New Hope Church into a camp adventure! Using material resources and prop building, you will create the camp atmosphere for kids to enjoy. This crew will lead the "Hanging of the Theme" day on **Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**. Crew Leader: Matt Sevcik

### **Registration Crew**

Help our campers and their families complete all the necessary forms to participate in 3 days of amazing adventures. This crew is responsible to arrive early to greet each family and ensure all children are picked up by their authorized adult. Oh - and did we mention goodie bags? You will prepare and handout goodie bags at the very last closing campfire. Crew Leader: Anita Sevcik

### **VBS Supporter**

VBS is hosted by volunteers of New Hope Church through time, resources and funds. You can support this ministry through supply or monetary donations. It costs an average of \$27 per child to create this amazing opportunity to experience God's love!