



SLOL VBS 2008 Information Updated 3/6/08

Power Lab Registration is now open!
Come join us at St. Luke's on the Lake Vacation Bible School this summer
June 16-20th 9 am – noon
For 3 year olds through 5th graders
Registration \$20 per child
Register through this link:

<http://www.formdesk.com/stlukes/vbs08children>

Want to come join us on staff for all or part of the week? Sign up here:

<http://www.formdesk.com/stlukes/vbs08staff>

VBS Details:

Who will my child be with during the week?

Children are divided into small "crews" of 5-6 children, and have one Crew Leader and one Crew Helper assigned to their crew. 6 crews are combined to make a large group that travels to the different activities together. We try our best to make sure your child is in a crew with at least one of the friends they requested to be with. The Crew Leader and Helper will stay with your child and their crew for the entire week, helping them through the different activities that are led by Station Leaders. Station Leaders lead all the groups of children as they rotate through Crafts, Games, Chadder's Lab (they watch a short video and do a science experiment) and Bible Adventures (where they experience the Bible story for the day.)

What do the children do during the morning?

The day begins and ends with everyone together in the church (elementary kids) for lots of singing, skits, the day's slide show, fun, more science experiments to teach the day's focus, and the Daily Challenge (kids bring home a challenge to put what they learned to use that day by helping mom do something, being kind to a sibling, etc.)

After the Opening (Sing and Play) the different groups head off to rotate through all the stations (see above).

Delicious snacks will be served mid-morning where all the groups come back together on the lawn (elementary) or in the Parish Hall (Squeaker Beakers). Snacks follow our theme of the day. Some of them are sweet, but the children eat small amounts and we always have fruit, cheese, and pretzels available as an alternative, or to supplement. Each of the crews gets a chance to help make the snacks for the rest of the group. You will have a chance on your registration to let us know of any food allergies.

Wednesday we have Splash Day where the games are wet and fun. Friday is going to be BLOW UP day where we will have some fun inflatables (bounce houses) to play on during games time.

What is Squeaker Beakers?

New this year! 3 year olds, 4 year olds, and 5 year olds (who have not yet completed kindergarten) will be in their own crews with others of the same age in our Parish Hall for a special program designed just for them. All the fun of VBS and less overwhelming for the kids. They will get to participate in all the same kinds of activities at their own level. Easier access for drop off and pick up: Squeaker Beakers will get dropped off to their crew directly to the Parish Hall (right underneath the church sanctuary) and picked

up from there at the end of the day. If you have elementary children you can drop them off in the church and take the stairs or elevator (if you have little ones in strollers) right down stairs. We also have a lower parking lot with a door going directly into the Parish Hall, you can head right in there on the same level as the lower parking lot and you miss the traffic upstairs.

Security

We take your child's safety very seriously. Before VBS you will receive a number. When your child is picked up by you or your designated pick up person, the code will need to be told to the crew leader in order for your child to be released. We do send parents back out to their cars for a Driver's License if they don't have their code. If there are any custody issues, let us know on your child's registration.

Will there be space for my child at VBS?

We hope so! Because we need enough volunteer staff to provide the excellent ratios that make our VBS fun, safe, and un-chaotic, we allow children of full time VBS volunteer staff priority registration. After all children of full-timers are in, those who are helping out part of the week are prioritized next. Once we know how many staff we have helping us, then we know how many children we can safely accommodate and the rest of the spots are given on a first-come first served basis when we receive your payment (\$20 per child helps us partly cover the cost of materials for your child) We do not give priority placement to members of St. Luke's, we welcome your child no matter your affiliation.

How do I get a t shirt and that awesome VBS music!

T shirts for kids and staff, music cd's and DVD,s and Chadder's DVD will all be available beginning in May. In an attempt to simplify things (and because we know by now how many are needed) we are not doing pre-orders this year. Prices will be the same as last year and sales help us pay for VBS materials and scholarships.

What if I want to come to VBS too?

Parents are welcome to stay for our opening program (9-9:25) or come back early for our closing each day (11:30-12:00) to join in the fun and see what we are up to. We ask that you sit down at the back so your child can stay focused on the program until it's time for dismissal. It helps us a lot if you can sit down instead of standing. If your child has separation issues, talk to one of the Directors or your child's crew leader so we can help you figure out the best approach.

I would like to be on staff for part or all of the week:

We welcome moms and dads, teens, grandparents and friends to come join us. We have a very diverse staff representing lots of age groups, interests, job status, and church affiliation (you don't have to be a St. Luke's member to join us- no worries, we won't put you in charge of anything) Those going into 6th grade can be Crew Helpers. All other ages and adults can choose the role that most suits your interest. Those registering early are given their preference in roles. Many with full time jobs take off the mornings that week and go to work in the afternoons. If you can't join us every day, let us know which days you are available on your registration.

We will also need help with the following preparation that doesn't necessarily involve being at VBS for that week:

- Decorating
- Prep projects (cutting, sorting, etc)
- Merchandise sales

Roles during the week but take a limited amount of time:

- Greeters (8:45 AM-9:15 AM)
- Registration (8:30-9:30 Monday and Tuesday only)
- Playground Supervision (8:30-8:45)
- Lunch Bunch (12-12:30)

To sign up to help in any way, go to this link: <http://www.formdesk.com/stlukes/vbs08staff>

Training: anyone going into 7th grade and older who works with children at St. Luke's are required to go through a sexual abuse prevention program called Safeguarding God's Children. This involves one 3 hour training (that is well-done helpful for any parent) given on Sundays (upcoming dates to be announced) We also do a Background Check, reference check, and will need to speak with you face to face or by phone. If you did this last year, you do not need to repeat it for this year.

VBS Training: All staff, new and experienced are asked to come to a VBS Training on June 1st 1:00-4 PM This is a fun, high-energy training where we treat you to lunch, help you get to know those you will be working with, and tell you what you need to know to fulfill your role. More detailed training is offered for "newbies."

Please put on your calendar now:

Power Party!

Friday, June 20th 6:30 PM come join us and watch your children show off all the fun songs they learned at VBS, share dessert and meet your kid's new friends, and Crew Leaders and Helpers.

If you have further questions, please contact one of the VBS Directors:

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