

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PARENT BROCHURE

JUNE 16-20, 2025 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PARENTS/GUARDIANS WELCOME

You are welcome to enjoy the opening and closing ceremonies each day with fun for all! For your child's safety, only trained and verified staff are permitted to accompany children throughout the rest of the building without prior arrangements. Thank you for understanding.

PARKING

Plan to park on the north side of the church, near the Worship Center north entrance that faces Lazelle Road. Our parking team will assist on the first morning of VBS only.

SNACKS

We will provide a different light snack each day. If your child has dietary restrictions, please send a daily snack (with name clearly marked) to your child's leader.

This year's VBS (Grades 1-8) snacks:

DAY 1: Blizzard in a Cup (Pirates Booty Popcorn)

DAY 2: Trout Treats (Cheddar Goldfish Crackers)

DAY 3: Bear Bites (Honey Teddy Grahams)

Day 4: Snowball Snacks (Rice Krispy Treats)

Day 5: Log Cabin Crunchers (Pretzel Sticks)

FOOTWEAR

Athletic shoes are highly recommended since we will often play fast paced games.

EPI PENS & MEDS

If your child needs to have an EPI pen, please give it to your child's leader to hold for emergency use. Please label the pen clearly with your child's name. Other medical issues should be directed to the VBS nurse/first aid team on your child's first morning at VBS.

MORE INFO

For more information, visit **GracePolaris.org/VBS** or call the Grace Kids office **614-888-6384**. We're looking forward to seeing you and your child(ren) at VBS!

EMAILS & OPT-IN EMERGENCY TEXTS

You will receive a text from Churchteams or Grace Polaris Church in the event of a delay, closure, emergency or other unique circumstance, if you opted-in for texts (at online registration) in case of an emergency or change during VBS week. NOTE: Do not respond to emergency texts as they come from an unmonitored number, for outgoing informational purposes only. For all other issues, emails will be sent so please check your email before and during VBS week.

HELP OUT

While we cannot accept any more volunteers after June 8 (due to training requirements), if you'd like to donate to VBS so we can continue to make getting into God's Word fun for kids & families, please go to **GracePolaris.org/VBS** for info on donations, items, and funds. We are thankful for your partnership!

PRAYER

Thank you for praying with us for a wonderful and safe week, learning about God's Word. We would love to lift up your praises & prayer requests related to VBS or to folks somehow involved in VBS, this is the place! You will be able to choose if your praises and/or prayer requests are confidential or non-confidential between now and the end of VBS by texting **VBSpray** to **614-888-7733**. All submissions will be kept under strict confidence unless stated otherwise.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS

This year at VBS we have the opportunity to help kids in our own church neighborhood! Worthington Park Elementary and Worthington Slate Hill Elementary both serve a diverse community, many of whom are in need of support. Our school supply donations will help provide a welcoming and stable environment to foster learning among the diverse population while building bridges for Gospel proclamation. See a list of donation items at **GracePolaris.org/VBS**.

GRADES 1-6 VBS DETAILS

Kids entering Grades 1–6 in the fall will love VBS! They'll enjoy five days of fun, learning, and experiments, all with the perspective of God's Word.

ARRIVAL AND DAILY CHECK-IN

Each morning of VBS, please plan to walk your child(ren) in for check-in. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Please enter at our main Worship Center north entrance, facing Lazelle Road. Check-in and registration is located at our Grace Kids Welcome Entrance. Check-in will begin at 8:40 a.m. Children are required to check-in EACH DAY for a NEW name tag since color and code change daily.

CHECK-IN DETAILS:

- **1.** Each morning, take your child to a check-in station and search by either the last four digits of your phone number (the one provided in the registration form) or your last name (name of the parent/guardian).
- 2. Make sure your child's name has a green check by it. If not, touch the box to the left of their name and it will appear. Then press the large Print button and your child will receive a name tag (with room & team assignment) to wear. Parents/Guardians receive a matching claim tag which must be shown when picking up your child at 12:00 p.m. We recommend wearing your claim tag.
- 3. Tag code and color change daily for added security.
- **4.** If someone else will pick up at 12:00 p.m., you may text them a copy of the claim tag or leave the claim tag & name of approved adult with the Grace Kids Welcome Entrance Team. A photo ID is required for claim tag pick-up. All adults MUST show the matching claim tag to pick up any and all children.

PICKUP

Please plan to come in and pickup your child(ren) each day at 12:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium. Children cannot be dismissed without a parent or guardian present with a claim tag from Grace Polaris Church that matches your child's VBS tag code (actual tag or an image of it with the correct date). If misplaced, show a photo ID to the Grace Kids Welcome Entrance Team for a replacement.

GRADES 7-8 VBS DETAILS

Middle schoolers are ready and able to serve, and at Grace we love to provide them an opportunity to exercise their faith through serving the Lord. Youth VBS is five days of fun, learning from God's Word, and serving for students entering Grades 7–8.

ARRIVAL

Please plan to arrive each day at 8:40 a.m. in the Worship Center north entrance (facing Lazelle Road). Middle Schoolers are to proceed to a check-in station, search by their last name or last 4-digits of the phone number used in their registration. They should make sure the box to left of their name has a green check mark. Next press the green print button to get their name tag, and then report to Alli Nathan near the south entrance in the Worship Center Auditorium. A parent/adult must accompany your student to check-in on the first day to prevent confusion. All other doors will be locked.

SCHEDULE

Each day, students will meet with their leaders and then work in teams during the opening and closing ceremonies to serve, help seat kids with their crews, and lead elementary students by their energetic example. Between the large group ceremonies, Youth VBS participants will work in teams to prepare and serve snacks, help lead game time, count and organize donations, and look into God's Word for the treasure it contains. Students will be under adult supervision at all times.

PICKUP

Students will be dismissed for pick up each day at 12:00 p.m. following the closing ceremony in the Worship Center Auditorium. Please plan accordingly with your student.

YOU'RE INVITED TO CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS!

GRACE KIDS SUNDAYS

Birth-Grade 4

Your kids will enjoy learning from the Bible at their own level in Grace Kids during both service times (9:00 & 10:45 a.m.) while you attend service. Your family will be encouraged!

AWANA WEDNESDAYS

Age 3-Grade 6

Wednesday evenings run August through April, 6:30–8:00 p.m. Registration opens in early August at

GracePolaris.org/Awana or text AWANA to 614-888-7733.

GRACE STUDENTS SUNDAYS

Grades 5-8

10:45 a.m., MC 5 • No registration needed. More info at **GracePolaris.org/Students**.

GRACE STUDENTS WEDNESDAYS

Grades 7-12

6:30–8:15 p.m. • No registration needed. More info at **GracePolaris.org/Students**.



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