



Vacation Bible School
July 21 – 25
5:30—8:30 pm
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
Ages 3.5* yrs through grade 5
(completed)

3 years by 2-21-19 and Potty-trained

Children Age 3 – 3.5 May attend if accompanied by a parent or older teen, and will be placed in a separate group

**NOTE: Children 3– 3.5 may attend if accompanied by a parent*

ROAR VBS!
Even when Life gets WILD- GOD IS GOOD!

We are going to have a **ROARING** good time this summer at **ROAR VBS!** At **ROAR**, kids will see that no matter how wild life gets, **GOD IS GOOD!!** So good that Jesus, died and rose again to pay for their sins.

How WILD is that!? Each part of **ROAR VBS** is intentionally designed to connect your kids to Jesus, their Savior by exploring the daily topics across five Bible stories with music, games and activities.



SCHEDULE:

- 5:30: HUNGRY HERD CAFE - Optional Dinner (parent or other adult must accompany students at dinner)
- 6:05: ROAR Sing and Play Opening and Music
- 6:45: ACTIVITY STATIONS- Bible Discovery, Stampede Games, and Imagination Station
- 8:05: SAFARI CELEBRATION Closing
- 8:30 pm: Safari Trekkers Head Home!

REGISTRATION:

Online registration is preferred. <https://www.myvbs.org/OSWLC2019/> Follow links

Forms also available in the narthex, at the reception desks, or downloadable from the Website

Please register as early as possible so we will have the proper materials for all

Registrations paid after 6-30-2019 may not receive t-shirts prior to VBS, and sizes may be limited

Walk in registrations not guaranteed a t-shirt

\$30 First child in Family; \$25 each additional Child; (Maximum \$80 per family)

Registration includes a T-shirt for each child and ONE CD per family. (Extra Cd's available for \$5)

- **CD's and T-shirts** will be available for pickup after June 1.

Tuition Assistance Available. Contact the Church office - 703-858-9254 or vbs@oswlc.org

Payments can be made online, in person at the church office or mailed in to 43115 Waxpool Rd, Broadlands, VA 20148 Attn: VBS.

Don't let these dates STAMPEDE past you!

- Watch for early June "VBS Prep Party" for decorating and supply preparations.
- June 28: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Training for Event and Station Team leaders & assistants and Crew leaders and assistants
- June 30: Please Register and pay by June 30 for T-shirt guarantee
Registration will remain open, but choice of t-shirt size could be limited
- July 13: 9:30 am – 11:30 am: Alternate Training Session for Crew leaders and assistants
- July 19: 6:30 pm: Set up and Decorating Main spaces (Friday)
- July 20: 9:00 -9:00 pm: Set up and Decorating Main spaces (Saturday)
- July 21: 12:00 pm -4:30 pm: Final set up-Lobby and Sanctuary (Sunday)
- July 21-25: 5:30—8:30 pm ROAR VBS!!!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

REGISTRATION

- Register and pay early so we can make sure we have materials for all children. (1 T-shirt per child and 1 CD per family)
- In person registration at the reception desks weekdays or Sunday mornings in June in the church lobby.
- Pay online, or drop off, or mail payments to the church with your registration.
- Come by the reception desks to pay and pick up your items.
- Credit Card Payments may be NOW be made online via <https://squareup.com/market/oswlc>
- **We need to have your paid registration by 6-30 to guarantee your T- shirt.**



AGE Related Questions:

3 ½ year minimum was set to help ensure each child's success. An evening program sometimes strains the little ones end of day routine. You as parents are the best judge of their ability to handle an energetic evening. This is a fast-moving program.

Again this year, children age 3 – 3.5 may attend ***if accompanied by a parent or guardian – one-on-one***, They will be placed in a separate group, if we have enough, or blended in with another preschool group.

Children **must** be potty-trained. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as a crew leader, if you think your child may need extra support. (See Group/Crew Leader Responsibilities under Volunteer section below).

Registrations are based on grade JUST COMPLETED. 3 ½, 4, and 5 year olds just getting ready to go into kindergarten will be placed in the preschool program. The preschool groups are sometimes smaller, and they will enjoy being the “big Kid” in their group. Placement with friends is not guaranteed.

Small crews of 6 – 8 children of mixed ages K-5 (just COMPLETED) will be formed with a crew leader and travel with other crews in a larger group. Please indicate if you wish your ***siblings*** to be placed together in a mixed age group. **Older siblings may join a preschool group if you need to keep siblings together, but preschool age children will NOT be moved to the elementary age groups**

Interspersing all elementary age children among the crews allows older children to still enjoy the program as a full participant, while giving them an opportunity to mentor younger children. Placement with friends is not guaranteed in the smaller crews, but a friend may be in their larger GROUP at a station, allowing for some interaction.

Sign In/ Sign out Procedure:

On Sunday and Monday of VBS week all people will check in at tables in the lobby to get your child's crew/group assignment. Those who are pre-registered, paid and gotten CD and T-shirts early, will get your crew assignments, and proceed to dinner or to the sanctuary for opening. Those who still need to pay or pick up items can do this at the tables, get their crew assignments, and then go to dinner or opening. (Dinner: 5:30; Opening: 6:05).

All children will be assigned to a color-coded group. Within the main color group, children will be assigned to smaller ‘crews’ of 6-8 kids. A “Group Lead” will be responsible for accepting the child from you, and signing your child out to you at the end of the evening. Each smaller crew within the group will have its own Crew Leader to guide your child through the night's events alongside the other participants.

After the SAFARI CELEBRATION Closing, sign children out with the leader at the end of the pew where their Group sign is located. This helps us avoid excess congestion in the aisles. Once you have signed out, keep your children with you. Do not let them run around. There are many families and cars moving about. Safety is a priority.

Please sign out as quickly as possible, so crew leaders and station volunteers can gather their own children, clean up and head home, too. Do not send siblings to pick up younger children.

Your registration listed allowable pick up names. If the leader does not know you or your designated pick up, ID will be checked. If someone not on your form needs to pick up your child, fill out an emergency pick up form at drop off and give to the crew Leader. In an emergency, you can contact the director at 703-728-6574 to supply this information.

Dinner and Opening

Dinner begins at 5:30 (Station volunteers and crew leaders may begin eating at 5:15, so you can be in place in the sanctuary to accept your arriving crew members.) **Children must be accompanied at dinner by a parent or responsible adult.** Non-registered family members are welcome to have dinner.

Dinner is optional. OSW/Open Arms has a **peanut-safe policy**, and we do our best to make sure that items served do not contain peanuts or are processed at a facility that handles peanuts. However, if you have any concerns about this or other allergies, you are welcome to bring your own food, and join in this time of Fellowship. Closer to the start of VBS you will receive a welcome email and will be asked to RSVP as to whether or not you are planning on attending the dinner so that we can plan for the appropriate number.

Opening will be in the Sanctuary at 6:05. If you do not come for dinner, please arrive early enough to sign your children into their crew in the Sanctuary

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – full list at <http://tinyurl.com/oswvbsvolunteers>

Help with dinners and/or food donations: <https://tinyurl.com/vbsdinnersOSW>

--Crew Leader volunteers--

Crew Leaders are responsible for about 5-8 children. You will guide them through the provided evening schedule, helping them as directed by the Station Leaders at each activity. Gather them up for question time, sing, play, and share your faith with them. One Crew Leader – the Group Leader -- will be the main point of contact for the Group, overseeing sign-ins, receiving handouts from station leaders to give to the other Crew Leaders, etc. You do not have to prepare any lessons etc. Crew Leaders should, however; make it a priority to attend the **training session on June 28 OR July 13** to get a full overview of the program, tips for leading children through VBS, ask questions etc, so you will have a good foundation for the week. (only need to attend ONE)

Medical/Allergies

All allergies for your child should be listed on their registration form. Any items on their registration form will be supplied to their Leader, and available in the VBS Database for quick reference. A Parish Nurse or first aider will be on site during the program for first aid and allergy concerns. If your Child requires an epi-pen, or any other medication, check in with the Nurse before Opening each evening so we are aware. If you have other specific concerns, please speak with them at check-in.

What Do We Need to Wear?

Have your child dressed appropriately for the weather and for play. **Wear sneakers, not sandals or open toe shoes.** They will be very active for much of the evening. They can wear the VBS T-shirt each evening if they wish, but it is not required each evening. (see notes on T-shirt availability)

What Do I Need to Bring?

Most supplies will be already here at VBS. If your child accidentally takes their nametag or color coding item home be sure to wear it back the next day. **DO NOT SEND SNACKS**, unless medically required.

Weather:

VBS will occur rain or shine. If there is inclement weather, all activities will take place inside.

Mission Project: Operation Kid-toKid will benefit children in Zambia

Every \$10 given to this project will provide nutrition packets and education to a mom and baby for 2 years, giving infants a brighter start. World Vision also supplies teams to work in the communities assisting with educational and spiritual needs. A local mission project will also be selected.



Sunday July 28

VBS KIDS ARE INVITED TO SING AT OUR 11:00 am
WORSHIP SERVICE

