



Vacation Bible School
July 22 – 26 5:30—8:30 pm
Registration is open!
Ages 3.5* years through grade 5
(completed)

3 years by 2-22-18 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*

SHIPWRECKED VBS!

No matter what your struggle – Jesus Rescues!

Get castaway with us for summer fun at **SHIPWRECKED VBS!** where kids come to know that whether they are lonely, worried, struggling, powerless or do wrong - Jesus is there for them!! Each part of *SHIPWRECKED VBS* is intentionally designed to connect your kids to Jesus, their Savior! As we explore the topics across five Bible stories, in music, games and activities, kids will see Jesus love at the center of every lesson, and they will continue to build their faith foundation in the assurance that they are never far from Jesus, their savior and friend, who died and rose again to pay for their sins, and so receive God's forgiveness and life, now and forever. Now, **THAT IS QUITE A RESCUE!**

SCHEDULE:



5:30: BEACH BUFFET - Optional dinner (parent or other adult must accompany students at dinner)
6:05: CASTAWAY Sing and Play opening and music
6:45: ACTIVITY STATIONS- Bible Discovery, Ship Rec Games, and Imagination Station
8:05: SAIL AWAY SEND OFF Closing
8:30 pm: Castaways head home!

REGISTRATION:

Online registration is preferred via links on the website, www.oswlc.org/connect/vacation-bible-school.

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 7-8-2018 may not receive t-shirts prior to VBS

Walk in registrations not guaranteed a t-shirt, but decals will be available

\$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)

Tuition assistance available. Contact the church office - 703-858-9254 or vbs@oswlc.org

Payments can be made in person at the church office or mailed to:

43115 Waxpool Rd, Broadlands, VA 20148 Attn: VBS.

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

Important VBS Dates:

- June 29: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Training for Station Team leaders & assistants and crew leaders and assistants (Activity Station leaders should attend this training. Crew leaders can attend either June 29 OR July 14. You only need to do one.)
- July 14: 9:30 am – 11:30: Training Session for Crew leaders and assistants
- **July 8: Please Register and pay by July 8, so we can assure materials for all!**
- July 20: 6:30 pm: Set up and Decorating Main spaces (Friday)
- July 21: 9:00 -9:00 pm: Set up and Decorating Main spaces (Saturday)
- July 22: 12:00 pm -4:30 pm: Final set up-Lobby and Sanctuary (Sunday)
- Sunday July 22 – Thursday July 26. 5:30 pm -8:30 pm: **SHIPWRECKED 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.
- Drop off or mail payments to the church with your registration.
- If you register online, mail in or come by the reception desks to pay and pick up your items.
- Credit Card Payments may be NOW be made online via www.oswlc.org/connect/vacation-bible-school.
- **We need to have your paid registration by 7- 8 to guarantee your T- shirt. Decals for SHIPWRECKED! will be available for late registrations or Walk-ins if/when T-shirts run out.**

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.

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.

Sign In/ Sign out Procedure:

There will be registration tables in the lobby on Sunday and Monday of VBS week for all people to check in, pick up any items needed and to get your child's crew/group assignment. If you are pre-registered and have paid and gotten your CD and T-shirts, you will check in for your crew assignment, and can go to dinner or the sanctuary for 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.

Children will be signed out from their groups in the sanctuary after the SAIL AWAY SEND OFF Closing. Watch for where their Group sign is posted. Sign out with the leader from the end of the pew where the sign is located. This helps us avoid excess congestion in the aisles. Once you have signed out your child, keep them 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 option 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>

--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 29 OR July 14** 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. (You 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 name tag or color coding item home be sure to wear it back the next day. Please 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: Growing God's Love in Haiti

Every \$10 given to this project will provide drought-tolerant seeds to a Haitian family that will feed a child for a year and beyond, as they plant new plants from their crops. As part of this project, World Vision also supplies teams to work in the communities to educate and teach farming techniques. Through all the VBS programs supporting this effort, the landscape in Haiti can truly be changed. A local mission project will also be selected.

July 29 Special Event Sunday 9:30 "Create Together" and VBS Children sing at 11 am

Our Savior's Way and Open Arms Summer are inviting families to have a summer of spiritual and family fun together on a different theme each week. On Sunday July 29 at 9:30 am, VBS families are encouraged to join us for a special "Create Together" celebration. After the 9:30 celebration, the VBS children will sing at the beginning of the 11:00 am worship.