

Q: When is VBS this year?

A: Monday July 9-Friday July 13 from 9-NOON each day.

Q: What is a typical day at VBS like?

A: Children start the day with fun energizing, faith-boosting music at the Cast Away Sing & Play! Then kids move through activity stations with their Crews (small groups with leader). Every station is designed to reinforce the daily Bible point in a hands-on, interactive way that keeps everyone engaged. We end the day all together with more engaging music and a skit at the Sail Away Send-off!

Q: How should my child dress for VBS?

A: Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to dress them in play clothes and safe shoes. Bring a labeled water bottle to fill up at the water station when outside. Don't forget the sunscreen before leaving home, too!

Q: Will I receive confirmation of my child's enrollment in Shipwrecked before VBS begins?

A: Yes, when you click SUBMIT at the bottom of the registration form a short note indicating that you are registered will be displayed. If you have any questions about your registration, please e-mail cbarton@olmc.org.

A welcome letter packet with confirmation of enrollment will be mailed out to families who register by the June 24 registration deadline. This packet will include information about your child's crew placement and much more. Please look for your welcome packet to arrive no later than June 29.

Online registrations received after June 24 can pick up their welcome letter packet at the registration table on the first day.

Q: What are the fees?

A: Registration fee is \$25 per child. This includes a t-shirt, Bible Memory Buddies, Scieny-fun Gizmos & yummy snacks each day.

Please inquire with Cristy Barton, cbarton@olmc.org, about financial aid if needed.

Q: What are payment options?

A: Payment and registration are on two different pages on this website. Please complete both tasks in order to enroll your child in VBS.

CLICK PAY NOW to access e-Giving (online giving)

If you wish to pay by check, please mail a check made payable to "OLMC" with VBS 2016 in the memo line.

Mail to:

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

100 Harpersville Road

Newport News, Va. 23601

Attn: VBS Registration

Music CDs are an additional \$10.00. Please make a note if you are ordering a CD also.

Q: How early can I drop my child off in the mornings?

A: Children can be dropped off at **8:45am** each morning.

Q: My child always loves the music from VBS. Will CDs be available?

A: The Shipwrecked music CD will be available for \$10 at the registration desk.

Q: What if my child has a food allergy or a special need?

A: Please include details on registration. This information will be kept confidential and only shared with those who have direct contact with your child. VBS staff will work with parents to accommodate children with food allergies.

Q: What if my child becomes sick or is injured while they are at VBS?

A: An adult VBS staff member will assist crew leaders with a sick or injured child. There will be a nurse on duty each day during VBS hours to assist with any of these needs. Please make sure that we have accurate emergency contact information.

Q: Are children in placed in groups according to age?

A: At SHIPWRECKED, ELEMENTARY KIDS will be in Crews, mixed-aged groups with other children who are rising 1st through 5th graders.

PRESCHOOL (4YRS) AND RISING KINDERGARTENERS will be grouped together and rotate through their OWN stations. Therefore we do not place preschool/kindergarten kids with their elementary aged siblings.

Q: Can I request my child be placed in the same crew with a friend?

A: We will try to honor ONE friend request; however, in an effort to have evenly distributed crews as far as gender and age, it may not be possible. If there is a special circumstance let the coordinator know.

Q: Can I request siblings be placed in the same group?

A: Yes. There is a request line on the registration for this purpose. Please note that the elementary crews (1st -5th grades) travel in SEPARATE GROUPS from the Pre-K-K crews. Siblings in these two separate age groups will not be in the same group. Requests can also be made for elementary siblings to be in separate crews.

Q: We are not parishioners at OLMC, may my children still attend VBS?

A: Absolutely! While we use the Catholic adapted curriculum, all children are welcome on a first come first served basis.