



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### *Help kids shine Jesus' light!*

There are so many ways in which you can become involved with VBS this summer. Check out these volunteer descriptions, then contact Ileen at [igrebner@stmarylourdes.org](mailto:igrebner@stmarylourdes.org) or 309-383-4460 to register as a volunteer or with any questions that you might have.

#### Crew Leaders

**Elementary Crew Leader:** The Crew Leader is an important part of each Crew. A Crew Leader is a friend and a helper; someone who offers kids choices; someone who asks questions; someone who encourages kids and draws kids into discussions as much as possible. Crew Leaders don't have to prepare anything; they just come each day, guide their Crew members through activities, and generally join in the VBS fun! This is a perfect opportunity for 8th grade youth, HS youth and adults.

**PreK/K Crew Leader:** The PreK/K Crew Leader does everything that a Crew Leader does except it is with 4 year olds and Kindergartners, No planning involved; just come each day and have fun with these little kiddos! 6th - 8th grade youth make wonderful PreK/K Crew Leaders.

#### Elementary Station Leaders

Stations Leaders are enthusiastic about working with children; excited about serving at Stellar; patient and kind; good communicators; comfortable speaking in front of groups of 30 or more; dependable and regular Mass attendees who have or can pass a background check & complete the Diocese's safe environment training. Our goal is to have a team of 2 leaders for each Station to reduce planning time and share the task of managing the activities for each day.

- **Sing & Play Blast Off Station Leader team member:** start each day of VBS with material from the Sing & Play Blast Off Leader Manual; become familiar with the daily Bible Story in advance and use the daily Bible Point often during the opening activities; Share the excitement as kids report their daily God Sightings; become familiar with the super-singable Stellar songs and motions to help you lead kids in several songs each day.
- **Imagination Station Leader team member:** become familiar with the helpful material in the Imagination Station Leader Manual and try out all the Sciency-Fun Gizmos in advance; Get to know the Saint of the Day so you can share this Catholic hero with kids; Use the daily point often as you lead sessions of Imagination Station every day, and help kids connect the fun experiments to the Bible truths.
- **KidVid Cinema Leader:** Put on your "techie hat" and set up a TV and DVD player to show the special KidVid Cinema each day; Become familiar with the helpful material in the KidVid Cinema Leader Manual; Use the daily Bible Point often as you guide Crews in thought-provoking experiences and heart-touching discussions.
- **All-Star Games Leader team member:** Check out all the awesome game options in the All-Star Games Leader Manual, and choose two games for each day; Help build enthusiasm for the VBS Outreach Project; Starting on Day 2, each day includes a game option connecting to the VBS Outreach Project; Collect all the

listed supplies for the games you plan to lead (see Ileen for supplies); Lead Crews in the fun at sessions of All-Star Games each day.

- **Bible Adventures Leader team member**: Become familiar with the helpful material in the Stellar Bible Adventures Leader Manual; Use the decorating ideas to set up your Bible Adventures Area - you'll transport kids back to Bible times in unforgettable ways; Recruit one or two "sidekick" assistants to help you with your special effects; Use the Bible Point often as you lead children through incredible and interactive learning activities that make the Sacred Scripture come alive in session of Bible Adventures each day.
- **Cosmic Closing Leader team member**: Become familiar with the helpful material in the Cosmic Closing Leader Manual; Collect the listed supplies for the Cosmic Closing activities and set up the required props each day; Practice the Cosmic Closing script ahead of time, and recruit volunteers and kids as your assistants; Be a go-to person for the Director when extra help is needed; Be ready to enthusiastically lead Cosmic Closing for the entire VBS at the end of each day with lots of fun-filled activities that help kids discover incredible truths about what happens when we shine Jesus' love, hope and forgiveness.

### **Preschool/Kindergarten SPACE PLACE Team**

Our Preschool/Kindergarten SPACE PLACE Team members are enthusiastic about working with children; excited about serving at Stellar; patient and kind; good communicators; comfortable speaking in front of groups of 30 or more; dependable and regular Mass attendees who have or can pass a background check & complete the Diocese's safe environment training. As a part of the SPACE PLACE team, you will share the leadership responsibilities for the various SPACE PLACE Stations.

- **SPACE PLACE Exploration Stations Leader**: set up the activities for free-choice Exploration Stations, using the ideas in the Exploration Stations Leader Manual; Lead kids as they discover and play at Exploration Stations each day with the help of the SPACE PLACE team encouraging and helping kids as they play; Use the daily Bible Point often, and hear kids shout an enthusiastic "Shine Jesus' Light!".
- **SPACE PLACE Bible Adventures Leader**: Assist the Exploration Stations Leader and other team members with guiding preschoolers in several free-choice learning centers; lead kids in one session of Bible Adventures each day; help preschoolers get excited about providing Bibles for families around the world; use the daily Bible Point often, and hear kids shout an enthusiastic "Shine Jesus' Light!".
- **SPACE PLACE Games Leader**: Assist the Exploration Stations Leader and other team members with guiding preschoolers in several free-choice learning centers; Collect supplies and lead kids at Games each day. (You'll have 3 awesome options to choose from for each day's lesson!); Use the daily Bible Point often, and hear kids shout an enthusiastic "Shine Jesus' light!".
- **SPACE PLACE KIDVID Cinema Leader**: Assist the Exploration Stations Leader and other team members with guiding preschoolers in several free-choice learning centers; Show the video on the KidVid Stories - Shine Jesus' Light DVD each day about kids who are shining Jesus' love and hope in their world; Talk with the kids about how we can show Jesus' love to others; Use the daily Bible Point often, and hear kids shout an enthusiastic "Shine Jesus' light!".
- **SPACE PLACE Craft & Play Leader**: Assist the Exploration Stations Leader and other team members with guiding preschoolers in several free-choice learning centers; Choose from the fun Imagination Station experiments and craft options, and collect the necessary materials; Have fun testing the crafts ahead of time; Lead kids at Craft & Play each day; Use the daily Bible Point often; Introduce the Saint of the Day.
- **SPACE PLACE Closing Circle Leader**: Assist the Exploration Stations Leader and other team members with guiding preschoolers in several free-choice learning centers; Lead all SPACE PLACE kids in a short, age-appropriate Closing Circle time each day with Bible review, songs, and prayer; Help kids look for God

Sightings in the world around them; Use the daily Bible Point often and hear kids shout an enthusiastic "Shine Jesus' light!".