



## **Will you come join our team?**

Vacation Bible Camp 2018

August 13-17

### **Important Dates and Info**

**Keep this note!**

*Read the back, return the attached.*

We hope to welcome you to our new and faith-filled vacation Bible camp program: **Surprise: Stories of Discovering Jesus**. Your talents, love of our faith and sense of surprise will be a big asset to our team as we have a great time with the youngest members of our parish community and beyond!

We'll need plenty of teen and adult volunteers to help us again this year because we are offering camp for **FREE**. We hope even more campers will be joining us! Check out the back of this sheet to find the perfect spot for your skills and talents. Have a friend who might like to help? Send in their name and phone number at the bottom of your volunteer form or have them return a copy of the form (also found on our parish website, [www.stthomastheapostleoxford.org](http://www.stthomastheapostleoxford.org)) to Wanda.

**Please mark your calendars now** and attend the mandatory **Volunteer Workshop on Thursday, August 9**. We will be reviewing the important aspects of the program and explaining how the week will proceed.

#### **NOTE THESE IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Thurs., August 9:** Volunteer workshop (**required**), 7:00-8:30 pm, Church Hall; Attending this workshop is required if you plan to volunteer. We'll get to know each other, go over details of camp and safety protocols, and you'll receive your assignment for the week. Refreshments served.

**Sun., August 13:** Set-up and decorating the church hall and organizing activity sites and group baskets from 9:00 am -10:55 am. All volunteers must help so please plan to come as part of your commitment. We'll leave from here to go upstairs for Mass (*see next line*).

**Sun., August 13:** Blessing for camp volunteers and campers at 11:00 am Mass.

**August 13-17:** 8:30am-12:15pm daily; ALL volunteers MUST attend the staff meeting **each** morning at 8:30am; campers attend from 9am-12:00 pm daily.

**Thank you for answering this call to serve God, our parish and the kids in it!**

**QUESTIONS? Call Wanda Mascola, Director**

She can be reached at (203) 888-2382, ext. 205 or [wanda.st.thomas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wanda.st.thomas@sbcglobal.net)

# Volunteer Responsibilities

August 13-17, 2018

## What would you like to do at camp?

*Read through these positions and see which one you'd enjoy doing the most.*

### Activity Site Leaders

We have several, interchanging stations throughout the day. A leader is needed for each.

- Creation Crafts
- Bible Beauty (skits and storytelling)
- Green Games
- Bird Songs (music)
- Blessings Snacks

These leaders will engage the kids and leaders in the stations while reinforcing the daily theme and Bible story. Each leader receives a guidebook for their site. A station leader is someone who:

- is friendly
- loves kids
- is comfortable sharing her/his faith
- enjoys and has some experience with the specific activity at their site
- is organized and responsible

### Activity Site Assistants

These teen or adult volunteers will assist the leader as needed in the activities listed above. A Site Assistant is someone who:

- likes helping others
- is friendly and cooperative
- loves kids
- enjoys and has some experience with the specific activity at their site
- *If you'd like to assist at a station, please choose the one in which you will have the most fun!*

### Small Group Co-Leaders

We have small groups consisting of kids of different ages (except preschool – they have their own group of 3-4 year olds). Each Guide will lead their group throughout the morning with another co-leader. A Co-Leader:

- is friendly
- loves talking, laughing and playing with kids
- is comfortable sharing his/her faith

*Each day the Co-Leaders will:*

- lead a group of 4-6 kids of different ages
- help their small group discuss questions about the daily Bible story
- find opportunities to affirm and encourage kids each day
- participate in the activities at each Site

### Core/Planning Team

This creative and administrative group of adults and youth will work with the director prior to the start of camp to:

- brainstorm ideas for the week
- organize the basic elements of the program
- assist leaders in preparing for their activity sites or small groups
- monitor registration
- help design the layout of the facility for the week

# 2018 VOLUNTEER FORM

*St. Thomas the Apostle, Oxford*

**Please return this form by August 1  
so we can determine our needs.**

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to be a...** *see descriptions on your Volunteer Responsibilities sheet and choose one:*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small group co-leader                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack leader or assistant  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craft leader or assistant              | <input type="checkbox"/> Music leader or assistant  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling/drama leader or assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Games leader or assistant  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning and resource team |

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am an...  Adult (18 yrs. or older)  Teen (13-17 yrs. old)

If you are 18 years old or older, have you attended a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children workshop?  Yes  No

Emergency contact (name and phone): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Can you recommend a friend or family member who might like to volunteer at camp?**

Please list his/her contact info below:

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