

St. Luke's VBS Volunteer Training



Daily Themes



Mountain Motto: I can do all things through him Christ who strengthens me - Philippians 4:13

Lift Lesson: I can share gifts!

Bible Story: Joseph interprets dreams – Genesis 40:1-41:45



Mountain Motto: I can do all things through him Christ who strengthens me - Philippians 4:13

Lift Lesson: I can give my all!

Bible Story: The Widow's Offering – Mark 12:41-44



Mountain Motto: I can do all things through him Christ who strengthens me - Philippians 4:13

Lift Lesson: I can pray!

Bible Story: Jesus Prays in the Garden – Matthew 26:36-46



Mountain Motto: I can do all things through him Christ who strengthens me - Philippians 4:13

Lift Lesson: I can hope!

Bible Story: Peter and John in the Temple – Acts 3:1-10

Daily Challenge - How can you incorporate the Bible Story, Mountain Motto, and Lift Lesson every day?

Daily Overview

Early Childhood Week

Opening – Sanctuary

Bible Story – Sanctuary

Snack – Friendship Hall

Rotations

- Craft – Room 206/207
- Recreation – Sanctuary
- Science/Sensory – Room 201

Closing – Sanctuary



Elementary Week

Opening: Sanctuary

Morning Rotations

- Snack – Friendship Hall
- Bible Story – Room 106/107
- Craft – Room 206/207
- Recreation – Sanctuary/Outside
- Science/Sensory – Room 110

Lunch: Friendship Hall

Afternoon Rotations

- Dance/Ski Patrol – Friendship Hall
- Olympics Craft – Room 206/207
- Olympics Training – Sanctuary/Outside
- Olympics – Sanctuary/Outside
- Water and Game Fun – Friendship Hall/Outside

Closing: Sanctuary

Volunteer Expectations

Be a Role Model.

Wear your Nametag.



Treat Others the Way You want to be Treated. This applies to both kids and other volunteers. We are all different and may not always get along, but please show each other grace and love.

Stay off your phone. We want to be engaged with the kids and not distracted.

Arrive on time. Crew leaders: Please arrive each morning by 8:30 and meet in the friendship hall. Rotation leaders/assistants: Please arrive in time before your first rotation to have everything set up and ready for the kids.

Counselors Expectations

Have a positive attitude.

Build relationships with your crew. This starts right away each morning by engaging kids from the moment they arrive!

Be an example --- Sing, Dance, and have fun!

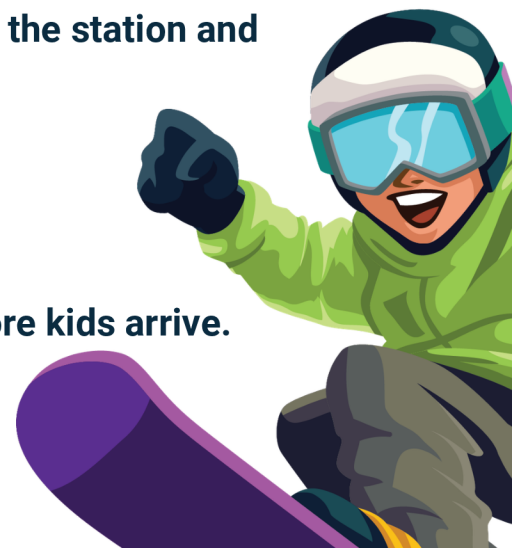
Assist your kids during stations.

Always ensure you have all your kids before leaving the station and after arriving at the new station.

Don't allow put-downs.

Implement parent check-out.

Arrive each morning by 8:30am for a check-in before kids arrive.



Health & Safety

Allergies/Medical Concerns

Children with food/medical allergies will have an orange nametag on the backside of their group nametag. Some may require an epi-pen or an inhaler, please make sure you carry that with you at all times. Crews and rotation leaders will have children's information.

Bathroom

Snack and lunchtime are perfect time to utilize a bathroom break. Of course, anytime someone needs to go, please take them. For younger children, it is important to offer bathroom breaks more often as they may not be as comfortable asking or knowing when they need to go.

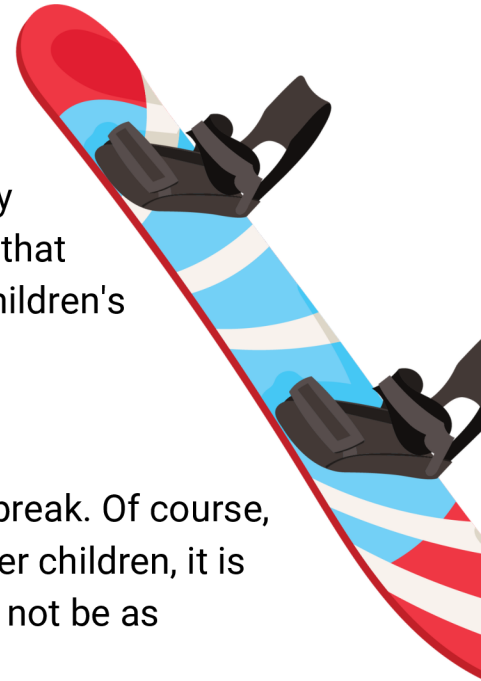
Please wait just outside the main bathroom door with the door open. Do not go inside the bathroom with the child, unless they need help.

Photos

Please do not take any personal photos of the kids. We do have someone taking photos throughout the week.

Accidents

If a child gets hurt or has a toileting accident, please text Doug or Jeff.



Health & Safety Cont

Unruly Campers

Kids need reasonable expectations and follow-through. If a child is acting out, it is important to follow through and not encourage bad behavior. Redirecting a child to a new task or behavior is a great place to start. If the child continues to struggle or is being distracting to the group, they may need a break or time away from the group. If able, provide that space for the child. They may need a walk around the church, or a quiet place to sit for a little bit. Before rejoining the group, ensure the child is ready and reiterate the expectations.

If child continues to act out or if you are having major discipline problems such as hitting, biting, bullying, or cussing contact Doug or Jeff.

Kids Expectations

1. Treat others the way you would like to be treated.
2. Use your walking feet
3. Use your inside voice
4. Use your listening ears
5. Ask before you leave the room

Every child is unique and each is dearly loved by God. All children have priceless value & need to be treated as such.

Each and every one of them has something amazing to offer the world, and we are here to help them see their value. Take the time to get to know your kids, pay attention to what makes them uncomfortable, & try and anticipate their needs. If a child is getting overwhelmed he or she may need to be temporarily removed from the classroom to calm down or if a child is extra nervous, shy, or distant he or she may need extra attention.

VBS Mission Partner

Join us in supporting our local mission partner - Active Youth Wisconsin! This year, we're challenging VBS families to raise money to make sports and active opportunities more accessible to kids in Dane County.



Our Mission

At Active Youth Wisconsin, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to move, play, and grow. Through accessible and inclusive programs, we help kids experience the mental and physical benefits of movement while building confidence, resilience, and lifelong healthy habits.

Our Commitment

We're more than an organization—we're a community-driven movement reinvesting in youth well-being. 100% of entry fees from our events go back into local schools and communities, ensuring all kids have access to active opportunities, regardless of background.

What We Believe In

Inclusivity
Empowerment
Community
Wellness & Development
Giving Back

Set-up & Clean-up

Set Up: Sunday, June 14th @ Noon

Clean Up: Sunday, June 25th @ 3:00pm

Important Numbers

Jeff Rohlwing: 608-852-6149

Doug Cassel: 920-619-5881

Church Office: (608)831-6084



Additional leader information available
at www.stlukes-elca.org/vbs-2026



Thank You!

Early Childhood: Thank you lunch after last day of VBS.

Elementary: Lunch will be provided on the last day of VBS.