

FAQs | VBS 2019

When does registration close?

VBS registration for kids, student and adult volunteers closes on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at midnight.

How much does it cost?

\$70 per child for the week.

What should my child wear?

Please have your child wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes each day to VBS (no flip-flops or Heelys please).

On the first day of VBS, your child will be given a VBS t-shirt and name tag when they check in with their Guide at their assigned group. Your child should wear their VBS t-shirt and nametag or wristband (*kindergartners*) every day.

Where do I drop off and pick up my child each day?

Doors open at 8:45a each day. An adult must walk your child to their group and check in and check out your child each day. Kids cannot check in or check out by themselves.

Kindergarteners have a separate, age-appropriate program designed just for them. All Kindergartners should be dropped off and picked up in Port Mariners in Room 221 or Room 230, depending on their group number (look for your group number in the information email or on signs posted outside the rooms). Kindergarteners will also get to experience the Worship Center programming and worship, but in their separate session at a different time than 1st-5th graders.

1st– 5th graders will check in and check out of the Worship Center each day. All 1st– 5th graders should be dropped off in the Worship Center at their group's row (group number will be printed on their name tag). Your child's Guide and Assistant Guide will be waiting for you each day in the same place. VBS ends each day at 12:30p.

Note: For the safety and protection of all children attending VBS, we ask that you do not pick up your child early from VBS. If there is a special circumstance or situation where your child needs to leave VBS early, you must pick them up before 11:30a. For the safety of your child, he or she cannot leave their group on their own and you must walk to their location and check them out with their Guide. Parents must go to the Information Center, located on the patio outside the Worship Center, and you will be directed to the location of your child's group.

What is Saturday night's Family Celebration and BBQ?

Families and friends are invited to join us for our 5pm church service and stay after for our Saturday Night VBS Celebration. Festivities begin immediately following our church service at 6:30p with a BBQ dinner (tickets available for purchase), live music from Tim Timmons, and activities outside on the lawn.

Tickets for the BBQ are available to purchase online when you register your child for VBS.

What happens on Water Day?

1st-5th graders will have water day on Friday; Kindergarten and Preschool will have water

day on Thursday.

They should wear sunscreen, a swimsuit under their clothes and bring a towel. Your child will get completely wet as they enjoy sliding down inflatable water slides.

If you have questions about water day, please check with your child's Guide for more information.

Where is the best place to park?

Please park in any lot that is open closest to the Worship Center or Port Mariners. Please do not park in the red zones.

Does the Mariners Café serve lunch during VBS week?

Each day after VBS the Mariners Church Global Café offers quick and easy kid-friendly lunches for purchase on the patio or in the Cafe.

What if my child has an injury or medical issue?

Occasionally children get injured or sick while at VBS. We have medical personnel on campus during VBS, located in the Prayer Room in the Worship Center.

You will enter an emergency contact on the registration form and that is who we would reach out to in the event of an injury or medical issue.

How do I make a donation for a scholarship or general VBS donation?

Mail or drop off a check in any offering box or in the office at Mariners Church. In the memo, please write "Mariners Kids Donation" or "Mariners Kids Child Scholarship". Or contact us at vbs@marinerschurch.org.

As a parent, can I watch the closing program from noon-12:30p?

Our Worship Center will be full of kids and volunteers, which does not allow for parent seating.

However, parents are welcome to stand in the Worship Center lobby and watch the program on the monitors.

Which ministry will the money my child raises during VBS support?

This year we will be partnering again with **Un Jour Nouveau**, in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo.

REGISTRATION

Do I need to fill out a separate form for each child?

Yes, each child who attends VBS must have a completed registration form. This also includes kids attending the preschool VBS and infant childcare. (*Infant and Preschool Program are only available for parents who are volunteering all 5 days of VBS*).

Do you take debit or credit cards?

Yes, we accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and eChecks.

Can I complete a kid registration form if I am not the child's parent or legal guardian?

No, only a parent or legal guardian may complete the form because we need to have the parent's signature on the medical and photo/media release.

I have two kids, one is entering Kindergarten in the fall and one is in preschool. Can they both attend VBS?

VBS is for Kindergarteners (*must be 5 yrs old by Sept 2, 2019*) through 5th graders.

However, if you volunteer all 5 days during VBS, your preschooler may attend the preschool VBS. If you choose not to volunteer all 5 days, only your Kindergartner can attend.

Can my child be in a group with their friends?

You can submit one friend request to be in your child's VBS group. We organize groups by grade and the friend request must be going into the same grade as your child and be registered by June 2, 2019. While we cannot guarantee every child's request, we will do our best to accommodate your request if the above requirements have been met.

My child has a friend but they are in a different grade. Can they still be together during VBS? What about siblings who are in different grades?

No, we group kids by the school grade **they are entering in Fall 2019**. This also applies to siblings. This helps kids make friends with their peers and ensures an age appropriate learning environment.

My child is inviting a friend that doesn't go to Mariners, what do I need to do to make sure they are in the same group?

When you register your child, write the friend's full name on the question where it asks for a "Friend Request". Please ask your friend's parent to register their child and request your child on their form. Both children need to be registered by June 2, 2019 to be placed in the same group. Remember that we group kids by grade. If the friend is in another grade, they will not be placed together in the same group.

What if my child wants to change groups during VBS?

For your child's safety, please do not move your child to another group. Groups are formed so we know where your child is at all times. Guides are not authorized to move children to a different group. Any group changes must be approved by VBS Registration located at the Information Center on the patio outside of the Worship Center.

What if I need to change my information on a registration that I already submitted?

Please send your request to vbs@marinerschurch.org with any changes.

I have a child with exceptional needs. Can they participate in VBS?

Yes. If your child has developmental, physical, neurological delays and/or disorders write down your child's need and the type of assistance he or she will need so we can make sure to match a volunteer to that group who is able to assist them.

If they already have an aide, have the aide register as a volunteer and attend one of our training meetings so they know what to anticipate. All volunteers must be registered to participate in VBS.

Once I create my online login and password, can I use it for all my family members?

Yes. Once you have your login and password, you can navigate through the online process and register

your kids as well as yourself (if you are volunteering) all at one time.

How do I know if I did online registration correctly?

Once you've successfully completed a registration through checkout, you will receive a confirmation receipt email.

If you don't receive a confirmation, you are not registered and will need to try again.

I have several kids; can I pay for all of them on one credit card transaction?

Yes, when registering online, simply choose "Register Another Person" before you go to the final checkout window. **You must checkout to complete the transaction.**

I'm interested in a scholarship. Can I request one online?

Scholarship forms are available by paper or through email. You can get one at the Welcome Harbor in Port Mariners on the weekend or request one by sending an email to vbs@marinerschurch.org.

If I need to write more information than the space allows me on the online registration form, what should I do?

You are welcome to email a note with the information to vbs@marinerschurch.org.

VOLUNTEER

We could not do VBS without the amazing volunteers that serve each year. We utilize over 1,000 student and adult volunteers in many different roles and capacities. We would love for you to be a part of helping kids experience Jesus, learn more about God's incredible love for them and give them opportunities to take the next steps of faith. Please complete an online form to register.

Due to room capacity limitations in some venues at VBS, we must limit the number of 6th-8th student volunteers. Each year, we reach the maximum number of 6th-8th grade student volunteers BEFORE registration closes on June 2, 2019.

Once we reach the maximum number, registration will close early for 6th-8th grade student volunteers and we will not be accepting additional registrations. Therefore, we STRONGLY ENCOURAGE you to register early.

If you have any questions, please send an email to vbs@marinerschurch.org. During VBS week, a staff member will be available at the Information Center on the patio to answer questions.

VBS WEEK

June 24 – June 28, 2019

8:45a – 12:30p

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