

# Summer Bible Adventure (formerly VBS)

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **Why is VBS being called Summer Bible Adventure (SBA) this year?**
  - Due to continued attendance restrictions related to COVID-19, VBS cannot run as we've come to know and expect over the years. We chose to rename VBS to SBA (Summer Bible Adventure) to set it apart from our traditional VBS.
- **What if Covid protocols change between now and the end of June? Will we have our traditional Vacation Bible School instead?**
  - Even if the Covid protocols change considerably in the next few months, SBA has been carefully planned in light of the current conditions, and the adapted format will remain in place this summer. We anticipate and look forward to returning to our traditional VBS in the summer of 2022.
- **How will it look different from past years?**
  - In the past, the students have gathered and traveled from station to station in large groups. This summer, students will be assigned to smaller groups and assigned to a classroom.
  - Traveling to different areas in the building, as well as shared spaces, will be limited.
  - Previously, VBS was a three-hour program, and we had a full station dedicated to a snack time. This summer, SBA will run two hours, 9:30-11:30, and we've eliminated the snack station.
- **What can our children expect to do at SBA if it's different from VBS?**
  - Singing, Bible stories that reinforce Jesus as our Greatest Treasure, cool experiments, fun activities, viewing a pre-recorded skit in small groups (rather than a large group, stage production in the sanctuary), games, fun, caring volunteers, friends and more fun!
- **Who can participate?**
  - SBA is for elementary students entering kindergarten (5 years old on or before 9/1/2021) through entering fifth grade.
  - Nursery and preschool children may participate for the days on which a parent volunteers.

- **How many children can participate?**
  - Our numbers will be limited this summer. Priority will be given to children of volunteers, and our final count will depend on the number of volunteers to ensure we have enough adults to lead the numerous, smaller groups of children we are planning this year.
  
- **Will there be any Junior Counselors?**
  - Middle school and high school students who would like to serve, may register to be Junior Counselors *only if a parent is volunteering*, due to our limited attendance policy this year.
  
- **What about current 5th graders who missed their last VBS as a participant due to VBS cancellation last summer?**
  - Current 5<sup>th</sup> graders (who will be entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall) will have the option to participate in Summer Bible Adventure as a student or, if a parent is volunteering, they may register as a junior counselor. If they enroll as a junior counselor, it will be a very different experience than it is as a participant because they will be serving.
  
- **Do we have to wear masks?**
  - At this time anyone entering kindergarten and older are required to wear masks that cover both the mouth and nose at all times in the building.