

# **St. Barbara Summer Bible Program**

## **June 14-18, 2010**

***Please read all information prior to filling out your registration form.***

### **THEME: "HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION"**

**ALL HANDS ON DECK!!** Welcome to High Seas Expedition, where kids will explore the mighty love of God! Get ready for a swashbuckling adventure through God's Word and discover that God shows his powerful love throughout Scripture.

Kids start each day by forming small groups called "**SHIP CREWS**" made up of students from K to grade 4. All crews will visit each different station. They will gather at "**SING & PLAY SPLASH**" to sing and do fun motions to upbeat Bible songs; sample tasty treats at "**THE GOODIES GALLEY**" go on unforgettable "**BIBLE VOYAGES**" make crazy creations in "**CLIPPER SHIP CRAFTS**", race around the ship at "**SHIP REC GAMES**" and visit "**CHADDER'S SAIL AWAY CINEMA**". **CREWS** will gather together daily for the "**FLOATING FINALE**".

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will help to bring out the Bible Point each day through various creative activities. Plans have been made for two field trips to Sandcastle and Camp Soles. See the reverse side of this letter for more information on these exciting field trips.

### **SCHEDULE**

Monday - 8:40-12:00	Arrival - Children are to be dropped off to their crew leader in the social hall. A note will be mailed to parents stating which "Ship Crew" your child/ren is assigned and a social hall diagram showing the location of all crew tables.
Tuesday-Thursday - 8:50-12:00	(Please have your child gather in the social hall by 8:50 a.m. in their assigned crew).
Friday - 8:50-12:30	(Parents are welcome to attend the closing at 12:00 noon).
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass	Children are invited to sit in the choir area to sing a few songs before, during and after Mass.

### **DISMISSAL**

We ask parents to **please abide by the following guidelines**. Parents may attend the closing each day at 12:00 noon, but then are asked to exit church to the designated parking lot area. **Children are not to be picked up in the back of church**. Children will go with their crew to the social hall following closing prayer. There will be drop off station locations for pick up outside the social hall. The "Crew Leaders" will bring your child (according to crew) to their correct station. Please stay in the designated area. This may take a few minutes longer, but will eliminate confusion and concern on the part of parents.

### **REGISTRATION K-6** (*Must be registered members of St. Barbara Parish*)

All children of St. Barbara Parish, **registered in the current 2009-2010 school year**, Kindergarten through Grade 6 may register for the Summer Bible Program. Please return the attached registration form via mail or drop off at the **Formation Office**. ***We are accepting approximately 240 children in the Kindergarten to Grade 4 program and approximately 60 children in Grades 5 and 6.*** The registration fee is \$20 per child with a limit of \$50 per family. If your 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader will be attending the field trips, an additional cost of \$45 (*\$22.50/trip*) will be required. Please include all fees with your registration form and all applicable permission/medical information forms. The registration fee includes a memento t-shirt for all K-6 children.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010.**

### **PRESCHOOL/NURSERY**

A preschool and nursery will be available for children of our **volunteer staff only** working the week of Bible School. A preschool program will be offered for children who were **age four by September 1, 2009**. There is a \$5 registration fee per child for preschool. We will have a Nursery 3 and a Nursery 0-2. There is no charge for the nursery. If you **do not** volunteer the **entire week**, your child will **only** be assigned to the preschool or nursery on the days you are present.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

We really need you! The success of this program depends upon your generous volunteer spirit! Help is needed in all areas: crew leaders, crafts, recreation, kitchen, preschool and nursery. (*See volunteer descriptions.*) Also, the week before Bible School starts we can use extra help with preparations such as, decorations and getting things set up in the classrooms, and outside. Youth in grades 7-12 (*of the current school year*) are also welcome to help. All volunteers must complete the volunteer section of the registration form. Please check area/areas of interest. Please make a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice and we will contact you regarding your assignment. As a volunteer it is very important that we know that you will be present each day. It is imperative that crew leaders are present each day. **If you CANNOT be present everyday, please DO NOT volunteer to be a crew leader.** Please note that all volunteers must be registered members of St. Barbara Parish.

### **MEMENTO T-SHIRT**

A t-shirt incorporating the theme of this year's program will be given to each youth K-6. Sizes are listed on the registration form. Please be sure to mark your child's correct size. If you do not mark a size for your child, an age appropriate size will be chosen for them. (*Additional t-shirts may be purchased for \$8.00. Please mark size and quantity you wish to order and send payment with registration.*)

## **SING & PLAY SPLASH MUSIC CD**

The "Sing & Play Splash" Music CD may be purchased for \$6.00. Our music coordinator thought this would be a great way for your child to familiarizing themselves with the songs. Order your CD and include payment with your registration. CD's will be available for pick up before bible school in the Formation office (*watch the bulletin for an announcement*).

### **\*\* GRADE 5 & 6 FIELD TRIPS \*\***

*All Grades 5 & 6 youth MUST be present the entire week to participate in field trips. If you are NOT attending a field trip, you DO NOT attend Bible School that day.*

## **SANDCASTLE**

On **Tuesday, June 15**, the fifth and sixth grade youth are invited to participate in a field trip to Sandcastle. The bus will leave St. Barbara parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and return at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Please have children dress appropriately for the weather and bring all necessary items for the day, including "sunscreen". Students are permitted to bring a small personal "lunch cooler" into the park. If you wish, you may send extra monies with your child for food, snacks, etc.

## **CAMP SOLES FIELD TRIP**

On **Thursday, June 17**, the fifth and sixth grade youth are invited to participate in a field trip to Camp Soles in Rockwood, PA. The bus will leave St. Barbara parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and return at approximately 6:15 p.m.

The outing may include boating, fishing, swimming, zip-line riding, and other fun activities. If your son/daughter would like to participate in the fishing activity, they are asked to bring their own bait, and fishing gear. Don't forget your sunscreen, swimsuits and towels! Lunch will include; campfire picnic meal. Other snacks and drinks will be provided throughout the day. Students are to wear tennis shoes, no sandals or flip flops.

## **FIELD TRIP PERMISSION/MEDICAL FORM**

The permission/medical information form for the grade 5/6 outings is enclosed. We ask that everyone complete the permission form and the medical information form. Permission/medical forms are due **MAY 17** along with registration forms.

### **\*\*\* VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTIONS \*\*\***

- **Crew Leader:** (*Adult or Youth Grade 9 and up.*) You will be leading a "Ship Crew" (*approximately 8 Kindergarten through Grade 4 children*) to and from various locations. All crew leaders **must** be present each day.
- **Lesson Leader:** Lessons are prepared for leaders prior to bible school from provided materials. "Bible Voyage" each day may involve dramatic storytelling, role-playing using costumes and using props to transform your room into a trip back in time to a biblical location. A team of two leaders per room will be co-leading "Ship Crews" throughout the day.
- **Crew Leaders for Grade 5 & 6:** (*Adult or youth Grade 10 and up.*) Taking charge of a crew and guiding students through scripture lessons, creative activities, recreation, music, field trips, etc.
- **Crafts:** Helping students assemble crafts each day. Crafts are predetermined and ready for assembly.
- **Kitchen:** Snacks for each day follow the daily bible theme. Volunteers help prepare predetermined snacks for students.
- **Preparations:** Help with decorations and setting up classrooms prior to bible school. We will need a few male volunteers for tent set up one evening prior to bible school.
- **Recreation:** Helping students participate in predetermined games that correspond to the daily bible point.
- **Music:** Assist music coordinator in leading songs and motions for "Sing & Play Splash". Musicians also needed.

**ALL REGISTRATION FORMS ALONG WITH APPLICABLE FEES AND/OR PERMISSION FORMS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE FORMATION OFFICE BY MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010.**