

St. Francis of Assisi Vacation Bible School Youth Volunteer Code of Conduct

The purpose of St. Francis of Assisi Vacation Bible School is to share the love of Jesus with children. As a youth volunteer in Vacation Bible School, I'm making a commitment to be a servant of God and an example of His love to kids and their families!

VOLUNTEER SCREENING

All volunteers who have contact with children must complete a screening form and Virtus training. This screening is for the safety and well-being of our children and the protection of the parish and volunteer.

As a youth volunteer, I agree to:

- Focus on the children – they are my purpose for being at VBS, not to catch up with my friends! I will stick to the area where I am assigned to work and focus on my assignment, not other youth.
- Turn off my cell phone and other electronics during VBS, unless I have been specifically assigned by an adult leader to take photos or video of my class for media purposes. I will not text or talk on the phone except during my break time, and I will not post photos of VBS children on my personal social media pages.
- Wear my St. Francis VBS volunteer shirt each day.
- Teach children to lead by being a leader and setting an example. I will walk safely, calmly and quietly as I move from place to place. I will treat all adult leaders, visitors, other youth helpers, and of course the children, with respect. I will make sure the words I use and the way I use them are polite and Christ-honoring.
- Remember that play has an appropriate time and use discernment to know the right time. I will not roughhouse or distract children from the VBS activities that others are leading.
- Become familiar with the theme for the week and the job to which I am assigned. I will review the memory verse and Bible story/theme focus for each day and use every opportunity to encourage the children to understand and apply them.
- Come to VBS with a positive attitude, energy, and enthusiasm. I will arrive early and expect to have fun at VBS!
- Attend Youth Volunteer Training on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 at 9AM or 10AM** or **THURSDAY, JUNE 20 at 6PM or 7PM**. Training will take about 45 minutes and you will receive your t-shirt at this meeting. If I am unable to attend, I will communicate with the VBS Coordinator and get all necessary information from her as soon as possible.
- Participate in the singing, song motions, and other fun activities during VBS with the children, showing them belief in God can be fun. I will not worry about looking silly in doing these things because I know the children will think I am fun and God will be pleased with my enthusiasm.

THANK YOU for taking a week out of your summer to help children learn about Jesus!