

Hello, Midland VBS families.

We are excited to have your children on board the Rocky Railway next week for Vacation Bible School. We wanted to share some very important updates based on new COVID guidelines, pick up/drop off procedure and list of what to bring. *Please read carefully each bullet point below so you are fully aware of what to expect next week:*

- Masks will be optional for all outdoor activities. This policy is based on guidance we recently received directly from the Midland County Health Department. We plan to have all activities outside for all four days if the weather cooperates.
- If there is bad weather we will NOT cancel VBS for that day. All activities for the morning will be moved indoors and if you are not fully vaccinated masks will need to be worn. If you are uncomfortable with this format please consider keeping your child home for just that day and returning on the next day when we are hopefully back outside.
- Apply sunscreen and bug spray BEFORE dropping off in the morning.
- Dress in play clothes and NO flip flops.
- Each child should bring a water bottle and beach towel in their own backpack each day. Please clearly label all items.
- Drop off will take place in the south side parking lot of the church (corner of Jefferson and Monroe) beginning at 8:45am. Look for the outdoor registration table under the church overhang. Park your car and walk your child up to the table to check them in maintaining distance between you and other families as you wait in line.
- Pick up will take place in the south side parking lot of the church beginning at 12 Noon. VBS participants and volunteers will walk out and line up along the sidewalk when they are ready for dismissal. Please stay back by your cars and wait for everyone to file out and get into place. Then, come forward to sign your child out with their crew leader.

Additional COVID precautions:

- Children are grouped in crews made up of 8 participants and 2 volunteers. These crews stay together all week traveling from station to station and eating together.
- We will be encouraging physical distancing as best we can with the use of the beach towels the kids bring and other fun items like pool noodles and hula hoops.
- All activity is limited contact. Equipment and supplies will be sanitized between uses.
- Hand sanitizer will be in multiple locations and encouraged to be used throughout the morning.
- All snacks are prepackaged in individual containers.
- If your child is not feeling well please keep them home for the morning. If they happen to not feel well while at VBS we will notify the emergency contact to arrange an early pick up.

Even with all the new things to take in account while planning VBS we truly feel so blessed to be able to offer this experience to your child(ren) this year. We are so excited that we finally get to gather together and experience Jesus' love in that unique, fun way only VBS offers. Please pray for a *powerful* week for all our participants and volunteers (and good weather)!

All Aboard,

Sarah Hocking & Corinne Cathcart

Your Rocky Railway Conductors