



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - AUTISM

We are getting ready to embark on our 8th annual Vacation Bible School for children on the Autism Spectrum and their typically developing siblings. Eastview Christian Church has again graciously opened its doors to us and this year's "Journey Off the Map" themed VBS-A is scheduled for Monday, July 20 – Friday, July 24 from 5:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Through the grace of God, VBS-A is growing and last year we had over 60 participate. We are anticipating as many as 75 participants this year with about 70% being on the autism spectrum or having some other developmental delay. VBS-A would be lost without the dedicated men and women who volunteer their time to make Jesus's word accessible to these special children. Attached is a volunteer registration form. Please consider volunteering your time to help. We take any volunteer who is 13 years of age or older willing to share their time and love of Jesus. You can email your form to kmwoith1@gmail.com or mail it to: Vacation Bible School-Autism, Kelly Woith, 1233 Rutledge Road, Bloomington, IL 61704. All volunteers who sign up before June 19th will get a free shirt and group photo.

As in the past, a dinner meal is provided to all volunteers, families and participants. We encourage our volunteers to participate in the meal since it is a great way to get to know other volunteers, participants and their families. As with past years, all volunteers are required to complete an online background check and attend a brief training. This year's training will be in late June, early July and information will go out on June 22nd. The training will be conducted by Dr. Kristal Shelvin and will include an overview of the program, information about the population of kids and families we serve, and opportunities to ask questions. All young volunteers between the ages of 13-16 will be required to attend an adolescent training (see adolescent volunteer form).

Please contact Kelly Woith, VBS-A Coordinator at kmwoith1@gmail.com / 309-319-4198 if you have any additional questions.

Blessings,

The 2015 VBS

A Planning Committee

