



Welcome to VBS 2017!—July 26-28

Wednesday, July 26—KICK-OFF PARTY! (6:00-7:30 pm)

Thursday & Friday, July 27-28—Snack supper (5:00 pm), Activities (5:30-8:00 pm)

Theme: This year, kids ages 4 through 8th grade are invited to Hero Central where we will discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God! We will begin our adventure with a Kick-Off Party on Wednesday, July 26, from 6:00-7:30 pm (outside, weather permitting). The fun will continue on Thursday and Friday, July 26-28, with activities including music, crafts, games, storytelling and more! We will also have a special VBS mission.

Kick-Off Party (Wednesday, July 26, 6:00-7:30 pm): From 6:00-7:00 pm, on the first night of VBS we will have a party outside, complete with a bouncy house, food (hotdogs and chips), and other fun things to do. At 7:00 pm, we'll gather in the Family Life Center for our first Assembly and introductions of the week's activities.

Participants are asked to check in at the registration table by the entry to the Family Life Center this day.

Parents are asked to remain and enjoy the party with their child on Wednesday.

Activities (Thursday & Friday, July 27-28, 5:00-8:00 pm): On Thursday and Friday, everyone will enter through the Family Life Center, check-in at the Registration Table, and join their assigned Hero group at Snack Headquarters for a light supper (5:00 pm), followed by the *Hero Central Assembly* (5:30 pm). Children will be assigned to Hero Groups by grades. Groups will be designated by "color." Each participant will receive a name badge upon check-in on the first day. *Hero Guides* will escort the children to activities as follows:

- *Recreation Headquarters—Games (outdoors, weather permitting)*
- *Bible Story Headquarters—Storytelling (Education Building)*
- *Craft Headquarters—Arts & Crafts (Education Building)*

Youth in grades 5-8 will participate in the snack supper and assemblies, but will meet separately (Youth Room) for their activities.

Registration: All participants are required to complete a registration form, which includes emergency and contact information, authorization for pick-up, and medical conditions. Check-in will begin at 5:30 pm on the day of the Kick-Off Party. Parents are required to check-in children at the Registration Table on Thursday and Friday to receive their name badges (between 4:45-5:00 pm). **(NOTE: Parents are asked to meet their children and check out with their Hero Guides at the conclusion of VBS on Thursday and Friday night.)**

Friends are welcome, but children must be accompanied by a parent or under the supervision of a designated adult at all times. In the event that you are helping with VBS, we will pair your child with an adult in one of the groups.

****For safety reasons, all children must remain under the supervision of an adult at all times.****

Snack Headquarters: A snack supper will be served from 5:00-5:30 pm on Thursday and Friday evenings. On Wednesday, food will be available at the Kick-Off Party. ***There is no cost, however, reservations are required. We would also appreciate your donations.*** Please complete the meal reservation form and return it with your child's registration form.

Attire: VBS includes lots of hands-on activities. Please wear comfortable, casual clothes and tennis shoes.

Waiver: Kern UMC has made a reasonable effort in providing a safe and secure environment for your child, through its *Safe Sanctuary Policy*. Despite our best efforts, accidents do happen. In the event that your child becomes ill or sustains a minor injury, we will contact you. Registering your child for VBS indicates that you give permission for a member of the Vacation Bible School Team to provide minor first aid (ice, band-aid, etc.) or care. Should your child sustain a more serious injury, the VBS team will contact you or an authorized person, and if necessary will transport your child to the nearest medical facility. Upon check-in to VBS, you will be asked to sign your child's registration form to indicate that you have read and understand this information; that your child may participate in Kern's VBS program, that your child will abide by the rules that are set by Kern UMC; and that Kern UMC will not be held responsible for personal injury or loss or damage to his/her personal property.

Please return registration forms and snack supper reservations to the designated box in the Narthex. For more information, contact Chanda Knight (865-455-4769 or cknightstars@gmail.com).