

Dear teen, (5<sup>th</sup> grade and older)

Hello, Vacation Bible Camp is coming! Our camp will be a fun, educational outreach of First Congregational Church. The camp is open to all young people age 3 (as of last September) through having completed Grade 5 this June. Junior teen counselors have completed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Teen counselors must have completed grade 6, as of June 2022.

I would like for you to consider being a counselor for this year's camp. If you decide to apply, please complete the online application and return it as soon as possible. If you need a paper version, let me know.

There are several requirements for counselors, please read them carefully, they include:

- Agree to work all days signed up to work. In other words, if you commit to working at VBC Monday through Friday, be there ready to work each day, Monday through Friday.
- Come ready to work each day. Your responsibility, between 8:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. each day, will be to the camp and the campers. (You may stay each day until 1, to help your team leader or hang out with other teen counselors) **All counselors must be picked up by 1 pm.**
- All teen counselors must come to **one** of the offered teen training events. (June 5 or June 12 after worship)
- Try to attend the VBC Counselor decorating session, **Sunday, June 5th**. This event is highly recommended for counselors and it is a big help to Sandy.
- Attend the VBC Orientation meeting for Adult Staff and Counselors. Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (We will start promptly at 9:00 a.m.) **This meeting is mandatory for all counselors.** You will get to meet the adult staff, especially the adults you will be directly working with, and we will be doing our official set up and decorating for camp. **If you are not at this meeting, you will not be ready for Monday.**
- Plan to arrive at 8:45 a.m. each day, sign in and be ready to work by 8:50 a.m.
- Be accountable for what you do as a counselor: the campers observe the counselors and will follow your example, even when you think they are not watching. Be able to finish each day knowing that you were a good role model! Be able to finish each day knowing that you followed through enthusiastically on the VBC tasks you were assigned.
- Be willing to treat each camper and other teens and staff with care and respect... no matter what their shape, size, age or what they wear.

- Be willing to work on assigned tasks and stay with assigned groups.
- **Please return application or fill out on line by June 1.**

Working at our camp is exhausting...but a LOT of fun! Many of you are required to have community service hours for school or scouts. VBC does qualify for community service hours.

If you think you might be interested in being a VBC counselor, please talk it over with your parent(s). It is important that they understand the commitment involved in serving as a counselor.

I hope that you will consider being a part of our Vacation Bible Camp team! We would love to have you.

Peace and Blessings,

Sandy Wissmann

(If you apply as a counselor, please keep this letter for your reference, **and be sure to list all of the important dates on your family's calendar.**)