

BIBLE CAMP!!

St. Francis Xavier Parish 2019

This year at Bible Camp our theme is
KINGDOM ROCK: Where Kids Stand Strong for God!!

Come explore how God wants to help you to be strengthened in your friendship with Him and join in a whole lot of medieval fun!!

Who can attend?

- † **Campers:** Students currently in Grades 2 - 5
- † **Leaders-in-Training (LIT):** Students currently in Grades 6 - 7
(The LITs spend time as a separate group developing leadership and teamwork skills, as well as assisting the older camp leaders with running an activity station or supervising a small group of campers.)
- † **Leaders:** Students currently in Grade 8 and up, as well as Grade 7 students who have already completed the Leader-in-Training program

What is the cost?

- † Camper Registration fee: \$50
- † Leader-in-Training
Registration fee: \$35
- † Leader fee: \$0
- † Friday Adventure fee (additional):
 - \$25 for Campers & LITs
 - \$15 for Leaders (*pay during camp week*)
 - The Friday Adventure will be happening on Friday afternoon. This year we will be going to **Splitsville!** The trip will include bussing, one hour of bowling, and a \$10 Playdium card (worth 44 arcade credits).

When is Bible Camp?

Week 1:

Monday, July 8 –
Friday, July 12

Week 2:

Monday, July 29 –
Friday, August 2

The same theme will run both weeks in order to accommodate a greater number of participants.

What is a camp day like?



How do I sign up?

Please bring your payment (campers and LITs) and your completed registration and/or application forms to:

*St. Francis Xavier Parish Office
(304 Highway 8, Stoney Creek)*

- ✝ Office Hours:
9AM – 5PM (Mon – Fri)
- ✝ Forms can also be dropped through the mail slot in the front door of the office after-hours.
- ✝ Please note that space in camp is limited and spots may fill up quickly.
- ✝ **Application Deadline for Leaders: Friday, May 24**
Leader applicants will be contacted after the deadline.
- ✝ More information will be e-mailed to campers and LITs 3 weeks before your week of camp begins.

Any questions?

Please feel free to contact Wes Moga (SFX Youth Minister) at (905) 662 – 8593.

What do I bring?

- * A **nut-free** lunch and snack (camp will also provide 1 snack/day)
- * Hat and sunscreen
- * Water bottle
- * Change of clothes
- * Running shoes
- * Optional: Money for our Tuck Shop, where treats and souvenirs will be sold during lunch and the afternoon snack break.
- * Any required medications (Epipen, inhaler, prescriptions, etc.)
- * For Wednesday Water Day: bathing suit, towel, flipflops

SFX Bible Camp 2019

Leader Application Form (Grade 8 and up)

(Or Grade 7s who have completed the LIT program)

___ Week 1 (July 8 – 12) OR ___ Week 2 (July 29 – August 2)

LEADER INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Gender: _____

Date of Birth: _____

School: _____

Current Grade: _____

Email: _____

****Note: This will be our main way of contacting you with camp info and updates.*

T-shirt: **YOUTH** (Unisex sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL): ___ **or ADULT** (Unisex sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL): ___
(Recommendation: GIRLS choose 1 size smaller than they normally wear in girls/women's sizes and BOYS choose 1 size larger than they normally wear in boys/men's sizes.)

ADULT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Contact (primary contact): _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact (if Primary cannot be reached): _____

Relationship to leader: _____ Phone Numbers: _____

Who will be dropping off and picking up this leader?

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Allergies (i.e. bee stings, peanuts, medications, seasonal, etc.):

Does your child carry an EpiPen?

___ Yes ___ No

Does your child carry an inhaler for asthma?

___ Yes ___ No

Additional medical/physical/emotional concerns that the camp supervisors should be aware of
(i.e. medical conditions, anxiety, etc.):

Will this person require prescription medication while at camp? If so, please specify the medication, dosage, and time of day it should be given:

EXPECTATIONS OF LEADERS (please read carefully):

- Leaders attend preparation and training night before camp (Friday, June 7 from 5:00 – 9:00pm).
- Leaders are to arrive by no later than 8:40AM each morning (8:30AM on the first day of camp) and will be done each day at 3:15PM. It is important that leaders arrive on time to ensure that they are prepared for their campers and for the day's activities, and that they remain until 3:15 to be present for any campers who are getting picked up late and to tidy up from the day.
- The same good behaviour that is expected and required of the campers (being safe, listening when others are speaking, respect for campers and student leaders and adults, appropriate language, participation in activities, etc.) is also expected and required of the leaders. They are role models for the campers and are needed to set a good example.
- Leaders are to remain with their own designated small group of campers or at their own activity station during the day. They should not leave their group or station to go socialize with others who are at different activities. The kitchen and other areas not being used by groups are not to be hang-out zones for leaders. Leaders should also disperse themselves amongst the campers as much as possible – they should look for open seats beside campers before sitting beside another leader.
- Leaders should not exchange personal contact or social media information with campers or leaders-in-training (cell phone numbers, emails, Facebook info, Instagram, Twitter, etc.)
- Supplies for camp have been purchased for specific purposes and in specific quantities on a limited budget. Leaders are to ask permission before using any supplies that they have not been told are for general camp use.
- Cell phones are not to be used in the presence of campers, or substituted for a watch. They must be turned off and kept with personal belongings while the leader is at camp, and are only to be used after notifying an adult leader in the event that a call needs to be made. Parents who need to reach their children are asked to call the parish office at 905 – 662 – 8593. Please understand that the reason cell phones will not be permitted is that they distract leaders from giving their full attention to the campers who have been entrusted to their care.
- The failure to meet any of these expectations may result in a leader being asked to step down.

PERMISSION STATEMENTS:

Leader (if under 18 years of age):

I have read and understand the "Expectations of Leaders" portion of this application form, and I agree to participate in St. Francis Xavier's 2019 Bible Camp program as a leader, should my application be accepted, and abide by the expectations listed above.

Leader Signature

Date

Leader (if 18 years of age or older):

I have read and understand the "Expectations of Leaders" portion of this application form, and I agree to participate in St. Francis Xavier's 2019 Bible Camp program as a leader, should my application be accepted, and abide by the expectations listed above. I agree to hold the parish and its staff and volunteers harmless for any untoward event that may occur (injury, damage to or loss of belongings, etc). I give my permission for medical care to be sought for me if it is deemed necessary. I give my permission for the designated adult supervisors to dispense my medications during camp, as I understand that medications are not permitted to be kept with personal belongings.

Leader Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian (if leader is under 18 years of age)

I have read and understand the "Expectations of Leaders" portion of this application form, and I give permission for the above-named student to participate in St. Francis Xavier's 2019 Bible Camp program as a leader, should their application be accepted. I agree to hold the parish and its staff and volunteers harmless for any untoward event that may occur (injury, damage to or loss of belongings, etc). I give my permission for medical care to be sought for my child if it is deemed necessary and/or in the event that I cannot be reached. I give my permission for the designated adult supervisors to dispense my child's medications during camp, as I understand that medications are not permitted to be kept with personal belongings.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

QUESTIONS FOR THE APPLICANT:

Why would you like to be a leader at Bible Camp?

Have you had experience working with younger students before? Please describe below.

What particular strengths and skills do you feel that you would bring to camp?

How do you hope that being a leader will help you to grow? What specific skills do you hope to strengthen?

The main goals for Bible Camp each year are for our participants and leaders to explore their Catholic faith and grow in their relationships with God. Why do you feel that these are important things to do? As a leader, how would you help to support these goals?

Below is a list of the various leader roles at camp. **Please rank your top 3 choices** by placing the numbers 1, 2, and 3 on the lines beside your preferred roles. If you would like more information about the roles before submitting your application, please contact Wes at the parish office.

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| ___ Group leader for Grade 2 – 3 | ___ Group leader for Grade 4 – 5 |
| ___ Sports & Games station leader | ___ Faith station leader |
| ___ Exploration station leader (experiments) | ___ Crafts station leader |
| ___ Leader-in-Training leader (Grade 10 or older, needs at least 2 years of Bible Camp experience) | |
| ___ Activity Support (Grade 10 or older, needs at least 2 years of Bible Camp experience) | |
| ___ Group Support (Grade 10 or older, needs at least 2 years of Bible Camp experience) | |

It is the hope that students applying to be leaders will continue being involved with the church in the future. Please check off any of the activities listed below that you believe you would want to take part in:

- Altar Server
- DIGGING DEEPER (Grade 8 – 12) Youth Group participant
- QUEST (Grade 3 – 5) or EPIC (Grade 6 – 7) Youth Group leader
- Sleepover leader
- Youth Choir (4:00PM Sunday Masses)
- Retreat weekends participant or leader
- Community service activities
- Stations of the Cross reader or actor
- Christmas Pageant helper

Thank-you very much for applying to be a leader! Once the application period has closed on May 24, you will be contacted about your acceptance and given further information at that time.

In the meantime, please save the date for the mandatory Leader Prep Night: Friday, June 7 from 5:00 – 9:00pm at the church.