



## DEAR PARENTS:

We're so glad you've signed your child up for an exciting week with us here at Maker Fun Factory. This Catholic Summer Program will give your child a wonderful experience of community and faith!

Maker Fun Factory VBS will be a unique parish religious education program. Your kids will be in small groups with other children who are four or five years old. These small groups are led by Early Childhood Educators, elementary school teachers, and teenagers who love working with children and helping them grow in faith. Your child will have many wonderful opportunities to make new friends at this summer program and interact with other children in their small group. This week will be filled with activities,

games, scripture, drama, science experiments, snacks and lots more!

Here is some information that may be helpful to you:

- ❖ We are happy to welcome your four or five-year-old to our camp, but it is essential that your child be potty-trained and unlikely to have an accident. Please also supply a change of clothes for the week in case your child does have an accident.
- ❖ We begin at **9:00 am** and end at **12:00 noon** each day. Please try to drop your child off on time so that he or she doesn't miss a minute of the fun. And we'd appreciate you picking him or her up on time, too. We'd really like to have you come early enough to be a part of our day's closing. You're welcome to join your little one at *Closing Circle*, the last part of our day, which begins around **11:45 am** daily and will be a great time to experience some of the fun at Maker Fun Factory! Or, come at 11:35 am and join our older group at their *Fun Shop Finale*.
- ❖ We want your child to be safe! Please sign them in at our registration table each morning and then take them into the Youth Room, located in the Church Hall, and place them with their small group leaders. This works best if you arrive **at least** 10 minutes before VBS begins. After VBS is over, please pick your child up from their small groups in the Youth Room so that our leaders know that they are in your care, and sign your child out at the same registration table.
- ❖ If there is someone who should **not** pick up your child from VBS, please make us aware of that situation. Also, if there is a change in who is picking up your child (i.e. babysitter, grandparent, aunt, older sibling) please be sure to inform us when you drop off your child in the morning.
- ❖ Have your child wear play clothes and closed-toe shoes. They will be much more comfortable this way. Please apply sunscreen before leaving home in the morning if possible.
- ❖ Alert us immediately of any food or other allergies your child has. This is very important as snacks and decorations are a huge part of our program. We can make necessary changes for your child, but we do need notice. Additionally, please alert our staff immediately regarding medications that your child may need during the day. Staff members with First Aid/CPR and Epi-Pen training will be on site during the entire session.
- ❖ The Maker Fun Factory Staff and St Pius X Parish are not responsible for lost or stolen items during the camp. Please do not send your children with valuable items (i.e. cell phones, cameras). There will be photographers on site to take pictures which will be available to the children at the end of the week.
- ❖ Let us know if there is any other information concerning your child that will help us to make this an exciting, faith-filled, and successful week for your little one.

Thanks for having your child be a part of our program! We've worked hard to make it the best Catholic Summer Program ever!

*Andrew Beach*

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