



## DEAR PARENTS:

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

Weird Animals VBS will be a unique parish religious education program. Elementary kids will be in mixed-aged groups with other children who have finished Kindergarten through Grade

Five. These small groups, called Zoo Crews, are led by young adults and teenagers who love working with children and helping them grow in faith. Some of our volunteers are returning for a fourth or fifth year with our Vacation Bible School program! Your child will have many wonderful opportunities to make new friends at this summer program and interact with other children in their Zoo Crew. 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 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 *The Tail End*, the last part of our day. It begins at **11:35 am** each day and will be a great time to experience some of the fun at Weird Animals!
- ❖ We want your child to be safe! Please sign them in at our registration table each morning and then take them into 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 sign your child out at the same registration table and pick your child up from their small groups so our leaders know that they are in your care.
- ❖ 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, grandparents, aunt, older sibling) please be sure to inform us when you drop off your child in the morning.
- ❖ Have your child wear clothes that can get dirty and closed-toe shoes. He or she will be much more comfortable this way. Please apply sunscreen before leaving home, 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 advance 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.
- ❖ If there is one friend or leader your child **NEEDS** to be with, please let us know as soon as possible. However, please trust us, no matter what group your child is in they will make great friends and have a wonderful week learning more about God.
- ❖ The Weird Animals 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 camp! We've worked hard to make it the best Catholic Summer Program ever!

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