

WEIRD ANIMALS

Where Jesus' Love Is One-of-a-Kind

DEAR PARENTS:

We're so glad you've signed your child up for an exciting week with us here at St Joseph Kitchener for Weird Animals. This Catholic Summer Program will be filled with activities, games, Scripture, drama, science experiments, snacks and lots more!

Weird Animals VBS runs **July 15-19, 2019**. Elementary kids will be in mixed-aged groups with other children ages 4-11. Your child will have many wonderful opportunities to make new friends and interact with other children in their Zoo Crew.

Our week together will be followed by a celebration after the 10 am Mass on Sunday, July 19th. It will be a chance for the children who take part in Weird Animals to share some of what they have done with the rest of our Parish community.

Here is some information that may be helpful to you:

- We begin at **8:50 am** and end at **12:30 pm** each day. Please try to drop your child off on time so that he or she doesn't miss a minute of the fun.
- When you pick your child up, 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 **12 noon** 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. 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 EpiPen training will be on site during the entire session.
- The Weird Animals Staff, St Joseph Church, and the Diocese of Hamilton 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.
- 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.
- We are also looking for adult and youth volunteers to help make Weird Animals the best it can be. If you or anyone you know would be interested in volunteering, please contact Mary at stjosephkitcheneryouth@gmail.com or 519-745-9302.

Thanks for having your child be a part of our program! We're working hard to make it the best Catholic Vacation Bible School ever!

Mary Forcier

Mary Forcier, Vacation Bible School Director 2019