

ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011



INFORMATION/REGISTRATION PACKET



DATE: July 18 – 22, 2011  
TIME: 6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.



Deadline to register is JULY 8, 2011  
\$10.00 Registration fee per child

## St. Gabriel Catholic Church VBS 2011

# Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not want the parish to use your child's photograph in pictures on our web-site, in our Spotlight Drama presentations or e-mails to families, please notify Myra.

The following person(s) may pick my child up from Vacation Bible School.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Crew number or name (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_



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June 1, 2011

Dear Parent(s)

We're so glad you are inquiring about our exciting week at PandaMania. This totally Catholic Summer Program will give your child a wonderful experience of community and faith!

PandaMania is very different from our regular parish religious education programs. Elementary children will be in mixed-age groups with other children who have finished kindergarten through sixth grade. Panda Preschool is for children ages 4 & 5. These small groups (crews) are led by adults or 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 his or her crew. This week will be filled with activities, Scripture, drama, crafts, songs, snacks, and lots more!

Here is some information that may be helpful to you:

- We begin at 6:30 P.M. and end at 9:00 P.M. Please do not drop your child off before 6:15 P.M. Please try to drop your child off on time so that he or she doesn't miss a minute of 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. It begins at 8:40 P.M. each night and will be a great time to experience some of the fun at PandaMania.**
- Have your child wear play clothes and closed toe shoes. He or she will be more comfortable, and we will be too.
- Alert us immediately of any food allergies your child has. This is very important as snacks are a part of our program. We can make necessary changes for your child, but we need advance notice.
- Please make us aware of any health conditions we may need to know about such as heart conditions, allergies, etc.
- Let us know if there is any other information concerning your child that will help us make the week an exciting, faith-filled, and successful week for your child.
- Please be sure you complete a registration form for each child participating in the program.
- Return completed forms to the parish office before July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Registration forms can only be accepted from Parents/ legal guardians.
- Parish must know in writing who will be responsible for picking up children from program.

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

**Pandamania Director**

## TIDBITS

An important step in preventing child abuse is that we enlist only staff members that we know, trust, and have attended and completed all necessary requirements by the Diocese and the parish. All staff and volunteers must attend training sessions and meet parish and diocesan guidelines before they are allowed to participate in our program.

PandaMania activities are designed so that children are always supervised by a station leader and several crew leaders.

When dropping off your child(ren) please park your car in the parking lot and walk them into the Parish Activity Center. Please do not drop off students before 6:15 P.M. Please do not leave your child unattended until you bring them in the building. When picking up your child, please park your car in the parking lot, come into the building and get your child(ren). **AT NO TIME SHOULD A CHILD BE ALLOWED TO WALK ALONE FROM OR TO A PARKED CAR IN THE PARKING LOT.**

We will do everything we can to make sure that we have a safe environment for everyone and we do not anticipate anything happening - however sometimes things do happen and we may need to get in touch with you. Please make sure you list a telephone number where you can be reached during the time your child(ren) is at VBS on the registration form.

An exciting part of our program is spotlight drama – where every child at PandaMania can be a star. Pictures for this activity as well as pictures for posting on the Church bulletin boards, parish web-site and parish bulletin are taken. **If you do not wish us to use your child in pictures, please notify Myra in writing.**

While we love all children – our program is designed for children ages 4 years old through those entering the sixth grade in the fall. We do not take children younger than 4 years old and if a child is in the seventh grade or older and is mature enough to handle responsibilities they are encouraged to sign up as volunteers.

All students and volunteers are expected to follow the norms and guidelines set forth for our program. Failure to follow them may result in being asked not to return to the program.

If you have any questions, please contact Myra at [myratircuit@bellsouth.net](mailto:myratircuit@bellsouth.net); the parish office at 642-8441. The telephone number for the parish activity is 642-8410.