



CAVE QUEST

FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS VBS 2016

JULY 11TH-16TH

6:00-8:30 P.M.

MASS ON SATURDAY 7/16 AT 4:30 IN THE CHURCH
FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK DINNER & VBS PROGRAM

CONTACT KRISTI SMITH, VBS DIRECTOR, AT 512-3220 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

Dear Parents:

We hope that you will sign your child(ren) up for an exciting week at *Fourteen Holy Helpers Cave Quest VBS*. *Cave Quest VBS* is your child(ren)'s opportunity to learn more about his/her faith in a fun-child friendly format. At *Cave Quest VBS* things are...well, a little different from what you might be used to. Children will be in mixed-age groups with other children who have finished Pre-K-four or kindergarten through grade 5. These small groups are called Climbing Crews and are led by adults or teenagers who love children and love the Lord. Crews are an important part of *Cave Quest VBS*! Here's why.

Children develop new friendships. While it's true that your child might not get to be with his or her very best friend, your child *will* have wonderful opportunities to make new friends and interact with a new group of children. Most of us assume that age-graded classes are the best way to go simply because that has been our only experience. However, studies show that children learn as much-or more-when they're linked with children of different ages. And studies indicate that children often choose to play with children of other ages. Encourage your child to try something different...he or she might be surprised!

Older children shine! Parents are continually surprised that after a few days of VBS. Their older children have this newfound role! Suddenly, they're the "cool big kid" with younger children looking up to them. And while your child is helping younger children with simple tasks like reading and writing, he or she is having the chance to serve and demonstrate Christ's love! It's a meaningful way to discover-and practice-the joy of service.

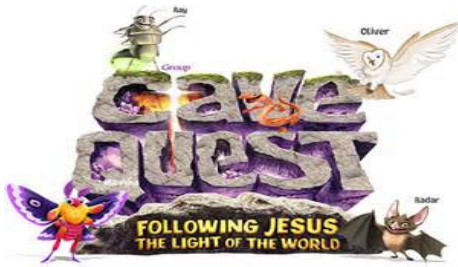
Younger children are cared for. *Cave Quest VBS* is carefully designed for multi-age groups of children. That means games are noncompetitive team-building activities (brilliantly disguised as wildly fun games) in which your child's abilities will shine. In fact, many games are designed to *highlight* the importance of smaller children. It's likely that your younger child will be loved, affirmed, and doted upon by his older Crew mates.

Bible lessons are more memorable. Since *Cave Quest VBS* doesn't rely on more traditional teaching methods (Like fill-in-the-blank puzzles or word searches) children *experience* Bible stories in powerful life-changing ways...something children of *all* ages will enjoy...and remember. The Crew Leaders gather with children for small-group discussion. These are questions that apply to every child but may touch each child at a different level.

The most important factor in making this program a success is your attitude. If your child has doubts, reassure him or her that this is a wonderful opportunity to try something new. Your support will speak volumes to the children we're serving.

Attendance. While each day is important we understand that your child might not be able to attend all 6 days just let us know in advance. We want your child to have as much fun as possible. Tuesday night is bring a friend night. Children often bring their neighbors and/or cousins Tuesday, *the more the merrier!*

Our "CHILD-to-CHILD" sharing drive is back. By Wednesday night of VBS please have your child bring in toiletries, toothpaste, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, deodorant for other children that will then be donated to the parish sharing committee. The parish sharing committee distributes to families throughout West Seneca, Cheektowaga, and Elma who are in need and are not typically parishioners.



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REGISTRATION

STAFF USE ONLY: # _____
CREW: _____
PD \$10 ____ (1 child)
PD \$15 ____ (2 or more children)
PD CD \$8 ____

Child's Name: _____ Child's gender: female male

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: __/__/____ Last school grade completed: _____

Allergies(food/medication): _____

Name of a friend your child might like to be with (including a sibling): _____

Number of CDs of VBS Everest Music you would like to reserve at \$8: ____ none ____ quantity

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Emergency Contact's Phone # & relationship: _____

Name of mother/female guardian: _____

Name of father/male guardian: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

email of mother/female guardian: _____

email of father/male guardian: _____

Name of mother/female guardian: _____

Name of father/male guardian: _____

Name of caregiver who will typically pick-up child?

Home Church: ____ Fourteen Holy Helpers ____ Other (specify) _____

How did you hear about VBS?: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN JULY 4th. Payment is due *at the time of registration*. You may pay by check or money order by mail: remit to **Fourteen Holy Helpers VBS**. When paying in person, cash will also be accepted. PLEASE NOTE that due to space constraints, your child(ren) will only be considered "registered" once they have been paid for. Simply filling out a form does NOT guarantee your child a spot in our program. Send in \$10 for a single child (\$15 for 2 or more) to Fourteen Holy Helpers VBS, attn. Kristi Smith Fourteen Holy Helpers Rectory ● 1345 Indian Church Road ● West Seneca 14224. If you have any questions feel free to contact the rectory at 716.674.2374.