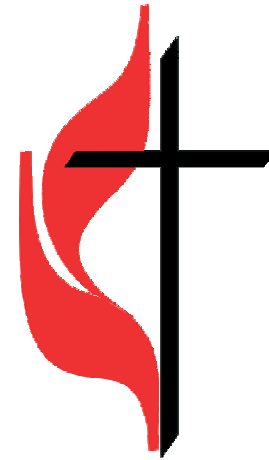


**First United
Methodist
Church**



**2009 Vacation
Bible School**

Parent Handbook

First Aid & Medical Emergency Policy

If your child is injured, we will take the steps that may be necessary to obtain medical care. The steps may include, but are not limited to:

1. General first aid will be administered
2. Attempts to contact parent or guardian
3. Attempts to contact parent through emergency contacts on the registration form.
4. Call an ambulance.
5. A First UMC volunteer will accompany the child to the hospital until a parent and/or guardian arrives.

Medication at Camp

If your child requires medication during camp hours, please call Director of Christian Education at (815) 756-6301 prior to camp for arrangement. Please never send any medications with the camper in their backpack or lunch.

Photographs

As a program participant of First UMC Vacation Bible School, your child may be photographed during his/her activities here. First United Methodist Church may use their photos periodically in our brochure, newsletter, website or other publications. If you have any objections to the use of your child's photo, please submit a written request to the Director of Christian Education stating that you do not want your child to be photographed.

Lost and Found

All lost and found items will be placed in a camp lost and found that will be located in the Pavillion during the week and Director's office following conclusion of camp. Items held longer than two weeks will be donated. **PLEASE LABEL ALL BELONGINGS.**

Dear Parents:

We're so glad you've signed up your child/children for an exciting week at Crocodile Dock. This Vacation Bible School Camp program is where fearless kids shine God's light. Our volunteers are committed to providing a Vacation Bible School that is safe, fun and creative.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and we would like to provide you with information that will allow your child/children to have a wonderful time. The following information is designed to acquaint you with the necessary policies, procedures and program information that will make this a memorable experience.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. You may call me at (815) 756-6301 or [email jdiaz@firstumc.net](mailto:jdiaz@firstumc.net).

Sincerely,

Julene Diaz
Director of Christian Education
First United Methodist Church of DeKalb

At First United Methodist Church Summer Vacation Bible School, Power Lab is fizzing with fun for kids, teenagers, and adults. Everyone involved will never be the same again! As kids explore amazing Bible adventures, they will take part in Daily Challenges that encourage them to apply Bible truths to everyday life.

Camp Hours

Elementary VBS Schedule 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Preschool VBS Schedule 9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Elementary and Preschool children riding the bus will need to be dropped off at the north end parking lot between **8:45 and 8:55 a.m.** Please check children in with VBS volunteer. Parents of First United Preschool students need to follow normal check-in procedure. Both buses will depart at **9:00 a.m. SHARP.**

Preschool bus will return to First UMC north parking lot at 12:00 p.m.

Elementary bus will return to First UMC north parking lot by 3:00 p.m.

Important

Only the people listed on the registration form will be authorized to pick up your child. If a person is not listed on the emergency form, the person will not be allowed to pick up your child without direct notification from the child's parent. We reserve the right to check ID's of people that we do not know.

What Do I Bring to Camp Every Day?

- SUNBLOCK SPF 15+ (apply before arrival)
- Bug repellent (apply before arrival)
- A bag or backpack

Elementary Campers Only

- A healthy non-perishable lunch
 - Water bottle (issued on Day 1) fill for remainder of week.
 - Swimsuit and towel
 - Plastic bag for wet swimsuit and towel
- Please have your child wear swimsuit under their clothing and they can change out of their suit after they swim if they wish. (This saves time for more swim time!)

Do not bring...toys of any kind, gum, glass bottles, money, any musical listening devices, video games, or anything that can be broken, stolen, lost, or of value.

Lunches

Keep in mind that lunches will not be refrigerated; therefore, please pack only non-perishable items.

What Should Campers Wear?

- Shorts
- Camp T-Shirt (issued on Day 1)
- Gym Shoes **WITH** Socks
- Sunblock and bug repellent should be applied before coming to camp.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON ALL BELONGINGS!

Campers should wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Keep in mind that camp will be outside. Sandals are not recommended. **BE PREPARED: Your child will come home dirty, stinky, sticky and probably tired.**