



# BELTSVILLE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

## Youth Volunteer Agreement – Stellar VBS 2023

Thank you for volunteering in our Vacation Bible School! Below are some guidelines to follow when interacting with our children. Please read these guidelines carefully and then sign the bottom. Your signature indicates that you understand your responsibilities to the adult you are working with as well as the children participating in our program each day.

**Cell Phones:** Cell phones should remain on “vibrate” and only used in case of emergency. No texting! There should be no pictures posted on any online platform.

**Physical Contact:** Notify an adult immediately of any disruption or disagreement; there should be no horseplay or piggyback rides. Never grab or jerk a child in an effort to remove them from a situation.

**Behavior Management:** Abide by the 3 R’s – **R**emove an obstacle, **R**edirect the child, and then **R**efer the challenge to an adult leader whether big or small (observe for inappropriate touching or excessive aggression between children and report immediately)

Remember to “count-off” children before leaving each station and when you arrive at the next station.

**Privacy Issues:** Any information about the children (e.g. medical, special needs diagnosis or family issues) should only be shared on a need-to-know-basis. Follow the *Verified it Volunteer* guidelines.

- I agree to assist the station leader and my crew/station during **all** activities, and always **focus** closely on any instructions given while building relationships with them.
- I agree to motivate, encourage, reassure, and comfort my crew/station whenever necessary.
- I will learn each crew/station member’s name and speak to them in love.
- I will **participate** in the fun activities at each station – Remember that “boredom can be contagious”.
- I will be a Christian role model for my “family” by using good manners, demonstrating appropriate indoor and outdoor behavior, and treating everyone with dignity and respect.

- I will not place myself in the position of being alone in a room with any child for my own safety and the safety of the children. Monitor bathroom times carefully. **There should be no unsupervised contact with the children at any time!**
- I will encourage the responsible behavior of my peers, who are also volunteering at our VBS.
- I will always be looking for ways to help; including helping other team members with their tasks. This is a team effort; we need all hands-on deck.
- I pledge to make this the best VBS ever.

I accept the responsibility of being a student volunteer during this VBS. I understand that I am not a participant in this program, but an assistant who will work with children to enable them to enjoy Vacation Bible School. I am accepting the responsibility because I enjoy working with younger children to learn about God.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023