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Exploring God's Awesome Universe

BOLDLY GO!

"Space, the final frontier...

These are the voyages of the U.S.S. Fellowship.

Its lifelong mission,
to explore God's Word,
to seek out strange new worlds
and make new friends,
to boldly go and share the Good News with all!"

-- From the dedication plaque of the
U.S.S. Fellowship.

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BOLD SPACE FACT

The International Space Station has had someone living and working on board non-stop since November 2, 2000. That's a lot of spaceflight experience!

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Welcome aboard the **USS Fellowship!**

You are about to embark on a great adventure to explore God's awesome universe. It may seem like there's a lot to learn, but don't worry, this guide will help you find your way.

First we should learn what to call everyone:

- Plebes — All Babies and Toddlers
- Cadets — All registered VBS-2014 Kids.
- Ensigns — All youth Aides.
- Lieutenants — All adult Aides
- Commanders — All adult Teachers
- Captains — VBS Directors
- Commodore — Kris Pakulak
- Admiral — Pastor Ann

And here's how we refer to the different areas where our cadets will be doing their training.

- Main Bridge — Main Worship Center
- Engineering — Worship Center Lobby
- Hangar Deck — Fellowship Hall Building
- Crew Lounge — Crafts in Fellowship Hall's big room.
- Fuel Transfer Station — Snack Central in F.H.
- Holodeck — Our realistic simulation of a 21st Century outdoor recreation/playground area.

Coming up: All about your personal shuttlecraft!

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BOLD SPACE FACT

The ringed planet Saturn has a very low "specific density." That means that if there were an ocean large enough to hold it, Saturn would float!

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Liftoff In Your Own Shuttlecraft

Your classroom is your Shuttlecraft — or Shuttle, or spaceship, or rocket. Any are fine, but it's here each day that you will take your cadets on their mission to explore God's awesome universe.

As a Commander of your own crew of cadets, you will have many duties to perform. Here are three you need to complete before we lift off for VBS-2014:

1. Give your Shuttlecraft a name. You can pick one from space history (Discovery, Atlantis, Eagle, etc.), from a Biblical source (Shuttle Jordan, Spaceship Galilee, Rahab's Rocket, etc.) or something silly (the Pakulak Pulsar, Weber Wormhole, Galactic Grandey, Durrance Dipper, etc.).
2. Decorate the door to your classroom and its interior with a space theme. You can make it look like a spaceship, put up posters of all the planets (sorry, Pluto), fill it with model rockets or stuff from NASA, or anything that you can think of so long as when the cadets enter they think "space!" Use your imagination, as well as Google, Pinterest, etc. Lots of supplies will be available, including overhead projectors and transparencies. If you need ideas or help, just ask!



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BOLD SPACE FACT

The very first official crew patch designed and worn by astronauts was flown during Gemini 5 in 1965. Before then astronauts wore only the NASA logo.

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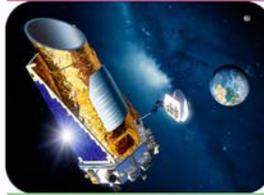
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Design Your Mission Patch

3. Every crew on every space mission designs its own patch, so you should too! You can design it in advance, or involve your cadets on the first day of VBS-2014. You will be given a large circle to draw your patch on. We will hang that next to your row on the Main Bridge. If you create a smaller version we might find a way to use that too. Your patch should symbolize your mission to explore God's awesome universe! Here are some ideas to inspire you:



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Scientists studying data taken from NASA's Kepler space telescope continue to discover more planets circling other stars in our galaxy. The count so far: Nearly 1,700,

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Mission Summary

Our primary mission is to successfully train our cadets so they can graduate and earn a great commission to serve on God's crew and boldly share the Good News with all.

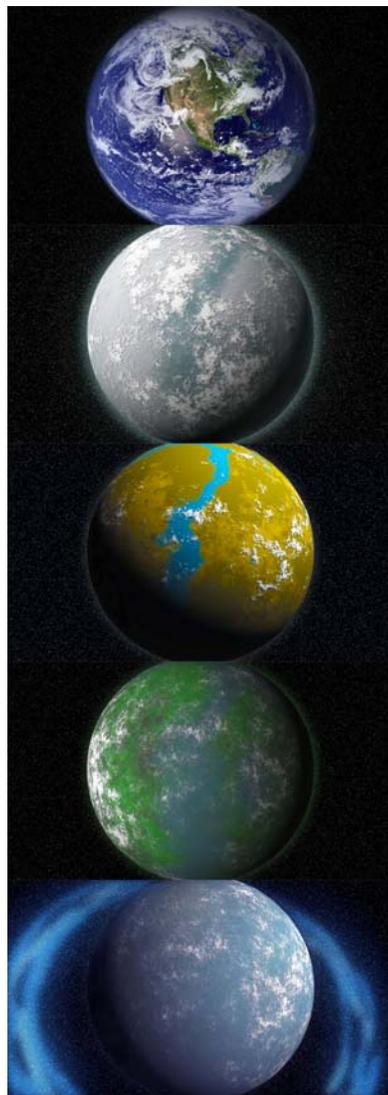
Our flight plan will take us to five different planets, where we will hear a bold Bible story and learn a bold fact that will help equip us to serve on God's crew.

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Day One: Bold Beginnings

Planet: Earth

Bold Fact: God made the universe.

Bible Story: The Creation Story

Bible Verse: Psalm 9:1

Day Two: Bold Calling

Planet: Epsilon Weber 2 (Ice)

Bold Fact: God can solve any problem.

Bible Story: Moses and the Burning Bush

Bible Verse: Exodus 3:5

Day Three: Bold Uprising

Planet: Delta Haugen 3 (Desert)

Bold Fact: God is the best friend ever.

Bible Story: Elijah goes to heaven/Elisha in charge

Bible Verse: 2 Kings 2:2

Day Four: Bold Forgiveness

Planet: Viridian Four (Jungle)

Bold Fact: God's love is bigger than the universe.

Bible Story: Jesus dies on the cross

Bible Verse: John 3:16

Day Five: Bold Commission

Planet: Beta Hydra 5 (Water)

Bold Fact: God wants us to share the Good News.

Bible Story: The Great Commission

Bible Verse: Matthew 28:19-20

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BOLD SPACE FACT

The Milky Way galaxy is our home in the universe. It contains as many as 400 billion stars. Yet our galaxy is only one of billions more galaxies in the known cosmos.

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Meetings and Important Dates

It takes a lot of planning and preparations to produce a fun and successful VBS that will equip them to join God's crew and explore God's awesome universe while sharing the Good News!

Wednesday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome meeting for everyone involved with VBS.
Curriculum summaries handed out.

Sunday, May 4 until Commodore Kris returns to her quarters.

Last day Registrations will be accepted if we still have room.

Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting for all Teachers and Aides ONLY.
Full curriculum/instructions handed out.

Sunday, May 25 until Commodore Kris returns to her quarters.

Teachers may pick up their Class List at church.

Monday-Friday, June 2-6 and 9-13

Decorating days at Church *begins* at 10:00 a.m. each day.
(Supervised activities for children available from 10-2 only.)
Some evening sessions may become available, TBD.

Monday-Friday, June 16-20 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Explore God's awesome universe with us!
Drink plenty of fluids. Get plenty of rest. Pray hourly.

Friday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioning Ceremony begins on Main Bridge,
concludes at each cadet's Shuttlecraft!

Wednesday, June 18 by 4:30 p.m.

This is the last day for Teachers to submit receipts.

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BOLD SPACE FACT

Pete Conrad was the third man to walk on the Moon. His first words: "Whoopie! Man, that may have been a small one for Neil, but that's a long one for me."

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Job Description for Teachers

DAILY TIME COMMITMENT: 8:30 AM to 12:15 PM

Decorate your room as described and come up with your Mission Patch. Plan to restore your room to its original set-up on **FRIDAY EVENING AFTER** the Commissioning Ceremony. Consider taking photos before decorating to help you remember how it should look.

Set up your room with tables and chairs, and consider creating learning centers or Bible reading areas for your Cadets to use. We'll have lots of decorating ideas and materials available to help you with all of this, so don't sweat it!

Study and prepare the main Bible lesson for each day, using the curriculum we have put together. Call on your team leader, Becky Durrance, at 795 -7535 with any questions.

Feel free to plan extra activities (drama, puppets, etc) that coordinate with the main idea of each daily lesson. Be sure the activities are age appropriate for your cadets in training.

If you'd like to make a classroom craft, first check to make sure it's not already being done in the Crew Lounge.

Communicate with all of your aides so they know exactly what you would like them to do. Many aides are very willing to help with classroom preparation and decorating...just ask!

Be at the opening and closing sessions in the Main Bridge and at the Friday Evening Commissioning Ceremony.

Most importantly, be an Ambassador of God's love to each student and parent. Live through Him! Do this and VBS will become a spectacular, memorable week for all of our Cadets because of you!



Sure, Buzz walked on the Moon, but he never went to VBS here at Faith Fellowship!

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BOLD SPACE FACT

Voyager 1 is the most distant man-made object from Earth. It was launched from Cape Canaveral in 1977 and is now more than 11,806,052,000,000 miles away.

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Job Description for Adult Aides

DAILY TIME COMMITMENT: 8:30 AM to 12:15 PM

The first thing you must do every morning at 8:30 AM as a Lieutenant is to report to your shuttlecraft and greet your Commander. Offer a smart salute and ask what you can do to help. Remember, you make the ship run smooth!

Be sure to be at the end of your row inside the Main Bridge by 8:45 AM so you can greet your Cadets and help the youth aide Ensigns hand out name-tags. Then sit at the opposite end of your row from your Commander teacher and enthusiastically participate in the day's activities.

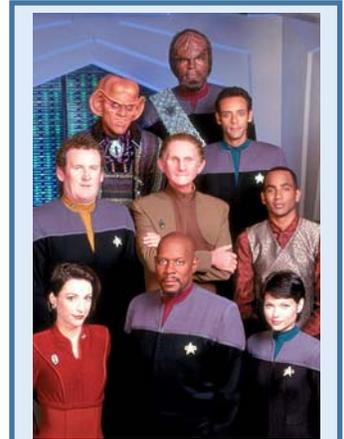
Note that you are responsible for the Cadets from the time they are dropped off until they are dismissed to a parent at noon.

Stay with your Cadets at all times: help in the Shuttlecraft, in the Crew Lounge and on the Holodeck. Instruct Cadets to line up and walk quietly as they are traveling from one area to the next, so as not to disturb crewmates working hard in other Shuttles.

Distribute class supplies (crayons, scissors, etc.) and help clean up when finished. Help serve snacks from the Galley at 10:00 AM. Help distribute all curriculum and projects.

Greet parents on Friday evening at the Commissioning Ceremony, and be sure to help your Commander tear down your spaceship and clean up everything afterward.

Most importantly, be a source of positive support to your teacher. Comfort those Cadets in need. Whisper to remind a Cadet to listen during the lesson time. Show God's Love to everyone you encounter. Had enough rules yet? With God as your leader you can help make this the best adventure yet!



It takes a full crew to run a spaceship. As an aide to your Commander you ensure mission success!

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BOLD SPACE FACT

The Milky Way candy bar in the U.S. is identical to the Mars bar in the United Kingdom. The Milky Way in the U.K. is the same as the Three Musketeers bar in the U.S.

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Job Description for Youth Aides

DAILY TIME COMMITMENT: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

You have the toughest and the most important job in the universe. You are on the front lines with our Cadets and as Ensigns your job is to do everything you can to make sure your Cadets are Safe, Happy and Loved.

You must be in place at your Shuttlecraft's row on the Main Bridge **BEFORE 8:45 AM**. As the adult teachers and aides handout nametags, your job is to greet the Cadets, make them feel welcome and get to know them.

Remain with your Cadets **AT ALL TIMES**. Cadets look up to you and admire you, so be a great example **AT ALL TIMES**. Be on the lookout for ways to help your Cadets and your Commander **AT ALL TIMES**. If your Commander asks you to do something, do it right away and with a smile!

Learn each of your Cadet's names. Get to know them. Stay with them **AT ALL TIMES** as you go from place to place. Help them play the games and make the craft. **DON'T MAKE YOUR OWN CRAFT OR PLAY YOUR OWN GAMES.**

No matter where you are, participate with the Cadets **AT ALL TIMES**. Sing with them. Dance with them. Help them with the lesson. Pass out supplies. Collect papers. Hold crying Cadets. Talk with them. Love them. Be their friend. Smile at them. Serve them as you seek to serve God.

At 10:00 AM each day it is your job to go to the Galley (Room 111) to retrieve the snack for the day. Help to serve the Cadets before you dig in.

You are here to serve God by being an example to the younger kids. Do not be rambunctious or disruptive. That only riles up the kids. Remember your prime directive for the Cadets is to make sure they are Safe, Happy and Loved **AT ALL TIMES**.



Your job is to love your Cadets, keep them happy and make absolutely sure this scene doesn't suddenly break out among the Cadets in your spaceship!



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BOLD SPACE FACT

Three giant Deep Space Network radio antennas were built around Earth so that one dish is always pointed toward a distant robot probe in space or another planet.

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Hailing Frequencies Open!

Once again we will be publishing a daily newsletter to help everyone keep up to date with what's happening, and what's going to happen at VBS. Plus we'll be producing a highlight video of the week to be shown at the Commissioning Ceremony. And we want your help in telling the story.

If you see something cool happen in or around your Shuttlecraft, tell us about it. Maybe one Cadet helped another or was the first to memorize a Bible verse. Maybe you did a really cool craft, or have invented a new way to eat the snack in a disgusting manner. The possibilities are endless! If you see good news happening

around you, please share the into with our Communications Office.

Also, in addition to the formal Cadet Class Portraits our Imaging Team will be preparing, we'll be on the lookout for great scenes to capture for use in the Star Gazer newsletter or the Commissioning Ceremony highlight video.

To report news of any kind, send text to **321.698.0591** or e-mail **vbs2014@aol.com**.

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BOLD SPACE FACT

Before astronauts can take a walk in space they have to take a dip in the world's largest swimming pool to train for their mission. Talk about water play day!

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Daily Timeline

- 8:30 AM Teachers /Adult Aides check in at their Shuttlecraft then go to the Main Bridge no later than 8:45 AM.
- 8:45 Youth Aides in place at their row inside the Main Bridge.
Doors open for all Cadets in training to enter.
- 9:00 – 9:30 Opening Briefing on Main Bridge.
- 9:30 – 10:15 **Time in your Shuttlecraft.**
NOTE: Send your Youth Aide to the Galley at 10:00 AM to pick up the snack and then serve back in your Shuttlecraft.
- 10:15 – 11:15 Holodeck time (M, T, W, Th)
Crew Lounge time (M,T, W)
Water Day on the Holodeck (F)
NOTE: Expect extra time in your Shuttlecraft on Thursday and Friday.
Specific rotation times for each activity on each day will be shared later.
- 11:15 – 11:40 **More time in your Shuttlecraft.**
- 11:40 – 12:00 Closing Briefing on the Main Bridge.
- 12:00 Cadets dismissed to parents.
- 12:15 Teachers and Adult Aides dismissed.
- 12:30 Youth Aides check out with their teacher.
- 2:00 PM All news items for daily The Star Gazer due via text/e-mail to the Communications Officer.

Commissioning Ceremony begins promptly at 6:30 PM Friday.

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BOLD SPACE FACT

Gone are the days of the astronaut wearing a silver spacesuit. Today's crews are most comfortable hanging around in orbit wearing polo shirts and slippers.

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Introducing the VBS-2014 T-shirt Design

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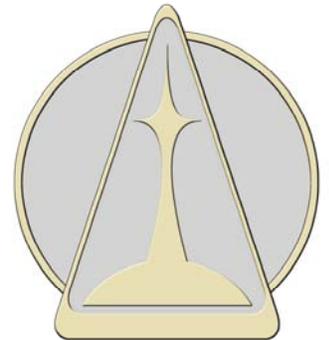
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All space cadets also will receive a button stamped with the USS Fellowship starship insignia. Wearing this button symbolizes that you are a member of the crew. Commanders will award their cadets with this during the Friday night commissioning ceremony in your spaceship, making them ensigns.



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- MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY**

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BOLD SPACE FACT

“When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them?” Psalm 8:3-4

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Some Final Thoughts to Consider

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“Dear God, as I prepare for VBS this year, please give me strength and wisdom to boldly share your love with my young cadets, and show them how they can join your crew to continue the mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout your awesome universe.”

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