

# THE STAR GAZER

## U.S.S. FELLOWSHIP

MONDAY

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF VBS-2014

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### Flight Plan Summary DAILY

- 8:45 Main Bridge Opens
- 9:00 Opening Briefing
- 9:30 Board Shuttlecraft
- 10:15 Away Team Activities
- 11:15 Shuttlecraft Duty
- 11:40 Closing Briefing
- 12:00 Cadets Dismissed

### MONDAY

T-shirts handed out  
Craft/Outdoor Recreation

### TUESDAY

Wear your t-shirts  
Individual pictures taken  
Craft/Outdoor Recreation

### WEDNESDAY

Craft/Outdoor Recreation

### THURSDAY

Wear your t-shirts  
Group pictures taken  
Outdoor Recreation

### FRIDAY

Water Play Day!  
Commissioning Ceremony  
for all cadets and their families  
begins at the Main Bridge at  
6:30 p.m. Don't miss it!

## Sharing God's love across the galaxy

During this week of VBS we are asking everyone to help share God's love again in three ways.

First, canned food and dry goods are badly needed for our own FFC pantry, which helps serve those in need in our local community. Bring in whatever you can each day to drop off in our Space Rover out front.

Second, our youth will be headed to a homeless shelter next week, and to help them minister to those folks it would be great if our VBS cadets could donate new, unopened supply of toiletries or socks for adults or kids.

Finally, we will be taking an offering everyday to send to Guatemala, where our missionaries Mike and Pat Black will use to support their children's programs in that Central American nation.

And to make all of this more interesting, our crew of cadets will be divided into the Blue Team and the Yellow Team. Each day we will collect the offering, give it a quick count, and see which side is ahead as we compete with each other to make a huge difference together in the lives of God's children around the universe.



Although it looks suspiciously like the jeep from last year's VBS, this rover has gotten an out-of-this-world makeover and is ready to haul all sorts of good things for God.

## BOLD FACT: GOD MADE THE UNIVERSE

DAY ONE

BOLD  
BEGINNINGS

"I will praise you oh Lord,  
with all my heart; I will tell  
of all your wonders."



Psalm, 9:1



### BOLD SPACE FACT

The International Space Station has had someone living and working on board non-stop since November 2, 2000!

**"THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS."**

## THE CENTER SEAT

Captain's log, Stardate 0614.16.

The first day of VBS-2014 is in the logbook and it appeared we had no major malfunctions. So far so good!

As we await your news for Tuesday's newsletter, let's give a shout out to some folks who worked behind the scenes in preparing VBS's trip into outer space.

Did you like the music videos starring our own group of talented dancers? They worked real hard, traveling far and wide, to capture the scenes you saw in today's music videos, and the ones to follow.

The faces you see belong to **Lauren Novak, Mackenzie Cochran, Austin Jesse, Aaron Pakulak, Nicole McMullan, Baylea Cochran, James McMullan, Isabella Wesel and Hailey Schleich!**

You may have seen some of them in action videotaping the songs during a recent Sunday morning. In addition to locations around the church, the group traveled along the Space Coast making stops at a small park in Cocoa Beach, and the U.S. Air Force Space & Missile Museum History Center.

While setting up for the shoot, one of the Missile Museum docents treated the kids to a personalized tour of some of the exhibits that showcase the historic launch pads of America's rocket ranch.

Then they got to perform outdoors in front of the only known display in the country of a Navaho missile from the 1950s. Although the tests often failed, prompting the missile to get the nickname No-Go-Navaho, our dancers had the spirit to keep going all day.

**We want your news!**

Don't forget to text your news to **321-698-0591** or send e-mail to our exclusive electronic inbox at **vbs2014@aol.com**. All submission must be in by 2 p.m. in order for it to have shot at making the next newsletter.

Signing off for now...

## Bonus: Making of Expedition Space

This year's VBS is a home-grown affair featuring originally produced lesson plans, activities, music and even computer animation. And as in real spaceflight, it took a crew as big as the USS Fellowship to get this spaceship off the ground to go exploring God's awesome universe.

And when we talk about the USS Fellowship, we can actually picture the real thing thanks to the computer animated talents of Mike Brant. Mike worked with the VBS creative team to come up with a design for our ship and then actually render it into a series of special effects that will be seen throughout the week at VBS.

The most important thing about the design of the ship is that it had to be big enough to hold a crew of nearly 400 people and make room for more than a dozen shuttlecraft classrooms where our cadets train for their mission to share the Good News with all.

The ship turned out to be something of a cross between Star Trek's USS Voyager, the Battlestar Galactica and a futuristic concept for an airliner design that NASA's aeronautical innovators are working on. Pretty amazing, huh?

One of the other lesser known facts about this year's VBS is that our Expedition Space theme song is an



originally-written song called "Blast Off: Or Into God's Great Blue Yonder." It was written by Chris Banke and informally recorded by the Forlorn Strangers, an Americana group based in Nashville.

With just a little guidance from the VBS creative team — "It has to have a countdown so everyone can jump up off their seats. The rest we leave to you!" — Chris came up with a catchy tune and some fun lyrics that has already been a hit among the kids and adults who have heard it so far.

Thanks to both Mike and Chris for sharing their God-given talents from afar. The results are sure to help make VBS-2014 the most exciting and fun week of the year for our cadets.

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### BOLD PUZZLE

RACE TO THE CENTER. CAN YOU EARN YOUR BADGE FIRST?