

THE STAR GAZER

U.S.S. FELLOWSHIP

WEDNESDAY

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!

Astronaut Sam Durrance to beam into VBS

Thursday will be a special day for the cadets of the USS Fellowship as two-time Space Shuttle astronaut Dr. Sam Durrance will be visiting each of the shuttlecraft classrooms and posing for group photos.

The group pictures will be combined with the individual photos that were taken on Tuesday and together will be presented in a special keepsake photo print so you can remember VBS-2014 for many years to come!

Dr. Durrance and his wife Becky are longtime members of Faith Fellowship Church, so it was only natural that we would ask Sam to come in and hang out with our cadets in training aboard the USS Fellowship.

He first flew in space aboard the Shuttle Columbia in December 1990, flying as part of the research crew that operated a complex Spacelab observatory of telescopes called Astro-1.

His second mission came in 1995 when he flew aboard the Shuttle Endeavour on another astronomical mission, this one called Astro-2.

The telescopes that Dr. Durrance operated were of a kind that could see things the human eyes cannot, and which are best used when placed in space above the Earth's atmosphere.

Combining both missions, he has spent more than 615 hours in space. That's about three-and-a-half weeks!



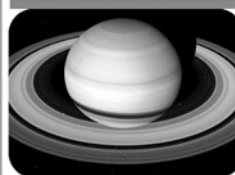
BOLD FACT: GOD IS THE BEST FRIEND EVER

DAY THREE

BOLD
UPRISING

"As surely as the Lord lives
and as you live, I will not
leave you."

2 Kings 2:2



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!

"THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS."

THE CENTER SEAT

Captain's log, Stardate 0614.18.

And just like that VBS is at the half-way mark for its five-day space adventure. But let's not think of it as half over; let's look ahead to what's still come — and that includes a not-to-be-missed commissioning ceremony on Friday night.

We may even have a real rocket launch from the Cape that we can watch from our USS Fellowship's Holodeck! As of this writing a Falcon 9 is set to launch at 6:08 p.m., just 22 minutes before we blast off for our final VBS event of the week.

All the news

The official mission report for Flight Day Two from the Shuttlecraft Salvation says everyone is having a great time. Cadet **Hailey Schelich**, who is one of our music video dancers, even lost a tooth. "You never know what's going to happen at VBS," they said!



We also heard that cadets **Charlie Falcone** and **Kenny Falcone** are continuing the VBS fun when they go home, pretending to be cadets as they played. They are exclaiming "we are awesome astronauts!" NASA is always looking for more awesome astronauts!

Aboard the Shuttle Eternity, **Xavier Uhland** showed us God's love in action when he helped his friend **Joshua Watson** as they worked together on the Burning Bush craft on Tuesday.

Still time to share

You are welcome to text your news to 321-698-0591 or send e-mail to our exclusive electronic inbox at vbs2014@aol.com. Submissions are due by 2 p.m. for the next day's newsletter. Thanks!

Earning your crew pin at VBS

Every member of the crew of the USS Fellowship proudly wears a gold and silver pin depicting the official ship's insignia. It's a pin that signifies you are a member of God's crew serving on this wonderful starship.

Our cadets in training will be presented with their own pin during our commissioning ceremony on Friday night beginning at 6:30 p.m. sharp.

Our pin's design is inspired by the patch for the now-canceled NASA Ares program, a new family of rockets that was to take our astronauts back to the Moon and on to Mars,

And just as VBS-2014 takes much of its creative design inspiration from the Star Trek TV and movie franchise, you might be surprised to learn that the Ares patch also has a Star Trek connection.

The Ares patch designer was Michael Okuda, a long time graphic artist for Star Trek who is credited



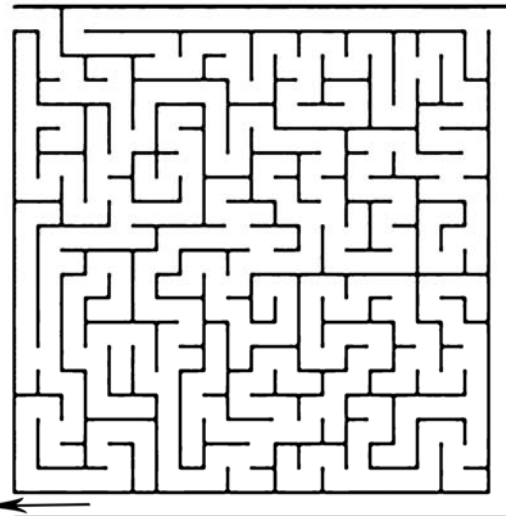
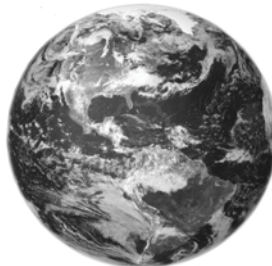
with much of the look of the later TV series, including the overall concept for the "LCARS" computer screen displays seen throughout the various starships — and coincidentally enough, throughout the imaginary world of the USS Fellowship!

The graphics were known as Okudagrams.



0618 BOLD PUZZLE

CAN YOU STEER THE USS FELLOWSHIP HOME TO EARTH?



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