



Rainforest Falls VBS – Parent FAQ

Hello Parents!

Rainforest Falls VBS is just around the corner! We are so excited to partner with your family as your children explore God’s Word through worship, games, crafts, Bible stories, and meaningful team experiences.

Below is everything you need to know as you prepare for VBS at The Road Church.

VBS Dates, Times & Location

Dates: Monday–Friday, July 27–31, 2026

Daily Schedule: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: The Road Church, 2025 Parliament Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80920
(Please enter through the main doors.)

How Can I Get Involved?

Be part of a dynamic team impacting hundreds of children and families across Colorado Springs with the Gospel through immersive, Christ-centered experiences! There are so many meaningful ways to be part of Rainforest Falls VBS:

- **Serve:** Join our incredible VBS team and help create unforgettable moments for kids and families. [Sign up by clicking here.](#)
- **Resource:** Help bring VBS to life by contributing supplies and materials. Click on our [Needed Resources Download](#) to see how you can support this amazing event.
- **Give:** We never want finances to be a barrier for a child to experience Jesus. Your generosity helps provide scholarships for families in need and opens the door for every child to attend. [Give Here.](#)

VBS Structure

Each day at VBS will include:

- An exciting large group rally with upbeat worship, dancing, and live drama.
- Rotations through games, snack, craft, and Bible story stations with their team.
- A closing rally featuring an engaging lesson and friendly team competitions.
- Parent pick-up begins promptly at 12:00 PM each day.

Registration Details

Monday, July 27:

- Doors open at 8:30 AM.
- Please enter through the main doors of The Road Church.
- The registration team will provide:
 - A Parent Registration Card
 - A wristband for each child with their assigned team color

Tuesday–Friday (July 28–31):

- Registration opens at 8:45 AM
- Wristbands should remain on children all week to streamline check-in.
- The Parent Registration Card is required each day for pick-up to ensure every child is released to the correct adult.

Team Drop-Off & Pick-Up

- Children are assigned to age-appropriate teams for the full week.
- Teams are color-coded and clearly marked with banners in the Sanctuary.
- After registration, parents may escort their child to their team and check in with the Team Captain.
- At pick-up, parents must present the Parent Registration Card (or a photo of it) to the Team Captain.
- For added security, exits are monitored to verify wristbands and cards match.

Designated Pick-Up Person:

- Whenever possible, the adult who registered the child should pick them up each day.
- If another adult is picking up your child, they must have the Parent Registration Card or a photo of it.

Early Pick-Up / Late Drop-Off:

- Early pick-up or late drop-off is allowed. Prior notice is appreciated.
- Parents should check in with a registration leader upon arrival.

Secure Check-In & Pick-Up

- Our secure check-in and check-out procedures ensure that every child is released **only** to an adult who presents the matching card (or a photo of it).

Wristbands and cards are checked by Team Leaders and again by our Registration Team at exit points.

What to Bring / What to Wear

- Athletic or fast-drying clothes (light water play is expected on some days)

- Closed-toed shoes
- A spill-proof water bottle, with the child's name clearly labeled on it
- Cell phones should be left at home when possible, to reduce distractions and risk of damage

Allergy Information

- Gluten-free, tree nut-free, and dairy-free snack options are available daily.
- Children with severe allergies may bring an alternative snack to leave with the registration team. The snack should be clearly labeled with the child's name.

Competitions & Team Fun

- Children will earn points for their team throughout the week, working toward a grand prize.
- Daily take-home activities and memory verses
- Team Color Day (Day 3): Wear as much of your team color as possible!
- Team Spirit Day (Day 5): Dress in a costume that represents your team ([Download Team Costume Guide](#))

Sick Policy

Children should stay home if they have a fever, vomiting, or other contagious symptoms. They are welcome to return once symptoms have fully cleared.

VBS Sunday Celebration

- The VBS Sunday Celebration will be held on Sunday, August 2nd, during Road Kids Ministry (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM services)
- Children will be celebrated for completing VBS.
- On Sunday, August 2nd, the full VBS Drama will be presented at 3:00 PM as a free, family-friendly event.

Lost & Found

- Located near the Registration Table
- Items will be kept through Sunday and then donated or discarded.

Special Needs & Accommodations

- We desire for every child to have a meaningful VBS experience.
- Please contact us if your child needs accommodations or additional support.

How Are My Kids Kept Safe at VBS?

Your child's safety is one of our highest priorities at Rainforest Falls VBS. We have intentional systems, trained leaders, and clear procedures in place to ensure every child is cared for, protected, and supervised at all times.

Trained & Screened Leaders

- All VBS volunteers complete a kids ministry application, background check, and safety training.

- We maintain appropriate child-to-leader ratios, with **at least two volunteers present** with children at all times.
- Leaders are never alone with a child.

Safe Movement & Supervision

- Children remain with their assigned teams throughout the day.
- Teams follow designated, clearly marked routes during rotations to avoid congestion and confusion.
- Team Captains keep attendance rosters and account for every child during transitions.

Safe Touch & Care Guidelines

- Volunteers follow strict “safe touch” policies that respect children’s comfort and boundaries.
- Physical interaction is limited to appropriate gestures like high-fives or side hugs.
- Children are never picked up or allowed to sit on laps.

Health, Medical & Allergy Care

- A campus nurse is available during VBS.
- First aid procedures and incident reports are in place for any injury.
- Food allergies and special needs are clearly identified and communicated to leaders.
- Allergy-safe snack options are provided, and parents may send alternative snacks if needed.

Emergency Preparedness

- Volunteers are trained in emergency procedures, including fire evacuation and missing-child protocols.
- Designated rally points and communication plans are established in advance.
- Leaders are trained to stay calm, keep children together, and follow clear safety steps.

Mandated Reporting & Accountability

- All leaders are trained to recognize and report signs of neglect or abuse.
- There is a clear chain of communication to pastoral leadership if concerns arise.
- Leaders are expected to hold one another accountable to safety standards.

Sensory Experiences & Storytelling Content Awareness

At Rainforest Falls VBS, we use immersive storytelling to help children engage deeply with Biblical truths. Much like a live, interactive stage production, the environment and drama are designed to spark imagination, curiosity, and meaningful conversation.

We want parents to feel fully informed about what their child may experience.

Sensory Elements You May Notice

Throughout the week, children may encounter the following sensory elements as part of the environment and large-group drama experiences:

- Scents: Light use of essential oils to create a rainforest atmosphere
- Fog & Mist: Fog and mist effects created using water-only humidifiers, fog machines, and misters
- Lighting: Adjusted lighting for dramatic effect, including occasional mild white light flickering
- Sound Effects: Jungle-themed sounds such as animals, rain, thunder, and wind

These elements are not constant and are carefully monitored. Our teams are attentive to children who may feel overwhelmed, and accommodations can be made as needed.

Story & Drama Content Awareness

The VBS drama follows an adventurous storyline centered on trusting God, choosing courage over fear, and learning to love others the way Jesus loves us. Because the story is set in a jungle adventure context, children may encounter moments of tension or suspense, similar to what you might expect in a family adventure movie.

Children may see or hear:

- Depictions of a **storm and airplane crash** (portrayed with sound, lighting, and acting—no real danger)
- Characters who feel **lost, scared, or unsure**, and who learn to rely on God and one another
- Dramatic encounters with **jungle animals** (such as monkeys or a big cat), presented in a theatrical and non-graphic way
- Scenes involving **loud noises** (thunder, wind, animal sounds)
- Moments where characters are temporarily separated, followed by safe reunions
- Conflict or misunderstanding between groups that is resolved through compassion, trust, and forgiveness

While some scenes are intense, **fear is never the final theme**. Each dramatic moment is intentionally framed to point children toward:

- God's presence in difficult moments
 - Protection through community
 - Courage rooted in faith
 - God's power to bring peace, reconciliation, and hope
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How We Support Children Emotionally

- All drama moments are followed by **age-appropriate processing** with trusted adult leaders.
- Leaders are trained to notice children who may feel overwhelmed and provide reassurance.
- Children are never forced to engage if they need a moment to step back.
- The overall tone of the week moves steadily from uncertainty to joy, celebration, and safety.