



## REGISTRATION PACKET



Dear Parents,

We are very excited for the 2022-2023 year of Explorer Club and Advance at Valley Bible Church! **The first meeting for Advance (7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders) will be Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.** Advance will meet on Monday evenings starting September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. **Explorer Club (4-year-old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade children) will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm beginning August 31<sup>st</sup>.** The year-end award ceremony will be held Sunday, May 7, 2023. A calendar of events will be provided by the first meeting.

We are very excited for this year of discipleship in Explorer Club and Advance! We are looking forward to serving you and your family by helping your children hide God's Word in their hearts. This year will include some wonderful **instruction** that is centered around God's Word. In Explorer Club, we will learn about the Trinity, creation, and God's view of us. These are essential truths that are especially relevant in our local culture. We also have some exciting series in store for this year in Advance.

Please fill out the attached **registration forms** and return them to me or bring them to club. Please bring the enclosed materials, already completed, so that the registration process will run smoothly and swiftly.

We gladly welcome and encourage friends and visitors to Explorer Club and Advance. Parents, feel free to ask questions and attend meetings (especially the first night). For liability and record keeping reasons, we expect a completed registration form by the student's 3<sup>rd</sup> night of attendance. There is no registration fee for Advance (unless students purchase Trek or Journey materials), but we still ask each student to turn in the proper registration forms.

A **price list** for the 2022-2023 Explorer Club year accompanies this letter (see reverse). Refer to this list when filling out the *Family Costs for the 2022-2023 Explorer Club Year* form. We try to keep these fees minimal, but they do help offset the costs of running this ministry. However, we completely understand that money can be tight sometimes. We do not want money to be the reason your child cannot attend. Please speak with Pastor Blake if you will be requesting assistance with expenses. Children will not be issued books or uniforms until a payment agreement is reached.

For the safety of our children and leaders, we would like to review our 2022-2023 **Sickness Policy**. Students and leaders must stay home if they have a fever, are exhibiting symptoms of sickness (cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, vomiting, diarrhea, new loss of taste or smell, etc.) or have multiple family members in their household who are sick. If any student or leader comes to club with symptoms of illness, we may ask them to return home. Parents will be called to come pick up those students who cannot yet drive. Keep in mind that there is no award for perfect attendance. If a child misses a night, we will do our best to help them get caught up when they return. They may also send a video of themselves saying the verses or FaceTime with a leader.

Also, we ask that you advise us in writing if you will be asking someone else to transport your children (see also *Authorization for Involvement* form).

Please do not hesitate to **contact me** if you have questions, concerns, or ideas. I have provided my contact information below. As leaders, our desire is to serve your family by sharing the good news with your children and discipling them in their walk with God. We are praying for a great year!

**Not I but Christ,**  
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**2022-2023 EXPLORER CLUB COSTS  
VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH**

	<b>COST PER STUDENT</b>
<b>Registration Fee</b>	\$25.00
<b>TruthBook</b>	\$8.00
<b>Standard (Uniform) (If Needed)</b>	\$7.00

**Explanation of costs:**

**Registration Fee:** This amount covers the cost of awards and other general club expenses.

**TruthBook:** Once a child has been registered and arrangements for payment have been made, they will be issued a handbook appropriate for their age and club. If an Explorer loses his or her book, a replacement may be purchased for the price above.

NOTE: The books published by Kids4Truth contain 60 lessons each. We will only cover 30 of those lessons each year. Kids4Truth has given us permission to rebind the books accordingly. The cost above is adjusted to the books the students will receive.

**Standard:** Discoverers (Age 4–K) and Developers (Grades 1-2) wear green standards. Detectives (Grades 3-4) and Defenders (Grades 5-6) wear blue standards. There is a small and large size in each color.

NOTE: Each color standard should last them through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (green) and 6<sup>th</sup> grade (blue). Therefore, unless they are moving up to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or have outgrown their standard, a new purchase is *not* required after their first year. Throughout the year, we will keep the standards at the church to prevent loss and to attach their award patches between club nights. They may pick them up at registration at the beginning of the night and leave them with their leaders before they leave.