



REGISTRATION PACKET



Dear Parents,

We are very excited for the 2023-2024 year of Explorer Club and Advance at Valley Bible Church! **The first event for Advance (7th through 12th graders) will be Sunday, August 27th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.** Advance will meet on Monday evenings starting September 11th at 6:30 pm. **Explorer Club (4-year-old through 6th grade children) will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm beginning August 30th.** The year-end award ceremony for both will be held Sunday, May 5, 2023.

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 Law, Jesus Christ, and God's gift of salvation. We are excited to walk through these gospel-centered topics. We also have some exciting series in store for this year in Advance, including "Rejoice," a study in Philippians showing how we can experience joy in our walks with Christ.

Please fill out the attached **registration forms**. 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. For liability and record keeping reasons, we expect a completed registration form by the student's 3rd 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 2023-2024 Explorer Club year accompanies this letter (see reverse). Refer to this list when filling out the *Family Costs for the Explorer Club Year* form. The prices of the materials have gone up slightly, but we tried to adjust them to keep your overall cost the same (if not cheaper) as last year. These costs really 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 or with registration 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 2023-2024 **Sickness Policy**. Students and leaders must stay home if they have a fever, are exhibiting symptoms of sickness, or have multiple family members in their household who are sick. If any student or leader comes to Explorer Club or Advance with symptoms of illness, we may ask them to return home. 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. If they miss a night, they may 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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**2023-2024 EXPLORER CLUB COSTS
VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH**

	COST PER STUDENT
Registration Fee	\$23.00
TruthBook	\$7.00
Standard (Uniform) (If Needed)	\$9.00

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 original 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 2nd grade (green) and 6th grade (blue). Therefore, unless they are moving up to 3rd 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 go home.