REGISTRATION PACKET

Dear Parents,

We are very excited for the 2026-2027 year of Explorer Club and Advance at Valley Bible Church! **The first event for Advance (7th through 12th graders) will be Sunday, August 30th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.** Advance will meet on Monday evenings starting September 14th at 6:30 pm. **Explorer Club (4-years-old* through 6th grade children) will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm beginning August 26th.** The year-end award ceremony for both will be held Sunday, May 2, 2027. *Child must be 4 years old by September 1st

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, God's Creation, and God's View of You. We are excited to walk through these important biblical topics. We also have some exciting series in store for this year in Advance, including "Rejoice," a study in the book of Philippians and "True North," a study that will show us how to follow God and make wise decisions that honor Him.

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 to see what we do. 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, but we still ask each student to turn in the proper registration forms.

A **price list** for the 2026-2027 Explorer Club year accompanies this letter. 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 similar to last year. These costs really do help offset the expenses of this ministry. However, we completely understand that money is tight sometimes. We do not want cost to be the reason your child cannot attend. Please speak with Pastor Blake or with registration if you need 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 2026-2027 **Sickness Policy**. Students and leaders should stay home if they have a fever, are exhibiting multiple 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 multiple 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!

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