

VCEFC Children Ministry Roles and Responsibilities

VCEFC is seeking volunteers from all congregations and of all ages to lead and support children ministry activities (i.e. Awana, Children Worship, Sunday School, VBS). Some experience is preferred but not required, and training for the necessary skills can be provided throughout various training sessions and on-the-job shadowing. Most importantly, you would be setting an example as a Christ-follower and have a heart to serve the children of the church, as it is important for children to be taught by the Word of the Lord (Isaiah 54:13) and to equip his people for works of service (Ephesians 4:11-12). We want to be a community that invests in welcoming the little ones and helping them grow in faith (Luke 9: 46-48).

AWANA

www.awanacanada.ca/what-is-awana

Awana is an international program, aiming for all children and youth throughout the world to come to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. The three main pillars of Awana are: *Reach Kids*, *Equip Leaders*, and *Change the World*. Awana is highly scriptural and highly relational. Throughout the different programs each week of games, worship, and small group lesson time, the Awana club program will allow adult and teen leaders to teach the kids the Gospel and provide opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship time amongst the children. VCEFC's current Awana program is for children from Kindergarten to Grade 6.

Awana leaders:

A group of Awana leaders oversees one age specific club. During club time, Awana leaders take turns to lead children during worship, handbook time and big group game time.

Age requirement: 16 years of age or older

Awana Leaders in Training (LIT):

Children look up to teens and many teens have their first opportunity to lead a child to the Lord while serving. We welcome teens from Grade 8 and up who have a strong personal relationship with Christ and actively participate in church to serve as Awana Leaders in Training. Awana LIT will assist an adult Awana leader and carry out the responsibility assigned by their supervising leader.

Age requirement: 12 to 15 years of age

- Time Commitment: About 2 hours each Saturday for club time (4:15 pm - 5:30 pm, except on weekends with public holidays), plus additional time for training sessions and lesson/activity preparations.

Children Worship Leader

The Children Worship is divided into three groups: Preschool & Kindergarten, Grade 1-3, and Grade 4-6. The sessions are held during 9:30 - 10:40 a.m. on Sunday.

Love for God is the basic quality for a children worship leader. The leader is to lead the children of respective ages to worship God and help the young ones to know Jesus and grow in Christ.

Subsequently, they will submit their faith to God and learn to live a Christ-like life. Curriculum will be provided. This children worship hour also prepares the Grade 6 children to easily merge to the adult worship when they reach Grade 7.

Age requirement: 19 years of age or older

- Time Commitment: About 2 hours to prepare for children's worship, and about 1.5 hours for worship time and teaching time on Sunday, plus additional time for training sessions.

Children Sunday School (11:15 am - 12:30 pm)

Our Children Sunday School classes range from Preschoolers to Grade 6.

Sunday School Teacher:

A Sunday School teacher prepares and teaches various Biblical stories and lessons throughout the year by means of centralized teaching materials and engaging children with creative activities (e.g. crafts, games, etc). The teacher will also facilitate group discussions and discipleship amongst the students, monitor students' progress, and assist in answering any questions the children may have.

Age requirement: 19 years of age or older

Sunday School Teaching assistant:

A Sunday School teaching assistant (TA) supports the main teacher during lessons by building relationships with kids and helping them stay focused, and ensures the safety of the kids under our care according to our safety policies. Training will be provided.

Age requirement: 19 years of age or older

Sunday School Singspiration leaders:

At the opening of Sunday School lessons from 11:15 to 11:35 am, singspiration leaders lead children to sing 1 to 2 worship songs with actions. Training and guidance would be provided.

Age requirement: 19 years of age or older

- Time Commitment: About 1.5 hours for worship time and teaching time, plus additional time for training sessions. Sunday School teams are expected to prepare for the lesson / singspiration beforehand, and arrive at the classroom at least 15 minutes before the class starts on their volunteer dates to set up together and pray for the lesson. The preparation time of teaching materials varies.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS is a fun-filled program for children up to Grade 6, usually during the summer months, to connect with the children and families in our community. VBS is an outreach program, meant to bring in children who don't normally attend church and to teach them the Gospel.

VBS Leader:

VBS leaders will take part in leading and/or chaperoning a group of children in various activities and outings, leading Bible teaching activities, engaging the children through games and demonstrations, and assisting in the preparation of various aspects of VBS.

Age requirement: 19 years of age or older

VBS Helper:

We welcome teens from age 13 and up who have a strong personal relationship with Christ and actively participate in church to serve as VBS helpers. A VBS helper will assist a VBS leader and carry out the responsibility during the VBS program assigned by the supervising leader.

Age requirement: 13 years of age or older

- Time commitment: VBS runs during the summer for 1 week (Monday to Friday), plus time before camp for orientation meeting, training, preparation, and decoration, etc.

Requirements

All new children ministry volunteers will need to complete a volunteer application form, go through mandatory screening and interview by VCEFC children ministry teams, and obtain criminal record check clearance. In addition, in order to ensure the safety of the children in our care, and to ensure the children are taught and led in a faithful way that leads them to know God and His Word, the following requirements are in place:

1. To volunteer in the VCEFC's Children Ministry, the applicant must be a born-again Christian that has attended Vancouver Chinese Evangelical Free church for a minimum of 12 months, and be recommended by a pastor or a ministry leader of a ministry that the applicant participates in.
3. Teachers are required to affirm and uphold VCEFC's statement of faith and beliefs, and not to teach anything contrary to it.
4. Volunteers are required to attend training sessions we provide, including Plan to Protect (abuse prevention and protection plans for serving the vulnerable sector).
5. Volunteers must be committed to modelling godliness and Christian maturity in their dress, language, and behaviour.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about the opportunities to serve the children and families at VCEFC, please contact us at childrenministry@vcefc.org.