

RE Volunteer Information Sheet

Remember, our program is free and is a community cooperative- community is one of the important things you've told us you're here for! We depend on adult volunteers to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children and youth. That means that each family that registers in R.E. **must contribute 16 hours of volunteer time per year.** You will make friends and learn about Unitarian Universalism while interacting with the children and youth of our faith community!

All staff and volunteers in RE are required to undergo a background check every two years. After you've turned in a release form, one of the R.E. staff will notify you when it's time to renew in two years. If you feel that this might be an issue for you, please speak with the Director of Religious Education, Mia Noren.

Teaching Teams: Teams consist of three or more volunteers. Curriculum has been planned and is emailed to teachers with specific directions for the lesson a few days before Sunday. Anyone who enjoys children is qualified to teach and assist on a team. Each person teaches once and assists once most months, but other arrangements can be made between team members. Team members may trade dates with each other as needed to ensure coverage. You can expect to spend about 3 hours a month as a team member. The team's organizer will spend a little more time communicating with RE staff and other team members. We run classes for the following age groups: Pre-Kindergarten (age 3-5), K&1st (age 5-7), 2nd&3rd (age 7-9) and 4th&5th (ages 9-11).

The 9:30 am team arrives in class at 9:15 am and remains in the classroom until 10:45 am.

The 11:00 am team arrives in class at 10:45 am and remains until 12:15 pm.

You can sign up electronically for the Fall and/or Spring teaching team of your choice using this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a45aba729aafd0-201617>. The Fall 2018 semester contains 15 class weeks and five teacher holidays, and the Spring 2018 semester contains 16 class weeks and five teacher holidays. Most months have three class days. Links are regularly posted on our First UU Families- Albuquerque Facebook page, which you'll be invited to join once you register your family in R.E.

Some teams may already be full. We can use you in another team or as a floater!

Floaters and Special Events: Floaters volunteer in classrooms as subs, run teacher holiday activities, or help the RE staff as needed. On curriculum days, tasks are assigned on Sunday morning depending on need. On Teacher Holidays, the staff set up games, crafts and other activities, and if the weather is good, the kids can also use the playground. All you have to do is show up and monitor inside or playground activities. You can sign up to be a floater volunteer here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a45aba729aafd0-fall1>.

Youth Advisor: Our middle school and high school youth programs are run by youth advisors, under the direction of our Youth Programs Coordinator, Alymay Atherton, and the Director of Religious Education, Mia Noren. We are always interested in meeting and talking with adults who are interested in a mentoring relationship with youth.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a comprehensive sexuality education for which facilitators receive special training. Please let us know if you are interested in the training, or, if already certified, if you are interested in teaching this year.

There's a lot going on in Religious Education! Check out our Google calendar here:
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/r?mode=day&date=20180227T161044>