



First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque
Cooperative Religious Education

Annual Religious Education (R.E.) Registration – 2018-2019

Welcome! We are pleased that your family will be part of our RE program this year. Classes are assigned based on a child's age and equivalent school grade as of September 1, 2018. **All families registered in R.E. must contribute at least 16 volunteer hours per year to the program by joining a teacher team, or signing up to be a floater or youth adviser.**

Registering first time? ___ Yes ___ No

Please check one: ___ Member ___ Visitor

Child #1 Name _____ Birth Date _____

Grade as of 9/1/18 _____ Gender Identity/Pronouns: _____

Allergies or special concerns: _____

Child #2 Name _____ Birth Date _____

Grade as of 9/1/18 _____ Gender Identity/Pronouns: _____

Allergies or special concerns: _____

Child #3 Name _____ Birth Date _____

Grade as of 9/1/18 _____ Gender Identity/Pronouns: _____

Allergies or special concerns: _____

Child #4 Name _____ Birth Date _____

Grade as of 9/1/18 _____ Gender Identity/Pronouns: _____

Allergies or special concerns: _____

Primary Household Contact *(used as primary communications address)*

Name _____ Relationship to child(ren) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone number _____

Email _____

(We will use this address to invite you to join our First UU Families Facebook page, our primary means of group communication.)

I prefer to be contacted by ___ email ___ phone call ___ text

Alternate Household Contact

Name _____ Relationship to child(ren) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone number _____

Email _____

ABOUT VOLUNTEERING IN R.E.:

We don't charge a fee or use paid teachers because we intend to create community in our R.E. program—it's what 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.** It takes a strong level of commitment to make our RE program successful. You will make friends and learn about Unitarian Universalism while interacting with the children and youth of our faith community! Because the congregation is the curriculum, we welcome all ages as volunteers in our programming.

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

Our program works best when each family with children and youth in our RE program commits to at least 16 hours of service during the year. Choose from the following selections, and we will follow up with links to the sign-ups:

___ Teaching Teams:

___ **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.

___ **Youth Advisor-** please see next page.

___ **Floater:** Floaters are important- they help our program run smoothly. On curriculum days, floaters check in with RE Staff to see if they are needed that morning. You might cover an unexpected teacher absence, help as the third adult in a classroom with a large attendance, or be our hall monitor. On teacher holidays, floaters supervise games, crafts, and playground time. You sign up only for days and times that work for you.

Other RE Opportunities: Please let us know if you are interested in one of these, and we will get in touch with pertinent information.

___ Playground maintenance/garden volunteer.

___ Help with RE Community Social Events such as picnics and parties. You will work with the RE Council Community Connections person.

___ Special Friend — a one-on-one helper who works with special needs children or youth if help is requested.

The following RE volunteer positions are recruited, since they have specific qualifications. Please let us know if you have an interest in learning more about these opportunities.

- ___ Mid-High Advisor (6th & 7th grade youth meet at 11:00)
- ___ Coming of Age Advisor (8th grade youth meet at 9:30 January-April)
- ___ La Amikoj Advisor (High School youth meet 12:15-2:00)
- ___ RE Council (2 year commitment, meets third Sunday of the month from 12:15-2:00)

- ___ Our Whole Lives TEACHER Spring 2019
- ___ Our Whole Lives ASSISTANT Spring 2019

What expertise and/or special talents do you have? This can be something you do for a living (doctor, chef, teacher, etc.), or something that is a hobby (knitting, playing a musical instrument, sports, etc.), that you would be willing to share with our community.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

With my Signature, I give permission for my children to participate in Religious Education classes at First Unitarian Church, Albuquerque, NM, **and I commit to a minimum of 16 volunteer hours in the RE program year.**

ADULT PHOTO PERMISSION: I (___do ___do not) give First Unitarian permission to take my photo for internal and external communication (e.g., the Messenger, church Facebook pages, website purposes, and other social media sites used for church communications.) I understand that last names will not be used without requesting specific permission.

CHILD PHOTO PERMISSION: I (___do ___do not) give First Unitarian permission to take my children’s photo for internal and external communication (e.g., the Messenger, church Facebook pages, website purposes, and other social media sites used for church communications.) I understand that children’s last names will not be used without requesting specific permission.

