

Guide to Volunteering in the Religious Education Program

Here is a quick guide to the various ways you can get involved with children and youth at First Unitarian this year. Once you sign up we will contact you with a more detailed description of what exactly is involved and a timetable. This is a great way to meet people and make things happen...of course we couldn't do it without U!

Volunteer Position Descriptions

Special Events	
Halloween Party October 25, 2008	The Halloween Party is an intergenerational event that typically consists of a potluck supper, games, crafts and a social action activity. Need a coordinator, team members for planning and team members to setup, cleanup and run activities at the party.
Family Art Show May, 2009	This team would publicize, collect and hang artwork the last Wednesday in April, 2009.
Winter Craft Fair December 6, 2008	The Craft Fair is an intergenerational event held after church in December where participants can make a number of fun holiday crafts for gifts or for themselves. A potluck dinner will need to be coordinated. Need an event coordinator, team members to plan and run craft tables, and team members to setup and cleanup the meals.
Special Friends Ice Cream Social February 15, 2009	The Special Friends Ice Cream Social is an annual tradition in which older members of our congregation are matched with our children and youth to get to know each other over an ice cream sundae. Need an event coordinator, team members to shop for ice cream and fixings, and plenty of team members to setup and decorate Gallery, serve ice cream and cleanup afterward.
Easter Egg Hunt April 12, 2009	The Easter Egg Hunt is held between services on Easter Sunday. Need volunteers to purchase goodies for eggs, stuff eggs and to run the actual event.
Spring Retreat May 1-3, 2009	The Spring Retreat is a weekend event that takes place at Jumonville, a camp outside of Connellsville, PA. Need a coordinator, planning committee and volunteers to run activities during the weekend including registrations, workshops and worship. We need new folks for this...you will get lots of help!
General Help	
Children's Library (ongoing)	The Children's Library is a resource library located in the Priestley Room. Need a team of 4-6 and a coordinator to log in new books, reshelve returned books and to change the display in the RE hall monthly.
Curricula Review (Spring 2009)	Need volunteers to read and critique curricula for upcoming church year. This work can be done independently.

Teacher Appreciation May 2009	Pick out teacher gifts, help plan breakfast, May, 2008.
New Family Welcome (ongoing)	Volunteers contact newcomers to welcome them and provide information about church and RE as needed. Need volunteers for different age groups for each service.
Summer RE Planning Spring 2009	This group organizes summer Sunday programming for children (with Jen)- picking the curriculum, publicizing and recruiting teachers. Please consider this if you want summer classes!
Butterfly Garden Care (ongoing)	Help winterize garden in Fall. Help prepare beds and plant in Spring. Help with weeding anytime!
Social Action	
9:30am or 11:00am Class Project	Coordinate a social action project for a class...pick up trash in the park, do a recycling drive, warm coat drive...tell us your idea!
UNICEF Pumpkin Event October 19, 2008 October 26, 2008	This group buys small pumpkins, hands them out on Oct. 19 th to be decorated. The following Sunday the kids bring back decorated pumpkins. Someone helps set up the decorated pumpkins in the gallery with UNICEF boxes next to each one for people to 'vote' for their favorite with coins. Then the coins need to be collected, counted and donated.
EECM Food Prep 1 st Sunday of the month 5 – 7pm cook, 7 – 8:30pm serve	Shop (you'll be reimbursed!), prepare food, bring to shelter and serve dinner to 30 homeless men at the EECM Men's Shelter. Do all or part of it, we'll match you with experienced others if you have not done it before.
Khasi Hills Sponsor-A-Student September, 2008	Staff the sign-up table, help with mailings. Help Ebe Emmons-Apt coordinate this project.
Khasi Hills Sister Church project (ongoing)	Collect letters and photos from RE classes and mail to the Sunday school kids at the Unitarian Church of Jowai, Khasi Hills, India.
Worship	
Christmas Pageant December, 2008	Help with costumes & staging for the 4:30pm Family Christmas Eve service.
RE Sunday November. 2008	Help Jen Halperin design January 25, 2009 service. We will begin in November.
Passover Seder April 8, 2009	Staff the Seder sign-up table on March Sundays; come early on Apr. 20 to set-up; help with clean-up afterwards.