

Evening Activity Volunteer

When and Where:

From 7:00-9:00. Enter at main entrance of parish center at 6:50-7:00. The doors are unlocked for about ½ hour before.

The week before:

The coordinator will email you the ages and preferences of the families. Think of a favorite activity or two that you might like to do with the kids, teens, and families we will be hosting. Check with the coordinator for supplies and available spaces. Please let the coordinator know in advance what activities you have planned so that he/she can make the week's schedule and post the activities for the families that week. The kids and parents appreciate knowing what they can be looking forward to in the coming days.

What to do when you arrive:

- Come to the main community room to check in with Tammy or Teresa for any updates.
- Sign in the logbook, at front kitchen counter. Make a nametag (first name only).
- Introduce yourself to the families that are finishing up dinner. Let them know what activities are planned that night and invite them to join in. Please plan one activity each for the different age groups & different types, i.e. physical, quiet, crafty. We can get the supplies you need and these activities can happen in various locations (outside, sometimes gym, & community room).
- *If* parents prefer to have quiet time alone, volunteers may take groups of children to the activities without their parent. We must have at least one adult volunteer with any teen or young volunteers entertaining the FMF children.
- **No volunteers may accompany children or teens to the bathrooms.** You must bring the small child to the parent if they need help using the bathroom. Encourage parents to help their small kids go to the bathroom or change any diapers before you take them to play.

Evening Snack: Please wind activities down by 8:00 to bring kids to the community room for snack. On your way back to the community room for snack, encourage kids to use the bathrooms to wash their hands. The coordinators will set out a bedtime snack on the tables (something like milk, fruit, yogurts, crackers, granola). Please try to help settle kids down for the night during snack time. Help bus the dishes from snack time and put away any of the unused foods.

Bedtimes: FMF is firm about bedtimes, especially because the families need to be woken so early for the bus pick up. If the small children aren't picked up by the parent before 8:30, please bring the child to the parent, or ask the coordinator to remind the parent. You can continue quiet activities like card or board games in the community room with the older teens. Teens do not need to be heading to bed until 9:30. Everyone should be in their rooms by 10:00.

When to leave: Overnight volunteers arrive at 9:00 pm. Please fill them in on any necessary information and make sure the activity and snack areas are clean before you leave.

Thank you for volunteering!!

Questions? Please contact Tammy at tkuenster@comcast.net or Teresa at tseifert252@q.com