

Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
1135 State Park Road, Greenville, SC 29609

2015-2016 Children and Youth Registration Form

One form per family. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Child's Name	Birthday	Grade in School 09/15	Allergies/Special Needs/Comments

Parent Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

What is the BEST way to contact you? TEXT PHONE CALL EMAIL

Is there special information about your child that would be helpful for us to know? (For example: physical, emotional, medical, learning, or family situation)

**This information will be shared with teachers.*

Luminaries: Yes, I would like for my child to serve as a Luminary.

As a "Luminary," your child will participate in leading a worship service by lighting the chalice, helping the worship associate during Joys and Concerns, and depending on age, may be asked to read the words for reflection. This is a great opportunity to meet others in our congregation and build confidence and stage presence. A short "bio" of the luminary will be included in the Order of Service. Please write a short "bio" for your child in the space below. It should be short, about 3 sentences. Example: Terry Jones, son of Toni Fisher and Jimmy Jones, is in the fourth grade. He loves cats, hiking and photography, and reading about theoretical physics. He plans to develop Time Travel.

PHOTOS ON THE GUUF WEBSITE: We will assume permission is granted if this space is left unmarked.

I DO NOT wish my child(ren)'s photo(s) to be posted on the GUUF website. I understand that photos may be posted on Facebook to a private group. Direct questions to CYRE staff or committee at dre@greenvilleuu.org.

Medical Information (required for grades 6 and up for Youth Group participation) PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Health/Insurance Provider _____ Policy # _____

Policy Holder _____ Insurance Carrier Phone # _____

List any significant medical conditions or medical exemptions (allergies, blood transfusions, etc.) for your child. _____

My child is presently taking the following PRESCRIPTION medication: _____

Dosage: _____

Physician's Name _____ Physician's Phone # _____

Volunteering

Dear Parents:

We welcome you and your children to the lovely, high-quality programming we offer for children of all ages. We have kind, capable, and dedicated staff, but if our programs are to run smoothly, we must depend on the commitment and support of many parent volunteers. **We ask parents to volunteer six hours per year, per child, up to twelve hours.**

All classes need teachers and assistants, and we provide support and training each year. If teaching is not for you, there are plenty of other opportunities and activities when you could give important help.

Please let us know where/how you would like most to volunteer so we can call you when we have need, and then click on the links below to visit our sign-up geniuses online to sign up for specific dates.

PK-3

4th-5th

Youth

Please check volunteer tasks that you would be willing to do.

- Storyteller for "Spirit Play Lite" (Preschool)
- Storyteller or Doorkeeper for Spirit Play Classes (K5-3rd grade)—requires training
- Teacher for 4th-5th grade
- Substitute teacher and/or driver-chaperone
- Arts/Crafts helper for late-stay projects
- Chaperone/Prepare food for youth group activities
- Drive/Chaperone Youth CONs at The Mountain

Other: _____

Can we call you when we need something? Circle one: Yes.

ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH MUST FILL OUT A VOLUNTEER APPLICATION, SIGN A BEHAVIOR COVENANT, AND CONSENT TO A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK. ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED OR GATHERED IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL, AND MAY NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

Signature Required

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Volunteering in RE: Most of our high-quality RE programming for children and youth is offered free of charge, but it takes people, planning, time, and elbow grease to make everything run smoothly. *We request that the parents of every child who participates in our programs will give back by volunteering in some way.* A good guideline is 6 parent hours per child per year. Many important tasks are listed on the Sign-Up Genius pages linked to our website. They are easy to use, and generate an automatic email reminder when your task is coming up. Please plan to volunteer. Contact dre@greenvilleuu.org for information.

Parent, Children, and Youth Behavioral Expectations at GUUF:

Behavior Expectations in Worship Services:

Babies are welcome to remain in the worship service with their parents. If your baby becomes fussy and cannot be quieted, please go to the Founders Room where you can be comfortable and still hear what is going on. Toddlers love to be BUSY. In service, constant movement and vocalizing can be very distracting to others nearby. We encourage parents of the very young to take advantage of our trained and loving childcare staff. Childcare is available every Sunday from 9:30-12:30, and the nursery is close to the sanctuary, so that one of the workers can easily come and find you if your child is upset or sick.

Children age 10 and under should be seated with a parent or other responsible adult in services. Please give them support and encouragement to participate in the worship service as fully as they are able. They should not distract others. (We have quiet activities in baskets beside the sanctuary door for those who get restless (including adults!), and quality childcare is available for children up through age 4 or for older children who need it.)

Children and Youth age 11 and older will occasionally be in the regular Sunday Service. It is fine for them to sit together without adult supervision; however, we expect them to

- Actively participate in the worship service.
- Turn off and put away cell phones or other electronic devices during the service.
- Behave appropriately, so that congregants seated nearby are not distracted.

NEW SAFETY PROCEDURES THIS YEAR: BABIES AND CHILDREN WHO ARE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO THE NURSERY ON SUNDAYS MUST BE SIGNED IN AND SIGNED OUT ON THE NURSERY FORMS EVERY TIME. ALL CHILDREN IN PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH THIRD GRADE WHO BEGIN IN THE SERVICE WITH THEIR PARENTS MUST WEAR AN IDENTIFICATION BADGE, AND ANY ADULT PICKING UP THE CHILD MUST PRESENT A MATCHING BADGE. BADGES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE RE TABLE NEAR THE SANCTUARY DOORS EACH SUNDAY.

Sunday RE Classes are scheduled to run until 12:15 and we ask that parents wait to pick up children until after that time. Children NOT picked up by 12:25 may be signed into the nursery by the teacher. Parents may pick up children from the nursery or playground any time.

Before and After Church and RE Classes: Professional childcare is provided on Sundays from 9:30-12:30, and for other planned events. Children are considered to be in their parents' care unless they have been officially released to an RE teacher or signed in to the Nursery. Parents are responsible for monitoring the whereabouts and behavior of their children when they are not in RE. For everyone's safety, ***children should NEVER be allowed to roam the building/campus freely.***

Children may not play in the Nursery unless they have been signed in and a staff member is on duty. Parents may supervise their own children on the playground at their own risk. Only authorized persons may enter the nursery when children are present. Authorized persons include the children, childcare providers and staff, approved volunteers, and parents or designated guardians.

Coffee Hour Snacks: Tasty snacks are laid out in the Coffee Room each week *to welcome visitors and to enjoy while greeting friends* after the worship service. Children are welcome to join in but they must be *with* an adult, take only polite servings, and **they must REMAIN IN THE COFFEE ROOM AND TALK TO PEOPLE.** *"The good cookies come with conversation!"*

Youth in Middle and High School must be supervised by an adult chaperone at all times. Once at the Fellowship, youth should attend the entire session or activity, and are expected to remain on campus until the event they are attending is over.

The "BIG FOUR" Rules for Tweens and Teens:

NO USE OF ILLEGAL OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, or PRESCRIPTION DRUGS) IS ALLOWED. Over the counter medications may be used as directed on the package with permission. Youth may take only medications listed on their permission forms while attending GUUF events.

NO ENGAGING IN SEXUAL RELATIONS. "Sexual relations" is defined as prolonged physical contact, inappropriate sexualized behavior, or intimate touching that is disrespectful to the community.

NO POSSESSION OR USE OF WEAPONS. Includes firearms, knives, explosives, or any object intended for use as a weapon

NO VIOLENCE IN WORDS OR ACTIONS. Includes fighting, threats, verbal, sexual, and physical abuse or harassment, and bullying of any kind

ANY VIOLATION OF "THE BIG FOUR" SHOULD BE REPORTED PROMPTLY TO THE DIRECTOR OF LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OR ANOTHER STAFF MEMBER.