

First Parish Lexington - Religious Growth and Learning Program

Child/Youth Information Form - *Required of all program participants*

Please fill out this form in its entirety (both sides) for each child/youth registered in any First Parish program. This form will be shared with teachers/advisors to help them minister most effectively to our children and youth. *Please print carefully and use blue or black ink - thank you!*

Name of child/youth: _____ Nickname: _____

Birthdate: _____ School & grade for 2008/09: _____

Parent/Guardian name(s): _____

Home phone: _____ Preferred email: _____

Information to help our volunteer leaders:

Are there any physical/emotional conditions affecting the child/youth that could affect the safety of the child/youth and/or others? _____

Please list any other physical/emotional conditions of which teachers/advisors should be aware: _____

Describe any restrictions on activities in which child/youth may participate:

My child/youth loves: _____ and dislikes: _____

S/he learns best when: _____

Do you have any advice for volunteer leaders who will be working with your child/youth?
Are there any particular strategies that work especially well with him/her?

Is there anything else you would like your child's teacher to know about him/her?

Occasionally, photographs are taken of special events at the church and posted on our website. Do you give permission for your child or youth's photograph to be included on the website? Please initial if you agree:

Yes, to public website: _____ Yes, to private "members only" website: _____

Medical Information:

Child/youth is allergic to: _____

Allergic reaction to above allergens: _____

Child/youth carries an EpiPen: _____ Inhaler: _____

Please list any medications(s) that the child/youth is taking: _____

Date of most recent tetanus booster: _____

Any dietary considerations/restrictions: _____

Name & phone # of Primary Care Physician: _____

Health Insurance Company and plan #: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Emergency contact name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Relationship to child/youth: _____

Emergency Treatment Authorization:

The information provided on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge. My child/youth described herein has my permission to engage in all activities except as noted above. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me and/or the emergency contact person listed above in the event of an emergency. If my child/youth requires emergency treatment, and I am not able to be contacted, I hereby authorize the physician selected by the adult leaders of the Religious Growth and Learning Program, or the staff at First Parish Lexington, to secure that treatment for my child or youth.

Printed name of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

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Family Registration Form - 2008/2009

Sunday morning programming is offered to all children and youth from preschool through the 8th grade. Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers.

Sunday evening programming is offered for youth in 7 - 12th grades in the form of Junior Youth group (7/8th grades) and Senior High Youth group (9-12th grades). This year, Coming of Age (COA), will be offered to 9th and 10th graders every other Sunday evening from 5:00 - 7:00 pm, beginning in early October. More information about COA will be available in the late summer, and participants and their families will be notified as plans are confirmed.

5/6th graders will have a monthly youth group that is parent coordinated and led. An organizational meeting for parents will be held in October, with the first youth group event scheduled for November.

In addition to this registration form, you must also include a Child Information form *for each child or youth* (gold form). Registration is not complete until both forms are handed in. Additionally, all families are asked to pay a \$100 registration fee at the time of registration. Families with more than 2 children/youth, pay only for the first two children/youth, meaning that there is a \$200 family cap. Please check here if you would like to discuss the registration fee with the DRE: _____. *Thank you!*

Name of child (first and last):	Birth date:	Age/grade in 08/09:
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

Parent/Guardian #1: _____
Home street address: _____
Town and ZIP: _____ Home phone: _____
Home email: _____ Work/cell phone: _____
Parent/Guardian #2: _____
Home street address: _____
Town and ZIP: _____ Home phone: _____
Home email: _____ Work/cell phone: _____
Children currently live with: _____
Where would you prefer information about First Parish RG & L programs be sent? _____

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Please register my youth for youth programming as follows (*note that the front of this form must be filled out for each of the youth as well*):

1.) Name (first and last) _____ Youth email: _____

_____ 5/6 grade youth group _____ Junior Youth Group (7/8th grade)

_____ Coming of Age (9/10th Grades) _____ Senior High Youth Group

2.) Name (first and last) _____ Youth email: _____

_____ 5/6 grade youth group _____ Junior Youth Group (7/8th grade)

_____ Coming of Age (9/10th Grades) _____ Senior High Youth Group

3.) Name (first and last) _____ Youth email: _____

_____ 5/6 grade youth group _____ Junior Youth Group (7/8th grade)

_____ Coming of Age (9/10th Grades) _____ Senior High Youth Group

4.) Name (first and last) _____ Youth email: _____

_____ 5/6 grade youth group _____ Junior Youth Group (7/8th grade)

_____ Coming of Age (9/10th Grades) _____ Senior High Youth Group

Please remember that registration is not complete until you have returned:

- _____ 1 Family Registration form per family (this sheet)
- _____ 1 Child/Youth Information form for EACH child/youth (gold sheet)
- _____ 1 Volunteer form for EACH parent/guardian (lime green sheet)
- _____ \$100 registration fee for first 2 children/youth registered

Thank you!

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Volunteer Form - 2008/2009

The Religious Growth and Learning (RG & L) Program at First Parish is a **cooperative venture**. The success of the program depends on volunteers from the *entire congregation* to contribute time, energy, and love.

This year, most everyone in the congregation will be recruited to volunteer as a "Guide" in either the Primary (preschool - 1st graders) or the Elementary Cluster (2 - 4th graders) one to three Sunday mornings over the course of the year (you will get a letter in August or February asking for your help on a particular week). We will still need volunteers to teach a term of Sunday morning programming to a class of 5/6th graders, or 7/8th graders, or work in other key areas of the program.

Several commitments are considered **major** contributions to the program. These are: teaching a term of Sunday school, youth advising, leading a section of Our Whole Lives (OWL), producing or directing the winter pageant, planning and leading a Social Action Sunday, or being a member of the RG & L Committee. If working in any of these areas, you needn't volunteer for another position. *However, if you are not, we ask you to volunteer generously for at least three smaller commitments a year.* It takes many hands to make light work. A "job descriptions" form follows this form.

Your name: _____ Home
phone: _____

Email: _____

Major commitments - please choose one

_____ I would like to **co-teach for a term** (10 Sundays) in the 2008/09 church year.
Term I would like to teach: _____ **Fall** (9/14 - 11/16/08) _____ **Winter** (1/4 -
3/15/09) _____ **Spring** (3/22 - 6/14/09)

_____ I would like to **teach the 5/6th grade class** ("Traditions With A Wink," a UU Identity curriculum)

_____ I would like to **teach the 7/8th grade class** ("Neighboring Faiths," a comparative religions curriculum)

_____ I would like to **play a major role with the winter pageant**. My interests:
_____ Directing _____ Producing _____ Directing music

_____ I would like to help **plan and lead a Social Action Sunday for 2- 8th graders**.
(Scheduled for: 11/30/08, 2/15/09, and 4/19/09)

_____ I would like to be a **member of the RG & L Committee**

Smaller commitments - please choose at least three categories

_____ I'm **flexible and will work where most needed**. I have _____ hours/month to give

_____ I would like to assist the DRE in **developing programming for 5-8th graders**.

_____ I would like to **serve on a subcommittee of the RG & L Committee focusing on either Primary Cluster children, Elementary Cluster children, Intermediate Cluster (5/6th graders), Junior Youth Cluster (7/8th graders), or Senior Youth Cluster (9-12th graders)**. (Please circle focus cluster that interests you)

_____ I would like to **help with the winter pageant**. My interests:
_____ Costumes _____ Pageant craft projects _____ No preference

_____ I would like to be a **substitute teacher** on Sunday mornings as needed in the 5-8th grades (not more than 3- 4x/year).

_____ I would like to **volunteer in the nursery** (not more than 3-4x/year).

_____ I would like to **design and maintain the bulletin boards**.

_____ I would like to be the **RG & L photographer**.

_____ I would like to be the **RG & L reporter**.

_____ I would like to **organize and manage the monthly birthday parties**.

Thank you SO MUCH for volunteering in the Religious Growth and Learning Program. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to make contact with Lynne Weygint, Director of Religious Education, either by email: dre.fplex@verizon.net, or by phone at: 781-862-8200.

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Description of RG & L Ministries - 2008/2009

The following descriptions of ministries are partial descriptions. The RG & L Committee is currently working to design detailed job descriptions for each volunteer position in the program. If you have questions, or need more detail before making a commitment, please call Lynne Weygint, DRE. Thanks!

Co-teacher for either 5/6th or 7/8th grade class in Sunday morning program (12 volunteers needed for 08/09 church year)

With your co-teacher, plan weekly class sessions using curriculum provided, set-up/clean-up and co-conduct class on Sunday morning (10:00 am - 12:00 pm), communicate/meet with DRE as necessary. **Time commitment: 2-4 hours/week for the 10 week teaching term.**

Winter Pageant Volunteers (6 - 10 volunteers needed)

Every year, the Sunday before Christmas, an intergenerational pageant is our worship service. The 2008 pageant will be presented on 12/21; rehearsals occur after church on 12/7 and 12/14.

Planning for the pageant typically happens in September and October. **Time commitment: 1-3 hours/month in Sep & Oct; 2 - 5 hours/week from 11/30 - 12/21/08.**

Plan and lead a Social Action Sunday (4-6 volunteers needed)

Assist DRE and others, including the Social Action Committee, in planning and leading meaningful Social Action projects for 2- 8th graders on three Sunday mornings over the course of the year: 11/30/08, 2/15/08, and 4/19/09. **Time commitment: 2 - 3 initial meetings early in the year, and follow-up, detail meetings close to the actual "event" Sundays.**

Religious Growth & Learning (RG & L) Committee Member: (3 - 5 new members needed)

Work with other adults on this dynamic (and fun!!) committee that helps the DRE plan and implement the RG & L program for over 100 children and youth. **Time commitment: 2 hour monthly evening meeting (currently the 2nd Tuesday of the month), plus 1-2 hours/month of research, development, and planning.**

RG & L Sub-committee Member (10 - 15 members needed)

These are new positions that the RG&L Committee is considering. The subcommittees will focus on clusters of children or youth: Primary children (Preschool - 1st graders), Elementary children (2-4th graders), Intermediate children (5/6th graders), Junior Youth (7/8th graders), or Senior Youth (9-12th graders). Subcommittees will meet less often than the RG & L Committee, and will be chaired by a full member of the RG & L Committee.

Each sub-committee does research and development in their focus area, to help in the design and implementation of the overall program. **Time commitment: approximately 6 - 10 hours/year.**

Substitute Teacher (5 - 10 volunteers needed)

Fill-in for a 5/6th or 7/8th grade teacher on a Sunday morning when a regularly scheduled teacher is unable to teach. No planning required. The sub supports the lead teacher; you will not have to sub more than 3-4 times per church year. **Time commitment: 6 - 8 hours/year.**

Nursery Volunteer (5+ volunteers needed)

With our professional Nursery Supervisor, care for our infants and toddlers in the nursery on Sunday mornings during the worship service. **Time commitment: 2 hours/week.**

Bulletin Board Designer (1 volunteer needed)

Design aesthetically pleasing, information packed bulletin boards. Keep them tidy and timely.

Time commitment: 3-6 hours/year.

RG & L Photographer (1 volunteer needed)

Take beautiful pictures of our beautiful church community throughout the year. Print out and give to DRE or Bulletin Board Designer for safe keeping and display. **Time commitment: 6-8 hours/year.**

RG & L Reporter (1 volunteer needed)

Coordinate with the DRE (and possibly the RG & L photographer and the Communications Committee) to write, or find someone to write, occasional columns for the Focal Point, and the Lexington Minuteman on happenings in our religious education program. **Time commitment: 5-10 hours/year.**

First Sunday Birthday Party Czar (1 volunteer needed)

Continue this fun, new addition to the monthly First Sunday potlucks. Send post card invites to children celebrating a birthday that month, order/pick-up the cake, and decorate the birthday table(s). **Time commitment: 1-2 hours/month.**