Kids Room Parent Info

WHO IS THE KIDS ROOM FOR?

Anyone who participates in our weekly gathering is welcome to drop their kid(s) off in the Kids Room. We do ask that parents wait until their kid(s) are at least 1 year old.

If your kid(s) has special needs, <u>please contact us</u> ahead of time so that we can discuss their needs and ensure they have a happy and safe experience. Our regular caregiver has professional experience with autistic and other special needs children.

WHO WILL BE CARING FOR MY KID(S)?

You will find two (or more) experienced and vetted adults. All caregivers must pass a background check and must have attended a CPR class. We have one regular caregiver every week and the second caregiver will either be from our partner agency, <u>Sitting Made Simple</u>*, or from a small pool of volunteers.

When you come for the first time, and periodically after that, you will be asked to complete an information sheet to tell us about your kid(s) and to provide your contact information.

You are welcome to check-in on your kid(s) as often as you like throughout the gathering.

*this is a referral link

WHAT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES SHOULD MY KID(S) EXPECT?

Free play, games, drinks & snacks, and special activities throughout the year (like baking cookies, rock painting, and treasure hunts). We have books, toys, and games for multiple age groups, and STEAM project kits for older kids.

Kids are also welcome to bring their own toys and personal electronics. We have wifi so if the kids play the same games, they can join each other online (e.g. Minecraft, Roblox).

WHERE IS THE KIDS ROOM LOCATED?

The Kids Room and main gathering space are co-located nearby, and you will pass by it on the way to the main gathering.

WHEN IS THE KIDS ROOM OPEN?

The Kids Room is open on Sundays when the doors open at 10:30 am and closes promptly at 12:00 pm. Wichita Oasis will occasionally have field trips during this time and host other activities outside of this time. In these cases, the Kids Room will be closed. When planning field trips, we keep the kids in mind so they can participate too.

WHY HAVE A KIDS ROOM?

The Kids Room provides kids an opportunity to play freely with other kids from different age groups in a safe and supportive environment, which helps them to develop social skills and friendships and learn from each other.

Parents are always welcome to keep their kid(s) with them at the main gathering, and we will include trigger warnings with the event details if the content may not be suitable for younger audiences so that you can plan accordingly.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please don't hesitate to reach out!