

Childcare at The Pregnancy Meeting™ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Childcare was offered at the 2019 Meeting. What did parents think about it?

The 2019 meeting in Las Vegas was the pilot childcare program for the SMFM Annual Pregnancy Meeting™. Here are some testimonials from parents who participated:

- Wonderful, please continue <for> future meetings!*
- Very appreciated!*
- Thanks for taking such good care of him! We wanted to leave a tip ☺*

When will childcare services be available?

Childcare will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis on February 3-7, 2020 from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm. Children may be enrolled for no more than 10 hours per day.

Who will be watching my child(ren)?

We have contracted with KiddieCorp for childcare services. Now in its 34th year of providing children's programs and youth services at conventions and special events, KiddieCorp meets all the requirements established for licensed childcare providers in the state of Texas. All childcare providers must be at least 18 years old, have at least one year of childcare experience, and are carefully screened by Kiddie Corp. All KiddieCorp managers are CPR/First Aid certified.

What is the ratio of staff to children?

KiddieCorp's staff-to-child ratios are as follows:

- 1:2 for children ages 6 weeks through 11 months old
- 1:3 for children ages 1 through 2 years old
- 1:5 for children ages 3 through 5 years old
- 1:7 for children ages 6 through 10 years old

What ages will be accepted?

The childcare program is for children ages 6 weeks through 10 years old. To ensure a safe and fun-filled environment, any child who is ill will not be admitted to the children's program.

Where will the childcare services be located?

The childcare services will be located in the Yellow Rose Ballroom on the lobby level at the Gaylord Texan. This room is adjacent the atrium, central to the sleeping room towers, and close to the walkway to all of the convention center meeting space. Parents are welcome to drop-in to visit or feed their children.

What is the security system for entering and leaving the room?

Kiddie Corp uses a photo ID security procedure for check-in and check-out of children. Children and their parents are always escorted by KiddieCorp team members when entering or leaving the children's program area for any reason.

What is the cost? What is included in the cost?

The cost to parents is \$20/hour per child. Children must be registered for at least two consecutive hours. Should a parent be late in picking up their child, a fee of \$5 per child every 5 minutes will be charged.

Pack-n-plays, sleep mats, highchairs and a small refrigerator will be made available in the childcare space. We will also provide morning and afternoon snacks.

If a child requires breastmilk or formula, or has any special food requirements (e.g. organic food, vegan, gluten-free, etc.), parents will be responsible for providing it.

Parents are required to provide meals (breakfast, lunch and/or dinner), any pillows or blankets for naps/resting, diapers and wipes, bottles, a change of clothes and any favorite toys.

What is the configuration of the childcare room? What activities will be planned?

All children and childcare providers will be in one large room. The youngest children (infants – 2 years old) will be on one side of the space and the older children on the other side. Activities are tailored to the group depending on age and include arts and crafts, group games, music and movement, board games, story time, dramatic play, etc.

Where will children nap?

On the infant side of the room, there will be pack-n-plays and mats available for naps. KiddieCorp will do their best to put the children down for a nap after lunch and while a movie is playing for the older children (to minimize noise), but there is no guarantee that they will sleep.

Is the childcare room smoke-free?

Yes.

What if my child has an allergy?

KiddieCorp takes allergies very seriously. During the registration process, please indicate any allergies your child may have. These will be listed on the child's nametag and they will wear a red wristband that lists the allergies so everyone in the room is aware.

How will childcare providers get in touch with parents?

KiddieCorp managers carry cell phones, which are used to communicate with parents, as needed. This is typically done with calls or texts, as cell signal can be spotty in some hotels.

How do I sign up?

Register your child online at: <https://www.jotform.com/KiddieCorp/smfmkids>

KiddieCorp must receive both the registration form and payment in full to hold any advance reservations. Advance registration will close once KiddieCorp meets capacity or by January 6, 2020, whichever comes first. Onsite registration will be permitted on a first-come, first-served basis, pending space availability.