



Volunteer Choices

Choices abound for volunteering:

- ❖ Classroom Teaching/Assisting
- ❖ Field Trips
- ❖ Special Event (Tapestry Parties)
- ❖ Intergenerational Services
- ❖ Youth Group
- ❖ Other: please contact the Director of Religious Exploration.

Safety and Health

It is important for us to be aware of allergies, developmental challenges or other special needs that a child might have. Please share this information on the registration form and/or directly with the Director of Religious Exploration, Katelynn Riva.

For health and safety reasons, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- I. Children 5 and under should be supervised by at all times while at Tapestry.
- II. RECY classes end 15 minutes after the service. We ask that parents monitor their Explorers after classes are over and any other time during the week that they are at Tapestry.
- III. We ask that parents help their Explorers clean up, outside of RECY time.



RECY Google Groups

Visit us online at RECY Tapestry Google Groups.



4 Ways to Support Your Explorer's Spiritual Growth

- ✓ **Volunteer** to help in the RE program when you register your Explorer.
- ✓ **Meet your Explorer's teacher/advisor** and review the curriculum. Spend some time each week discussing what was learned/experienced that Sunday.
- ✓ **Share your own religious beliefs.** Allow your Explorer time and space to develop their spirituality.
- ✓ **Encourage** appropriate behavior at Tapestry by discussing and affirming the classroom covenants and through discussions of our UU principles and what they mean in terms of behavior.



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Religious Exploration for Children and Youth

Tapestry

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Explorers

Journeys of Religious Growth

We come to Tapestry where we freely share our thoughts and feelings and promise to trust and help one another.

Curricular Adventures What will my Explorer learn?



Explorers discover the meaning of Unitarian Universalism, and its Principles, drawn from the six sources through:

- ✓ U.U. History
- ✓ World Religions
- ✓ Jewish and Christian Traditions
- ✓ Social Activism

7 U.U. Principles (for Kids)

1. Every person is important and valuable
2. All people should be treated fairly
3. Our church is a place where we accept one another and learn together
4. Each person is free to search for what is true and right
5. All people have the right to speak out and vote on things that matter to them
6. We work for a peaceful, fair and free world
7. We take care of the earth, the home we share with all living things

The Six Sources of UUism

1. The sense of wonder we all share.
2. Women and men long ago and today, whose lives remind us to be kind and fair.
3. The ethical and spiritual wisdom of the world's religions.
4. Christian and Jewish teachings which tell us to love all others as we love ourselves.
5. The use of reason and the discoveries of science.
6. The harmony of nature, the sacred circle of life we share with all living beings.

Ports of Call Additional Activities and Programs



Social Action and Outreach

Typically offered bimonthly, social action field trips provide Explorers with an opportunity to experience their values and beliefs in action in the community.

Special Events

Explorers celebrate with parties and worship. There will be various parties, including a Welcome Back, Halloween, New Year, and End of the Year Party. Twice a year Explorers share worship with the congregation in the Sanctuary in special Intergenerational Services.

Our Whole Lives (OWL)

OWL, human sexuality classes, are offered each year by Tapestry and/or neighboring congregations. Contact DRE for more information.

Camp De Benneville Pines

Located in the majestic San Bernardino Mountains, Camp de Benneville offers weekend and week long camps for kids of all ages throughout the year. See <http://www.uucamp.org> for details.

Child Dedication Ceremonies

If you are interested in celebrating and welcoming your child into the world during a Sunday Worship Service, please contact the minister or DRE for more information.

Nursery: Hours 9:45-11:15

Located to the left as you enter the building, it is available for children ages 0- 5. In keeping with the 4:1 ratio policy, parents may be asked to help assist in the nursery from time to time.

Explorer Community What do I, the guardian, need to do?



Tapestry is a cooperative, volunteer-led Religious Exploration program. There is no fee to participate in RECY, and as such, its success depends on the talents and energy of our congregation.

• **Registration**

- ✓ In order to provide a safe program which meets the needs of the children, we ask that every Explorer register annually.
- ✓ If you are new to the community we ask that you register your child after three visits, or when you decide to attend regularly.
- ✓ Registration forms are available on the RECY Table. Be sure to update information during the year, your confidentiality will be respected.

• **Attendance**

We encourage you to make a commitment as a family to attend Tapestry regularly. Regular attendance fosters friendships, group solidarity, understanding of the curriculum, and familiarity with Tapestry's rituals and routines.

• **Volunteer**

- ✓ Assisting with the RECY program is expected of all parents/adults responsible for children and youth in the program, and it is an outstanding way to become involved in our wonderful spiritual community!
- ✓ Parents are expected to support their Explorers by volunteering in a classroom, once they have been a part of the congregation for six months.