

Service Opportunity: R.E. Aide

Description: Religious Education Aides assist R.E. teachers in the classroom by helping students with projects, distributing materials, and assisting in managing behavior and maintaining classroom safety. R.E. aides arrive a few minutes before worship and check in with the teacher. They then start in the sanctuary and lead children downstairs. Aides stay in the classroom until all children are picked up by parents (by 12:15 p.m.).

Expected Term of Service: No limit. Approximately 5 Sundays per year.

This opportunity will enable you to: Connect with the children of our church and help them develop spiritually and strengthen their connection to our UU community. Classes are grouped by age:

Potter Class – Pre-K
Schweitzer Class – Grades K-2
Thoreau Class – Grades 3-4
Adams Class – Grades 5-6
YUUTs – Grades 7-8

Skills needed: Enjoyment of and patience with children.

Training: There is a training session each August led by Jamila Batchelder, Director of Religious Education.

Number of Positions Open: Multiple.

Additional Information: Aides will undergo a background screening before participating in the program. For the safety of our children, new members to our community must wait one year OR until a relationship of trust has been developed with our church community before volunteering in our R.E. programs. Members with children are usually welcome to volunteer much sooner as we have more opportunities to develop that relationship through your children's participation in our program. Please talk to Jamila Batchelder if you have any questions about this policy.

If interested, contact: Jamila Batchelder, Director of Religious Education, dre@uuchurch.net, 573-442-5764.