



Please return to Spears YMCA by Aug.10th YMCA of Greensboro

YMCA Branch: Spears

Shopping Date (Please Circle Your Choice(s)): Aug. 16, Aug. 17, Aug. 18 or Aug. 19

Volunteer Application

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can...John Wesley

Thank you for your interest in Bright Beginnings! Please take a few minutes to complete the following:

Name _____ Birthdate _____
(Last First Middle)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

Company Name _____ Organization Name: _____
(such as church or Jaycees)

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

T-Shirt Size (circle) S M L XL XXL Co-Volunteer (Shopping Buddy) Preference list below:

Have you ever been convicted of any Crime? Yes No

If yes, please provide details below including the nature of the offense, when and where it occurred, the disposition of the case and the name under which you were convicted. A conviction will not necessarily be a bar to volunteering. It will be used only for volunteer-related purposes and only to the extent permitted by applicable laws. List all convictions _____

Is this your first year with Bright Beginnings? Yes No If no, please list number of years: _____

Please check the areas below in which you are currently involved:

Are you a YMCA Board Member? Yes No Are you a Backpack Volunteer? Yes No

Are you a YMCA Member? Yes No Are you a Fund Raising Volunteer? Yes No

Are you a YMCA Program Member? Yes No Other involvement: _____

I have read and agree to the items listed in **THE YMCA'S POSITION ON THE NATIONWIDE PROBLEM OF CHILD ABUSE and VOLUNTEER CODE OF ETHICS AND RULES.**

Signature of Volunteer Applicant _____

Date _____

NOTE: Volunteers must bring a driver's license for identification when signing in for shopping event.

Shopping Info: Volunteer's Identification # _____ Driver's Lic SS#

Date _____ Store _____ Child _____

**THE YMCA'S POSITION ON THE NATIONWIDE PROBLEM OF CHILD ABUSE
WE MAKE AN ACTIVE EFFORT TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE**

Some examples may include, but are not limited to:

- A background check, possibly including but not being limited to, references of past employers, personal references, the military, educational institutions, volunteers organizations, civic groups, personal character, health and activities.
- Allegations or suspicions of child abuse are taken seriously and will be reported to the Guilford County Department of Social Services, Child Protection Unit.
- Programs are structured so that no staff member or volunteer is left alone with children.
- Periodic interviews/evaluations with children and parents about day to day experiences, encouraging reports of anything out of the ordinary.
- Staff and volunteers will not fraternize with children outside the programs, including baby-sitting, or inviting children home.
- Testing for illegal substances.
- Criminal history records check and/or social security check.

YMCA goals:

- To support and strengthen the family unit.
- To help children develop to their fullest potential.
- To deliver the program in a positive YMCA environment of safety, support and care.

YMCA VOLUNTEER CODE OF ETHICS AND RULES

1. Smoking or use of tobacco products in the presence of children is prohibited.
2. Using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will not be tolerated.
3. Volunteers shall not abuse children including:
 - Physical Abuse - strike, spank, shake or slap
 - Verbal Abuse - humiliate, degrade, threaten
 - Sexual Abuse - including inappropriate touching and exposure
 - Mental Abuse - shaming, withholding love, cruelty
 - Neglect - withholding food, water, basic care, etc.
4. Volunteers must treat children of all races, religions, and cultures with respect and consideration.
5. Volunteers must use positive techniques of guidance, including positive reinforcement and encouragement rather than competition, comparison or criticism.
6. Volunteers shall abstain from humiliating or frightening discipline techniques.
7. Volunteers shall not use profanity in the presence of children or parents.
8. Volunteers will refrain from intimate displays of affection toward others in the presence of children, parents and staff.
9. Monetary and expensive gifts to volunteers are prohibited.
10. Volunteers must be free of physical and psychological conditions that might adversely affect children's health, including fever or contagious conditions.
11. Volunteers will portray a positive role model for youth by maintaining an attitude of respect, loyalty, patience, integrity, courtesy, tact and maturity.
12. Volunteers will do everything in their power to avoid being put in a situation where they are alone with a YMCA child other than their own. In fact, caring for any YMCA child other than their own on a one-on-one basis, such as baby-sitting is prohibited. Shopping volunteers should pair with another adult and child and help each other, stay together. Volunteers must not enter dressing booths or bathrooms with child. Shopping volunteers are not to arrange future contact with children.
13. North Carolina State law requires that all citizens report any suspected abuse or neglect of a child to the Guilford County Department of Social Services, Child Protection Unit.
14. Volunteers may be subject to a background check, including criminal history.
15. Allegations or suspicions of child abuse are taken very seriously by the YMCA and will be reported to the Guilford County Department of Social Services, Child Protection Unit for investigation and that the YMCA will fully cooperate with any related investigations and will pursue the prosecution of child abusers to its full extent under the laws of this State.

Violation of this Code may be grounds for removal as a volunteer.