

# Near North Loop Kids

# FAQs

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## **Do I need to register my child before visiting?**

Nothing needs to be done ahead of time. Families can register children when they come to visit. Go to the Loop Kids Welcome Desk at any one of our campuses and let us know you're visiting. We will quickly get the necessary information and get your family set up for any and all future visits.

## **How do I check-in and check-out my child?**

Our check-in and check-out process is a computerized system. We will help check you in and show you how to do it when you return. When you check your child in, stickers will print out at the station. One part of the sticker is your child's name tag and should go on your child's front or back. The other part of the sticker is the Parent Tag containing the randomly assigned code for your family that day. Parents **MUST** have their Parent Tag in order to check their child out at the classroom door. If you lost your Parent Tag during the service, please stop by the Loop Kids desk for a temporary tag, as leaders will not release a child to a parent without their Parent Tag.

## **What is the screening process of the leaders caring for my child?**

Your child's safety and security in Loop Kids is one of our highest priorities. We carefully select leaders that will care for the best interests of your child. All leaders are required to fill out an application and background check form. Background check forms are nationally run allowing us to see any background criminal information. We follow up on references and require all leaders to have attended Park for at least 6 months before they serve with kids. Any applicant that seems a potential threat to the safety of the children will not be allowed to serve with Loop Kids. In addition, we enforce a rule that prevents any adult from being alone with a child. All leaders are required to be in groups with more than one adult and/or more than one child.

## **Are you safe for children with allergies?**

We know that allergies are severe and your child's safety is important to us, so Loop Kids rooms (Kinder and under) at Near North are peanut-free. We do not serve any snacks in any of our classrooms that have nuts and we ask parents to not bring snacks to class so we can keep a close eye on what is eaten in the rooms.

When registering your children we ask for a list of any allergies so that it can be listed on the child's name tag. Our leaders are carefully aware of any children with allergies. If your child has an EPI pen that you would like us to administer in the case of an emergency, please fill out a

Medical Release Form at the Loop Kids Welcome Desk. Bring the EPI pen clearly marked with your child's name and we will keep this readily available in your child's classroom.

### **Can I send a snack with my child?**

Because of the severity of some allergies, we do not allow children to bring their own snack to class. If your child has a special snack, please wait until you pick your child up to feed them their snack (speak to the Loop Kids Coordinator if your child's food allergies are the reason for having a special snack). Graham crackers are provided for children in Early Childhood and Preschool, and Goldfish are provided for Kindergarteners. We do not have snacks in the Elementary classrooms.

### **I have a child with special needs. Is he welcome to attend?**

Children with special needs are always welcome. Please make us aware of your child's specific needs when you register and let us know their developmental age (versus their actual age). We will put them in the room where they can best participate developmentally. If your child needs a one-on-one buddy to function best in group settings, please speak with the Children's Director and we will look into finding a buddy for your child.

### **What ages do you offer classes for?**

Loop Kids is for all children from birth through 5th grade.

### **What if my child needs me during one of the services?**

We have a paging system that allows us to contact parents during the services. Each week when you check-in, your child receives a randomly assigned alpha-numeric code. If your child needs you at any point during the service (is sick, or inconsolable, etc.) then this code will appear on the big screen in the auditorium. Please be aware of your child's code so you know when you are being paged to come for your child. If we are unable to reach you using the code, we will send a text message to the number on file or look for the parent in the auditorium.

### **Do you allow sick children to still attend?**

For the best interest of your child as well as those around him, we ask that you keep any sick children with you when you come to church. If we notice that your child has a fever, diarrhea, heavily running nose, or throws up, we will page you to come pick up your child immediately.

### **How can I get involved with Loop Kids?**

This ministry only exists because of the caring and sacrificial hands of leaders, many of which are parents like yourself! If you are interested in serving with Loop Kids, please [fill out this short form](#) and we will be in touch with you!

