

20th Friends for Life™ Orlando 2019

July 16-21, 2019

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort

Orlando, Florida

Dear Parents of FFL Tweens,

Welcome to the Friends for Life Tween Program! Whether this is your first time at Friends for Life or you're a seasoned attendee, we would love to welcome you to the FFL 2019 experience. Below is a brief overview of the Tween Program to help maximize the experience. We welcome you to attend Wednesday's *Parenting Your Tween* session for a brief overview of the program.

First Timers

Please visit the first timers table to view a quick FAQ sheet and speak to our extremely helpful staff who can address specific questions you may have.

Drop Off and Pick Up Details

The room designated for Tweens is Fiesta 6, so please drop your children off at that room. At the end of each session, Tweens are allowed to leave, which is different from the Elementary and Kiddie Kove program. Please talk with your Tween about how you'd like to handle meeting after sessions; we'd recommend picking a meeting spot before sessions begin to ensure that your child knows where to meet you.

Tween Program Notes

This year, there are sessions for Tweens starting on Wednesday, July 17. There may also be other sessions available outside of the Tween track that may interest your child. Please check out our program guide for details on all the sessions offered. The mandatory sessions for Tweens begin on Thursday, July 18.

Please ensure that kids are on time to the sessions. Additionally, it's great to have all Tweens attend each session so they can connect and bond, so please make an effort to have them join us! If that isn't possible, please let one of the leaders know in advance. Our program is designed to help the kids break the ice easily and make their friends for life, and we're here to help every kid have fun.

Note: The exhibit hall is a source of gadgets and gizmos aplenty. We ask that those items not be brought into the sessions, as they are a distraction. We also ask that your Tween respect our cell phone policy, which is to keep phones put away at all times except (of course) for blood sugar monitoring purposes. Headphones of any kind (earbuds, etc.) must be put into a bag or left in a hotel room. Thanks for helping keep our sessions as distraction-free as possible!

Diabetes Care Details

Your Tween's health and safety is our top priority. We have a dedicated Health Care Provider (either RN or RN, CDE) with each age group (9 - 10s and 11 - 12s). We encourage your Tween to bring their own testing supplies, and our Staff will have back-up testing supplies, in addition to low treatments and general first aid kits. The Staff also works closely with the Friends for Life support team to ensure that your Tweens are safe when they are with us during the conference.

Please note that some sessions (ex. Sports Central and activities involving high-octane Harold) are much more active than others. We recommend treating these sessions like you would for a sports or active day at home.

Note that **we will not administer insulin**. We will always immediately treat a low with glucose tabs or juice. And we encourage you to remember that we have our trained staff of health care professionals with us at all times, in hopes that you will be comfortable letting our staff handle blood sugar issues. Of course, we will reach out to you if there are any concerns. Your Tween's safety is our highest priority. We encourage you to write your name and cell phone number on the back of your Tween's badge, as an added assurance.

Regarding any additional health concerns, please keep us in the loop as necessary. It is useful for us to know of any health or psychosocial complexities before sessions begin, so please connect with our team before the first session begins. We're here to help!

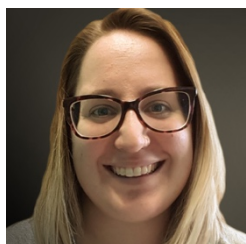
If you have any other concerns, please check in with one of the Tween Staff before the first session. Our contact information is below:



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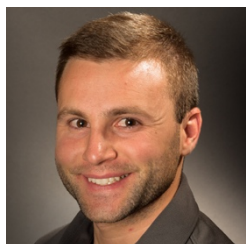
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We're really looking forward to helping you and your Tween have the best week ever at Friends for Life. Please let us know how we can be of service, and thanks for your continued trust!

Sincerely,

The Tween Leadership Team