



# Friends for Life<sup>®</sup> Orlando 2022

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## 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 2022 experience. Below is a brief overview of the Tween Program to help maximize the experience.

### 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 child off at that room for every session. Tweens will need to be dropped off at the Tween room door each session by their parents or guardian. Tween staff will walk Tweens to Sports Central and any breakout rooms as necessary. Tweens will be released to leave at the end of each session. Please discuss with your tween where you will meet them.

### Tween Program Notes:

This year, there are sessions for Tweens starting on Wednesday, July 6. On Wednesday, there could be other conference 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 are Thursday, July 7 and Friday, July 8.

Please ensure that your Tween is on time to our sessions. We encourage all Tweens to attend each session so they can connect and bond with their peers. Please make an effort to join us! If that isn't possible, let one of the leaders know in advance. Our program is designed to help our Tweens break the ice easily and make friends for life. We are here to help every youth have fun.

Note: The exhibit hall is a source of gadgets and gizmos aplenty. We ask that those items not be brought into Tween sessions, as they are a distraction. We also ask that your tween respect our cell phone policy: Phones must be 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, CDCES) with our group who will be wearing a red polo shirt. We encourage your Tween to bring their own glucose checking supplies with them. Our staff will have back-up 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 Tween is safe when they are with us during the conference.

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

**We will not administer insulin.** We will always immediately treat a low with glucose tabs or juice. We encourage you to remember that we have our trained staff of healthcare 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 name badge, as an added assurance.

Regarding any additional health concerns or psychosocial complexities, please be in touch with the Tween Leads (contact information below) before arriving in Orlando so we can ensure success for your Tween. 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:



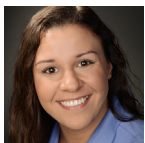
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We're looking forward to helping you and your Tween have the best week ever at Friends for Life. Please let us know how we can be of service, and thanks for your continued trust!

Sincerely,

*The Tween Leadership Team*