



# Lawrence Family Enrichment Weekend

## March 28, 2009



### What is a Family Enrichment Weekend?

A family enrichment weekend is an overnight event for Kansas families that have a child with a disability. Started in 1982, weekends provide families the opportunity to know they are not alone. Networking activities allow parents to talk with one another and workshops provide parents with knowledge regarding their child's education. On Saturday, boys and girls participate in fun, age-appropriate activities such as games, crafts, and swimming with a volunteer companion.

### What would my role be?

We need you to assist us in making this weekend successful by volunteering your time and energy (lots of it) by serving as a companion to a child on Saturday. Weekends cannot happen without our valuable companions! It is our goal that each volunteer be matched with one child. The child may be a child with a disability or a child without. You would be there to assist the child(ren) in scheduled activities, get from place to place, and provide supervision to ensure the child's day runs smoothly and safely. It may be necessary to match one companion to two or three children if we have a shortage of volunteer companions. We need about 100 companions, so tell your friends! Volunteers are needed on Saturday only from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch is provided.

### How do I register to become a volunteer companion?

1. Fill out the application on the reverse side.
2. Sign the photo release on the reverse side.
3. Mail completed application to: Families Together, Inc.  
1333 Meadowlark Lane, Suite 103  
Kansas City, KS 66102  
ATTN: Merlin Lockett  
Fax: 913 287-1972  
E-mail: [kansascity@famielstogethertnc.org](mailto:kansascity@famielstogethertnc.org)

You will be sent a letter of confirmation and additional information about the enrichment event.

### What is Families Together, Inc.?

Families Together is a statewide organization that assists parents and their sons and daughters with disabilities. The program's mission is to offer families the security of belonging to a group of caring individuals with similar goals, challenges, and needs. Families Together provides a variety of activities for parents and family members of children/youth with disabilities to encourage change toward positive expectations. We are dedicated to a society that includes and values all people. The Board of Directors and staff members are parents of sons and daughters with disabilities and education advocates who believe that all students are entitled to support services, technology, and specially designed instruction to assist them in realizing their capabilities and pursuing a full and satisfying life.





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**Companion Application Form**



**Please print clearly**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Age (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Please **number in order of preference** the age group with which you wish to work:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ birth-2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3-5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6-9 \_\_\_\_\_ 10-13 \_\_\_\_\_ 14 and up

Preference of disability (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Experience working with children: \_\_\_\_\_

Experience working with a person with a disability: \_\_\_\_\_

Experience using sign language? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Experience at previous Family Enrichment Weekends? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Are you a certified lifeguard? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

We need about 5 people to act as group leaders. Group leaders supervise the group, transition the group from one activity to another, and act as a liaison between children and Families Together staff if a problem should arise.

I would be willing to be a group leader \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Class project/ Instructor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Photo Release**

I hereby give permission to Families Together, Inc. to use or supervise the use of photographs of myself in any publication or presentation that the Board of Directors sees as beneficial to families with sons and daughters with disabilities. I agree that the photographs become the exclusive property of Families Together, Inc., and I waive all rights thereto.

I waive all rights to inspect and/or approve of copy that may be used in conjunction with the photograph and the use to which it may be applied.

The photograph, whole, in part, or composite, may be used as the publisher sees fit in the publication of educational materials, and the advertising thereof, and for any other lawful purpose.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***By submitting this application to be a companion for this Families Enrichment Weekend, I understand that Families Together, Inc. may choose, at their sole discretion, to do a criminal background check.***