

KCC CHILDREN'S PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHARTER

Mission/Goals

The mission of KCC Children's Program is to provide connection, activities and opportunities for families and children and aspires to teach children skills that will help them increase kindness, patience, and other virtues within a sincere, supportive Dharma community.

Overall, the Children's Program Committee strives to provide a fun, meaningful experience for all involved, both adults and children. Examples of our activities include simple dharma activities such as brief meditation sessions, storytelling, open discussion, songs, art projects and play to promote kindness and compassion. While these activities primarily occur on designated Sunday mornings they are not limited to Sundays.

The Children's Program Committee functions under the oversight of the Resident Lama.

Membership and Roles

- Members: No more than 6 members, comprised of 2-4 parents, one Program Council member, and a current Children's Program teacher
- Members will be asked to serve for a period of one year
- Leadership roles will be shared as co-leaders, one parent and one teacher
- The group meets quarterly but can meet more frequently if needed

Scope and Responsibilities

Planning of activities that involve children and families at KCC. This includes the following:

- The Sunday morning program which includes discussion of curriculum and activities.
Note: the Sunday morning program is primarily, but not exclusively, for children between the ages of 4 and 10 years old.
- Discuss any issues or concerns that are raised regarding the program

- Planning for family retreats
- Planning activities and involvement for annual events where children have opportunities to participate such as Bodhisattva night and Blooming Lotus
- Planning any additional activities such as potlucks, picnics, field trips or similar
- Reviewing the KCC program calendar to see if there are ways to include the children in any upcoming activities and how this might be done (e.g., provide child care, meetings with visiting teachers, participation in ceremonies and similar)
- A report will be sent to the program council subsequent to these meetings
- There will be an annual review assessing how things went as a result of our planning

Authority

The Children's Program Committee answers directly to the Resident Lama and reports via the Program Council liaison on the Committee and Committee quarterly reports.

The Committee will follow all current rules under the KCC by-laws as written by the Board of Directors.

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