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YES21! - A LITTLE BACKGROUND:

YES21! is a CRDSS 'experience program' designed for our young adults, delivering chaperoned events which are structured to create lots of fun and be wonderful opportunities for engagement and socialization. Any individual in our CRDSS family who is age 18 and older is welcome to participate.

Our YES21 group has gone to the movies, held parties & barbecues, and even went horseback riding! The full name is 'Young Elite Society' and the '21' represents both the transition into adulthood and the Down syndrome chromosome. But we like calling ourselves YES21!

All organized YES21! events will be promoted to the CRDSS member households and RSVPs are required for all attendees so we can best plan. Expenses associated with the event such as tickets, venue costs, group transportation, speaker honorariums, organized meals, etc. are covered by CRDSS. Personal expenses such as local transportation, parking charges, costumes, snacks at movies, etc. are the individual responsibility of the family. If the participating young adult needs special assistance with anything for a YES21! event, they need to be accompanied by an adult caretaker.

We are always looking for the "Guest Hosts" to design the unique events, so please let us know if you have an idea for an upcoming event or would like to be on a list.

GUEST HOSTS: ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Choose the event you would like to host and communicate with the administrator to get it on the schedule and talk any details necessary.
- Fully organize the event specifics and any related coordination of the 'venue' necessary, such as: reserve the park or pavilion, purchase tickets, arrange for the craft or event food, etc.
- Costs that need to be handled in advance of the event (purchasing movie tickets is an easy example) is most efficiently handled by the host and reimbursed by CRDSS. If that is not possible CRDSS funds can be made available in advance.
- Arrange for all chaperones required.

ADMINISTRATOR: ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Administrator is Lauren Smith, CRDSS Executive Director: lauren@crdss.org / 814-360-7112

- All promotion to the membership: Facebook, Constant Contact emails, website posts.
- Sign up forms (we use Google Forms)
- Managing any costs
- Stay in touch with the Guest Host throughout planning and execution.