

NDECPTA Nursery Q&A

We think that one of the biggest benefits to being a NDECPTA member is the nursery that is available during all of our meetings for children over six months of age.

In order to make you feel more comfortable, we've gathered some of the frequently asked questions regarding the nursery and answered them.

Q: How do I reserve a space for my child?

A: For your convenience, you have TWO options.

- If you signed up and paid for the year, your child automatically has a reserved space in the nursery for each meeting. This means that there is no need for you to contact the nursery chair prior to each meeting unless you won't need the nursery. In this case, we ask that you please contact us to cancel your nursery spot. This ensures our sitter to child ratio is appropriate in every room.
- If you are unsure whether you will need the nursery for every meeting, you may reserve and pay on an as needed/monthly basis. The cost for this will be \$10 per child/per meeting. We do require that you contact the nursery chair at least two days prior to each meeting to reserve a place for your child.

Q: What if I have a child younger than six months?

A: Children younger than 6 months are welcome in the meetings with their moms. There are always babies, even some fussy ones, in our meetings. Don't worry about bringing a young child, we've all been there!

Q: Where does childcare occur?

A: The Cochran Hills Chapel Nursery is the first building to the left, just as you pull into the parking lot. Look for our nursery sign. The nursery is separate from the building where the meetings are held.

Q: What times does childcare occur?

A: Child drop off time begins at 9:15 AM and continues until the meeting begins at 10:00 AM. All children must be picked up from the nursery by 11:30 AM.

Q: Who are the caregivers in the nursery?

A: The NDECPTA makes every attempt to hire the most dependable people we can. The women who are our sitters have been working with the NDECPTA nursery for over 5 years. Many of them have been with us longer. They are caring and responsible individuals who incidentally are also trusted as the PTA sitters for area preschools. In addition to the sitters, we have an experienced lead sitter (the mother-in-law of an NDECPTA member) who oversees all activities while the meeting goes on.

Q: What happens if my child gets upset and needs me?

A: If your child cries for more than 15 minutes, each sitter is instructed to inform the lead sitter who will then contact the NDECPTA nursery chair, Becky Clarke, attending the meeting and she will inform you. Alternatively, you may leave your cell phone number to be called directly.

Q: What are the children's activities while at the nursery?

A: Every month, we arrange and provide different activities and crafts as well as guest appearances. In the past, we have had local dentists, magicians and local librarians entertain our children while at the nursery. On nice days, children play outside in the gated playground.

Q: Is a snack provided?

A: With your permission, a snack is provided to all children over 1 year of age. For children younger than one year, we suggest that you bring something from home (bottle and/or snack). The sitters will be happy to feed your baby what you bring and are often relieved to have something soothing to comfort them.

All other questions can be addressed to our Nursery Chair:

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