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# KinderCaminata

## CAREER ACTIVITY STATION INFORMATION

*Thank you for volunteering to host a Career & College Success Activity Station!*

On Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> over 2,000 children, teachers, and parents from Fullerton, Anaheim City & La Habra School Districts will visit Fullerton College to learn about college life and explore the many careers available to them in the future.

KinderCaminata was created to celebrate and honor the life and accomplishments of Cesar Chavez. Fullerton College has hosted KinderCaminata for over 20 years.

Our motto is ¡Sí, Se Puede! Yes, you can!

### Career & College Activity Stations

- Hosts:** May be an individual faculty member, staff member, or student club
- Time Commitment:** 8:00am – 12:00pm (4 hrs) \*Includes set up & clean up time
- Locations:** Station hosts can request a classroom or area outside in the Quad. Computer labs & specialty labs may be available upon request, depending on availability.
- Purpose:** Career & College Success Activity Stations are 13-15 minute interactive activities that promote careers, areas of study and/or promote important aspects of college success.
- Goal:** To expand young children's knowledge of the many careers and fields of study that exist. Most young children only know about a limited number of careers, such as teacher, fire fighter, police officer, etc. KinderCaminata tries to expand their worldview and get them excited about different career fields and thing they might study in college. In addition, KinderCaminata is an opportunity to emphasize the good academic habits and support that students need to succeed in college.
- # of Students:** Career Stations will typically have 4 to 5 tour groups over the course of the day visit their station. If the room is large there might be two tour groups at the same time in the room. Expect approximately 100 – 125 students total.

## Career Station Preparation

Plan a short 15 minute interactive activity or lesson that in some way **teaches children about your field, careers &/or college success**. Children love hands-on activities, to sing songs, interact with the college students, and take part in fun learning activities. Keep in mind that whatever you plan, it must developmentally appropriate for kindergarten-age children who are typically 5 years old.

### Tips for Working with 5 year olds – The RULES!

- Plan interactive, hands-on activities.
- Don't just talk, ask children questions.
- Keep it short (15 minutes max)
- Make it FUN!

The activity should take no more than 15 minute from start to finish. Before the event it is a good idea to do several practice run-throughs to make sure the timing works and to help the student volunteers feel comfortable with the process and their roles.

*Make sure you come up with a FUN name for your career station.* Teachers are given a list of all career stations prior to the event so they can plan which stations they want to visit. That's why a FUN name makes a big difference.

**The Career Station Registration Form is due by March 4<sup>th</sup>.** The form is available online at <http://www.socsci.fullcoll.edu/kindercaminata>. This information will help the planning committee to order any special equipment, such as AV equipment, sound equipment, seating arrangements, tables (if outside – electricity needs) needs requested on the form.

**ALL Fullerton College student volunteers** (including Career Station volunteers) **must sign up online** available at <http://www.socsci.fullcoll.edu/kindercaminata> The information on this form is used to order KinderCaminata t-shirts, prepare nametags and certificates, etc.

**Avoid giving children any items to take home as they do not have backpacks or bags to carry things in.** If you do want to give something for the children to take home, prepare ahead of time and put 30 in a bag and have one bag ready for each teacher.

## **KinderCaminata Day – (What happens?)**

**7:15 a.m.** Your room will be unlocked and available for you to set up in by 7:15 a.m. If your station requires a lot of set up please arrive early. The KinderCaminata Committee will make signs for all career stations and station locations will be listed on the event campus map.

If you and your volunteers arrive early feel free to join us in the cafeteria for a continental breakfast while it lasts. Children tour groups will start arriving by 8:30am. Officially the event starts at 9:00am but there are always some school buses that come early and want to start visiting career stations.

**8:00 a.m.** We will have building monitors inside or outside the entrance to each building to promote your activity station and point tour groups to your location. Building monitors will stop by your location to check you in and provide any day-of-the-event updates.

**8:30 a.m.** Double-check to make sure the signs with the name of your station are in an appropriate location for ease of viewing. Ideally be prepared for classes to arrive at 8:30am.

The majority of the school buses arrive between 8:30 - 8:45 a.m. They are greeted by KinderCaminata volunteers that are part of the Welcoming Team. The children all have name tags with their first name

and the career they are interested in tied around their necks. Encourage your college students to interact and mingle with the children asking them questions.

**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Officially kindergarten tour groups begin their “Career Station” visits at 9 a.m. but often there will be some groups that arrive early.

When the classes arrive there will be a K-12 teacher, parent &/or adult chaperones and a KinderCaminata tour guide with each class. Introduce yourself to the children, parents and teachers. Plan the activity to cycle classes every 20-30 minutes. During the 2 hour career-station visit time, you can expect approximately 5 – 8 tour groups to visit.

You should not have to deal with any student discipline problems or inappropriate behavior by children – that is the job of the K-12 teacher. If you have any children that are acting out or causing a distraction please talk to the K-12 teacher to let him or her handle the situation.

***Be aware:*** No food of any kind can be given to the children. Also, K-12 school district rules say that only K-12 school personnel or their parent can escort children inside bathrooms. Do not let any of your student volunteers or the Tour Guide take a child inside the bathroom. They can walk with the K-12 teacher or parent to show them where the restrooms are located but should stay outside.

**11:00 a.m.** Keep an eye on the clock and close the career station promptly at 11:00am! Please clean up the classroom or area afterwards. Don’t forget your personal items and materials.

***It’s important to end exactly at 11:00am so that tour groups go to the Quad*** on time for final activities and get to their school buses on time. There will be a grand welcome in the Quad, cheers from the classes and guest speakers! ☺ Catch a glimpse of all the activity.

All the district classes should be headed back to their bus pick-up location by 11:30am.

Be sure that you leave the classroom or quad area clean and tidy.

**12:00 p.m.** A volunteer lunch will take place in the cafeteria after the event at 11:45am. Certificates of Appreciation will be distributed to all volunteers. Any certificates not pick up in the cafeteria will be available at the Library circulation desk.

## **After KinderCaminata**

The Career Station Committee will send all faculty and student club career station hosts an online evaluation survey to complete. Your feedback is important. Please complete the 5 minute survey to help us make next year even better.

Children will have reflection activities in their classes after the event to reinforce their learning and experiences.

***Thank you for making a positive difference in the lives of children and families!***

For more information please go to the KinderCaminata website:

<http://www.socsci.fullcoll.edu/kindercaminata>

*Please tell your students to check us out on Facebook at ‘Fullerton College KinderCaminata’*