

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce the start of the Raising a Family Unit for the Middle School Game of Life Quest. In this unit, your Eagle will care for a 5 lb flour-sack baby for 3 weeks from January 4th to January 25th in Session 4. The purpose of this project is to demonstrate the responsibilities, both physically and financially, for managing life with a baby and giving the Eagles hands-on experience with the daily demands of parenthood.

Our hope is that through participation in the project, your Eagle will:

- Gain the realization of the commitment of time and energy it takes to raise a child/family.
- Understand the financial commitment of raising a child.
- Gain a stronger appreciation of what parents around the world experience daily when raising children.

Project Requirements:

- **Daily Attendance with Baby** - Eagles will be required to have their baby each day they arrive in the studio for the 3 weeks. Baby should arrive safely and not be taken out of a backpack, shopping bag, etc...
- **Daily Baby Log** - Eagles will keep a daily log of their flour baby's activities, feedings, changes, burpings, bathing, sleeping, etc... (Changes & feedings will be as frequent as a newborn.) Eagles will be required to continue their log and care while at home.
- **Babysitters/CareGivers** - Eagles will be required to find a responsible babysitter or caregiver to watch their baby if they need to step away for an extended period of time, have an after school activity, etc...
- **Loss/Damage** - Should a flour sack baby be lost or damaged, Eagles will spend time researching proper reporting procedures and programs for families in need (CPS, First 5 California, filing a police report, etc...). Eagles will research to understand what these services do and how they help the community, kids, and families in need rather than being punished for the loss/damage of their flour sack baby.

Please sign below to indicate that you have reviewed the project requirements and give permission for your Eagle to participate in the challenge. Your support and encouragement of this project while at home is greatly appreciated.

Parent Signature

Date

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