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Brethren,

Please note the revised nature of this letter regarding use of the Oakdale Stake Center. Issues past and present have included lack of cleanliness, security issues, legal issues surrounding childcare, impact on Sunday services, and interruptions to the resident wards. After reviewing and counseling on this matter, I feel that we can continue to allow limited babysitting (during temple hours; excluding Tuesday and Wednesday evenings) in the Oakdale Stake Center while parents attend the temple. However, the Oakdale Stake Center is available only to those wards and stakes that cannot use their own buildings for babysitting; units should first look to their own facilities to handle these issues and only then turn to the Oakdale Stake Center on an as-needed basis.

**The following guidelines must be followed if you desire to use the building for childcare. Please note these rules, superseding any previous guidelines you may have received in the past.**

1. You may schedule up to two months in advance.
2. Only bishops may schedule with the building scheduler for the stake center. The building scheduler will check with the Oakdale Ward bishopric for approval.
3. The building scheduler will need to know the ward and stake along with the number of children (20 maximum) and the names and contact information of the supervisors (minimum of 2 supervisors: at least one over 18, no one under 14) who will be in charge of the children. Reference HB2 13.6.2. The control/safety of the children is essential because of liability issues. Additional supervision by adults/youth is recommended depending on the age and number of children.
4. There will be a key installed in the lockbox outside the Family History Center doors. You will be given a code to access the key.
5. As always, the children must be chaperoned in the rooms assigned (southwest corner) and not allowed in the building in general, particularly the cultural hall or wandering the halls. To repeat, because this has been a problem: access to the cultural hall is prohibited. My stake leaders have chosen this area where there is adequate room, access to bathrooms and where children may be easily contained.
6. Treats must be limited to “dry” food and only water for drinks, except of course, infants. There is a vacuum cleaner in the closet closest to the chapel in the south foyer. It should be used for cleanup. We also ask that you take out the trash and ensure the restroom used in the childcare area is tidy.
7. Given that other activities may be taking place in the building, supervisors should ensure that children are quiet and respectful. Please ensure that seminary or other materials/wall hangings are not disturbed.
8. Finally, turn off the lights, lock the door (unless the Family history Center is open), and return the key.

I am hopeful that these changes will be helpful as your members attend the temple. Bishops, please review this new policy with your ward council so that all have the same understanding.

I will continue to provide feedback when issues arise. It is my hope that we can use the resources the Lord has blessed us with in a safe and respectful manner that will bless the lives of individuals and families as they attend the house of the Lord.

Sincerely,

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APPENDIX

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