

How to start your own Forever Friends Club:

1. Figure out **who will be members** of your club. Kids in the neighborhood? Kids at school? *The Forever Friends Club* is about being a good friend. In your club, remember to be a good friend to everyone. Instead of leaving kids out, invite them in! You can have as many members of the FF club as you'd like!
2. **Talk to a grownup** about sponsoring the club. If it's a club at school, a teacher or a guidance counselor can help you get the club started. If it's a club that you're forming at home, talk to a parent. You'll need help when you decide on meeting space, rules, and refreshments (yum!)
3. **Find a meeting place.** The kids in the book used a shed, but you don't need a clubhouse to have a club. All you need is a place that's convenient for everyone. Your sponsor can help you with this. You will probably want to keep a box in your meeting spot to store all your club supplies.
4. **Give everyone a job.** You'll need an Organizer, to keep track of everything, a Writer, who will record everything you do, and an Investigator, who will find out whatever information you'll need to make your club work. You could also have an Arts Director, who can be in charge of making posters, an Activities Leader, who can think of fun stuff for you to do, and a Treasurer, in case you decide to raise money for a special cause. The sky's the limit – give everyone an important role in the club.
5. **Write some rules.** Everyone should agree on the rules. Here are some suggestions:
 - Be a good friend.
 - Help solve problems.
 - Do the right thing.
 - Have fun!
6. **Take action!** The kids in the book started their club just for fun, but once they realized that Sam felt left out they took action to help him feel that he belonged. They **did something** to solve their problem. What will your club do? Will you help kids feel like they belong like the kids in the book? Will you try to make good changes in your school or your neighborhood? It's up to you!
7. **Set your meeting times.** Once a month? Once a week? How often you meet will depend on what you want to do in your club. Make sure you set up a schedule for refreshments, too!
8. **Get started!** Now that you have members, a sponsor, a meeting space, rules, and an action plan, you have everything you need to have your own Forever Friends club!
9. **Go to our website** (www.drtpress.com/foreverfriends.html) and be sure to print **FREE**:
 - Forever Friends Club membership cards
 - Forever Friends club stickers (print on sticker paper) or temporary tattoos (print on tattoo paper)
 - Forever Friends club stationary
 - Forever Friends club notecards

