

2008 YOUTH EVENTS ✱ DIOCESE OF BETHLEHEM
MEDICAL RELEASE/COMMUNITY LIFE STANDARDS FORM
FOR ADULT CHAPERONES AND ADULT PARTICIPANTS AT DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS

This form must be completed by each adult participant and signed on both sides.

Please Note: All information given is confidential and is not distributed to unauthorized personnel.

**EVENT: JR. HIGH MISSION & RAFTING TRIP – NORTHERN TIER
JUNE 17-20, 2008**

Name of Participant : _____ Male () Female ()
SS#: _____ Email: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Phone: () _____
Home Address: _____
Doctor's Name: _____ Phone: () _____
Dentist's Name: _____ Phone: () _____
Health Insurance Company: _____
Group #: _____ Plan #: _____

1. Any health problems the staff should know about:

2. Any allergies: _____

3. Any dietary restrictions: _____

4. If you wish, list here prescribed medications you are taking which would need to be known by a doctor in case of emergency: _____

Emergency contact during event:

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Relationship: _____ 2nd Phone (if applicable): () _____

In case of a medical emergency in which I am sick or injured and become unconscious, I permit the diocesan staff and/or other adult supervisors to obtain or authorize emergency medical/dental treatment for me. I further authorize the medical personnel selected by the diocesan staff and/or adult supervisors to administer such emergency treatment, including injections, anesthesia, or surgery as they deem necessary.

Adult Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____

COMMUNITY LIFE STANDARDS FOR ADULTS

ATTENDING DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS

1. Use of illegal drugs, tobacco products, and alcohol is not allowed during the event.
2. There is a set curfew at events. Participants are expected to abide by curfew times as defined at the event.
3. Everyone is expected to attend the entire event and participate in all scheduled activities.
4. Visitors are not allowed during youth events. A visitor is defined as a person who is unexpected, not registered, and/or does not contribute to the conference.
5. No one may leave the site of the event without the permission of the adult in charge of the event.
6. Youth may not drive participants (other youth) during youth events. All drivers during youth events must be 25 years of age or older and abide by all traffic laws.
7. The diocese does not provide transportation to and from youth events unless otherwise stated for a specific event. All transportation arrangements are to be made with parental permission. Youth planning to travel away from an event with a youth driver, other than who they arrived with, need to have written permission from their parent(s).
8. Unless related, one youth and one adult may not ride alone together in a car to or from diocesan events.
9. Visiting in defined sleeping areas by members of the opposite sex is prohibited. All meetings of friends of the opposite sex will occur in designated community areas.
10. Public displays of affection that are a distraction from participation in the event will not be allowed.
11. Offensive language and offensive conversation is prohibited.
12. Weapons of any kind and potentially dangerous items (i.e. lighters, matches, pocket knives) are prohibited. Anyone found to possess these items will be sent home immediately.

Please read the following excerpts from Safeguarding God's Children, our diocesan resource for creating and sustaining a healthy environment for our children and teens. Adults who regularly (more than one event a year) chaperone or participate in diocesan events are required to attend a Safeguarding God's Children training event.

The Diocese of Bethlehem is committed to creating and promoting a positive, nurturing environment for our children and youth ministries that protects our children and youth from abuse and our church personnel [and volunteers] from misunderstandings. When creating safe boundaries for children and youth, it is important to establish what types of affection are appropriate and inappropriate; otherwise that decision is left to each individual. Stating which behaviors are appropriate and inappropriate allows church personnel [and volunteers] to comfortably show positive affection in ministry, and yet identify individuals who are not maintaining safe boundaries with children or youth... The following guidelines are to be carefully followed by all church personnel [and volunteers] working around or with children or youth.

Guidelines for Appropriate Affection:

Love and affection are part of church life and ministry. There are many ways to demonstrate affection while maintaining positive and safe boundaries with children and youth. Some positive and appropriate forms of affection are listed [here]: brief hugs ♦ pats on the shoulder or back ♦ handshakes ♦ "high-fives" and hand slapping ♦ appropriate verbal praise ♦ [briefly] touching hands, shoulders and arms ♦ arm around shoulders ♦ holding hands during prayer.

The following forms of affection are considered inappropriate with children and youth in ministry setting:

♦ inappropriate or lengthy embraces ♦ kisses on the mouth ♦ holding children over three years old on the lap [or sitting on the laps of children or youth] ♦ touching bottoms, chests or genital areas ♦ showing affection in isolated areas [away from other participants] ♦ occupying a bed (or sleeping bag) with a child or youth ♦ touching the knees or legs of children or youth ♦ wrestling ♦ tickling ♦ piggyback rides ♦ any type of massage given by a child or youth to an adult ♦ any type of massage given by an adult to a child or youth ♦ any form of unwanted affection ♦ comments or compliments (spoken, written, or electronic) that relate to physique or body development ♦ snapping bras or giving wedgies or similar touch of underwear whether or not it is covered by other clothing ♦ giving gifts or money to individual children or youth ♦ private meals with individual children or youth.

I hereby agree to abide by all rules of this event and the guidelines as set forth above. I have ___ have not ___ (check one) attended the Safeguarding God's Children Training for the Diocese of Bethlehem.

SIGNATURE OF ADULT CHAPERONE OR PARTICIPANT: _____

PARISH: _____ DATE: _____