

Augustana Lutheran Church Youth & Family Ministry Participation and Medical Consent

Augustana values our ministry to youth and families, which includes events and programs that support the fellowship, outreach and spiritual growth of our members. To facilitate this programming, the following guidelines have been developed for all participants.

Background

The Youth and Family Ministry (YFM) program is given direction by the YFM Committee, which is a standing committee of the Augustana Church Council. Specific programming and coordination is the responsibility of the Director of Youth and Family Ministry. Numerous other groups representing youth, parents, families and the congregation, as a whole, contribute to the programming offered through YFM.

Guidelines

Personal Behavior: All participants are expected to behave in a manner that shows respect for God, for self, for other persons, and for the property of all.

Adult Presence at Youth Events: The target adult-to-youth ratio at any overnight youth event is one to seven. Adults interested in chaperoning YFM events should contact the Director of Youth and Family Ministries. As standard practice, a background check is completed for all adults who work with young people at Augustana.

Visitors/Friends: We recognize that outreach is central to the overall mission of the church, therefore visitors and friends are welcome at YFM programs. Visitors and friends are expected to exhibit the same respectful personal behavior and complete the same medical treatment and permission forms required of Augustana members.

Transportation: Transportation to all YFM programs occurring off church property will be provided or arranged by the director of YFM or by designated adult chaperones. All drivers must have a valid driver's license and current automobile insurance. Any vehicles used will meet the minimum safety standards (i.e. seatbelts, lights, etc.) required by the State of Minnesota. Youth may be allowed to transport themselves to and from programs that are off church property only if granted permission by a parent or legal guardian and arranged with the Director of YFM. Occasionally participants are offered rides by other students for which Augustana is not responsible and for which parental approval must be granted.

Alcohol, Illegal Substances and Weapons: The possession or use of any illegal substance or weapon will not be tolerated. If a participant fails to meet these guidelines he/she is subject to immediate dismissal from that event. Attendance at future events will be granted by recommendation of the Director of YFM in consultation with the Youth and Family Ministry Committee. During out-of-state YFM events, appropriate disciplinary action will be subject to consultation with parent(s) or legal guardians and the senior pastor.

Curfew and Lights Out: All overnight events we attend will have established times for curfew/lights out. In most cases these are set by the hosting or sponsoring organization. In situations where this is not the case event and trip leaders will set the curfew and lights out time.

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Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Student cell phone _____ email _____

Other contact information (additional phone numbers, etc.) _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name _____ Place of Employment _____

Work Telephone _____ Cell phone _____ Additional Cell phone _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Name of Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Relationship to Student _____

Name of Primary Care Physician _____ Physician Telephone _____

Medical Insurance Carrier _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Insurance Telephone _____ Policy Number _____

Medical Conditions; Please list any allergies or important information that may be helpful in proper medical treatment for your child:

PERMISSION TO SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION:

I grant YFM program leaders the authority to seek any Emergency Medical Attention deemed necessary. I expect that reasonable efforts will be made to contact me for consultation. However, I request and expect that leaders will seek the best medical care available, should it be required.

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian _____ Date _____

PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE:

As the parent/legal guardian of the above-named person, I grant my permission to participate in the YFM events, activities and programs of Augustana Lutheran Church. We have read the expectations and agree to abide by these guidelines as set forth by Augustana Lutheran Church and the adult leaders of these programs. We understand that parents/guardian will be contacted and students will give up the right to participate in programs if they choose not to follow these guidelines. We recognize that some activities represent risk and will not hold the church or its leaders responsible for injuries incurred while participating in these events.

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Youth Participant _____ Date _____