

**Event and Medical Release Form for Adults
Participating in Diocese of Bethlehem Youth (grades 6-12) Events**

This 2 page form must be completed and signed by each adult participant

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

Event and Date: _____

Name of Participant: _____ Select: Male: _____ Female: _____

Participant's Email: _____ Parent's Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Name of Parish (if applicable): _____

Doctor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Dentist's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Health Insurance Company: _____

Group #: _____ ID #: _____

Medical Information and Release:

1. Any physical or emotional health problems the staff should know about (if more space is needed write on back of page): _____
2. Any allergies: _____
3. Any dietary restrictions: _____
4. I give my permission for images of me to be used in Diocesan Publications, online and in print for future events and promotions. These images may include still photographs or video images. _____ yes _____ no

Emergency contact during event (if other than above):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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

In case of a medical emergency, I permit the event staff and/or 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. I understand I will be notified of this emergency as soon as possible.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS

This is to certify, I do consent and agree for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, to release and indemnify and hold harmless the Diocese of Bethlehem, its agents, employees, contractors or guests from any and all liabilities incident to the participant's involvement in the Diocesan event as provided above. I release, waive, and discharge and agree not to sue or make any claim against the Diocese of Bethlehem for any and all claims on account of any damage to property or injury, caused or alleged to be caused by them or otherwise, in connection with the above-described event or related activities.

(please print name)

Signature

Date

Community Life Standards for Adults Attending Diocese of Bethlehem Youth (grades 6-12) Events

1. Everyone is expected to attend the entire event and participate in all activities.
2. All participants must follow the directions of the adult leaders.
3. Visitors are not allowed during Diocesan events for children and youth. A visitor is defined as a person who is unexpected and not registered.
4. The diocese does not provide transportation to and from events for children and youth unless otherwise stated for a specific event. All transportation arrangements are to be made with parental permission. According to diocesan guidelines, one child and one adult who are unrelated may not ride alone together in the car to or from diocesan events.
5. Youth may not drive participants (other youth) during youth events. All Drivers during youth events must be 23 years of age or older and abide by all traffic laws.
6. Public displays of affection that are a distraction from participation in the event are not allowed.
7. Bullying will not be tolerated.
8. Offensive language and inappropriate conversation is prohibited.
9. Potentially dangerous items (i.e. lighters, matches, pocket knives) are prohibited.
10. No one may leave the site of the event without the permission of the adult in charge of the event.
11. Use of tobacco products, alcohol and illegal drugs is not allowed during the event.
12. There s a set curfew at all events. Adult participants are expected to abide by curfew times and rules as defined at the events. Except in the case of an emergency, youth participants must remain in designated sleeping areas from lights out until the time of the first scheduled event the next morning.
13. 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.
14. Even married couples will abide by the separate sleeping spaces at events, and will refrain from public displays of affection.

- A warning will be given for breaking rules 1 – 6.
- An adult may be removed from the event for breaking the rules 7 – 14, or for repeated violations of rules 1-6.
- The adult in charge of the event will make all decisions concerning consequences for unacceptable behavior. If the adult in charge determines that a participant needs to leave the event, that participant must make immediate arrangements to leave the event site (at own expense).

Please read the following excerpt from our Diocesan Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse.

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: 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 have _____ have not _____ (check one) completed the Safeguarding God’s Children Training for the Diocese of Bethlehem. (Adults who chaperone Diocesan events for children and/or youth are required to complete the Safeguarding God’s Children training.)

I hereby agree to abide by all rules of this event. I fully understand the consequences of breaking these rules.

Signature of Adult Participant: _____ Date: _____