



Diocese of Joliet

ADULT CHAPERONE FORM

Adult Chaperone Policy for Youth Ministry Events

Most reports indicate that "our young people" are extremely well behaved. From time to time a few problems may arise and with your help they can be quickly addressed. Please familiarize yourself with the following information.

Adult chaperones should reflect a mature and responsible nature. All adult chaperones are responsible for the supervision of the young people from their parish and at diocesan events all youth attending the event as well. Adult chaperones are asked to model the behavior expected of the teens.

Physical presence among the young people is very important. It is also important that adults be mentally present to the young people. Frequently walk among them (checking washrooms and exits), take part in all activities, and most importantly, be attentive to their needs.

There may be times when young people have difficulty focusing, following directions, or cooperating. Speak to the person privately in a gentle and direct manner. You may have to remove the individual from the group setting (which is highly recommended) in order to deal with the situation. Remember, do not publicly humiliate another person. If needed, please do not hesitate to ask other adult chaperones/leaders for help.

Please be familiar with the Code of Behavior. Caps, hats and other headgear are not permitted during prayer/liturgy celebrations. All dangerous types of dancing are not allowed. All are asked to properly dispose of gum. It is imperative that all adults are willing to confront behavior code violations.

If an accident occurs, please inform your local parish youth ministry coordinator (and if at a diocesan event, the diocesan staff person responsible for the event) as soon as possible. If medical attention is required when returning home, please inform the parish youth ministry coordinator (and if the injury happened at a diocesan event, inform the diocesan Youth Ministry Office).

In addition to leading youth by modeling a positive attitude and involvement, we ask that all adults refrain from consuming drugs, alcohol and from smoking.

Videotaping and still photographs may occur during this event. Registration for this event constitutes permission for possible participation in videotaping and/or still photographs.

I, as an adult attending this event, agree to abide by these guidelines.

Signature

Date