

In our ongoing effort to ensure the safety of our youth, the Youth Council has formalized the following regarding chaperones and drivers for youth events. We believe it is in the best interest of the youth, adults, and the Congregation to adopt these guidelines.

1. There shall always be two or more adult chaperones at any youth event regardless of how few youth may be in attendance.
2. There shall be one additional chaperone for every additional 7 — 10 youth at any event.
3. There shall always be two (2) adults in the meeting space.
4. Adults may not separate youth from the group for any one-on-one activity.
5. Adult volunteers and drivers must be 25 years or older.
6. While it is against the better judgment of the RE Committee to have drivers under the age of 25, if a driver is younger than 25, written permission must be obtained in advance of each event from parents/guardians of all youth passengers. If the driver is under 25 and a member of the youth group, written permission must also be obtained, for each event, from the driver's parents to transport other youth to the event.
7. The RE Registration Packet shall request a copy of the parent(s) or guardian(s) drivers license and insurance card. Where that information is not on file, those adults will not be asked to be drivers to any youth events.
8. A yearly General Permission Slip for SNUUC-sponsored youth events, signed by a parent or guardian, must be completed prior to participation by a youth. (A sample is attached.)
9. When travel is involved the Youth Coordinator shall provide information as to destination, with expected times of departure and return. The chaperones/drivers will carry with them at all times the list of names, telephone numbers, and any special medical conditions of the participants.
10. A traveling first aid kit will be taken on all trips. It is recommended that there be at least one cell phone per vehicle on all trips.

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