



# KUC Youth Ministry – Grades 7+ General Information for Parents

- *NOTE: Programs for 6th grade and under are part of Children and Family Ministry and require registration. Register [HERE](#)*

## **Registration and Reservations:**

Church activities are normally drop-in and open to all youth regardless of church affiliation, if there are coronavirus capacity restrictions in place, activities may require registration and reservations. Each new attendee at any activity must sign in and must provide an emergency contact name and number and parent email address. The parent may subsequently receive information about youth activities at church. Overnight activities, field trips and overnight trips always require pre-registration.

## **General Description of Activities:**

Youth activities may include indoor and outdoor group games and activities, service projects, Bible studies, including relevant videos and discussions and thought—and spirit—provoking conversation. On occasion the group may leave church property on foot for the day's activity or game (ex: —a walk to the beach—a treasure hunt in the neighborhood, walk to Homer'). There will be times during activities when youth will not be able to access or use their cell phones.

## **Rules:**

Youth participants are expected to follow the rules and directions of the leaders during every activity. If a participant is found to be unsafe, disruptive to the purpose of the group, or to act out in defiance of its rules or directions, a parent or guardian may be contacted and the participant may be asked to sit out or leave. Any decision to remove a participant from the group's activities rests solely on the discretion of the youth leaders present at the activity.

## **Child and Youth Abuse Prevention:**

Staff and volunteer leaders are screened, background checked, and must abide by Kenilworth Union Church's [Child and Youth Abuse Prevention Policy](#). Staff are mandated by the state of Illinois to report any suspected child abuse to DCFS.

## **Permission and Media Release:**

Attendance without pre-registration implies parental permission and consent to the activities and implies a release for posting photos/ videos taken during activities on church social media accounts or other web or print managed by church staff. Overnight and field trip events include a permission and media release form to be signed by a parent or guardian for participants under the age of 18. The primary platform for photo/ video use is the [@kucyouth instagram account](#). It is our policy and practice not to identify minors. However we do not remove "tags" added by the youth themselves or their peers. If you request removal of a specific photo or tag, the church staff will honor that request as soon as it is received. If you wish to revoke this consent for your child, please notify [Squire Prince](#) or the church in writing with your child's name, grade, which youth program he or she attends, and a statement of your wishes.

If you have any further questions or concerns or would like to support the KUC Youth Ministry, please contact Director of Youth Ministry, Squire Prince (847) 853-2009. In case of emergency during youth activities.