

# United Cross Cluster YOUTH MINISTRY

## *POLICIES and GUIDELINES FOR JUNIOR HIGH ACTIVITIES*

1. **Permission Forms** for any activity will only be accepted if it is the official youth ministry form. Other forms of permission slips handwritten by parents/guardians **will not be accepted**. There needs to be a **correct and working phone number** on the permission slip where a parent or designated adult can be reached during the time of the event in case your child needs to be picked up.
2. **Arrival & Departure:** Teens **MUST check-in** upon arrival. No youth will be allowed to leave any activity without a parent or an adult designated by a parent. Late admission and early departure must be **prearranged** with their parish Youth Minister.

Students must check in coats upon arrival. Only purses will be allowed, **no bags or backpacks are allowed**.

3. **Fees** are to accompany all permission slips.
4. **Chaperones** are needed for each and every event. Without adequate chaperones, the event will be canceled. Chaperones are asked to leave younger children at home.
5. **Inappropriate behavior and dress will not be tolerated. We are providing activities for Christian fellowship in a Catholic environment and we expect behavior and clothing to be appropriate.**

**BEHAVIOR:** Includes inappropriate language, inappropriate actions (attitude and behavior), and inappropriate dancing (no grinding, no dancing that is sexual or suggestive in nature, and no close contact dancing). If a teen is seen participating in these activities, they will be warned **ONCE**. If they continue the behavior, the parent will be called and asked to pick up their child.

**DRESS:** Teens are **NOT to wear** any of the following clothes: *See-through or open-backed shirts (including halter tops), bare midriff shirts; spaghetti strap tank tops; shirts with unchristian pictures and messages; hats or any type of head wear; excessively tight pants, short shorts or short skirts; visible underwear on both boys and girls.* Please be aware that if any teen is seen wearing any of these outfits, parents will be called and asked to come and get their teen.

**Please leave all cell phones, pagers, etc. at home. You may bring them in case of an emergency, however if you are caught using them at the dance, they will be taken and given to a parent at the end of the evening.**

**Respect is expected for the chaperones and DJ's. The DJ will not play personal CD's.**

6. **Guests:** Teens are allowed to bring **ONE** guest that is in 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades **only**. *All guests must register on an official permission form signed by parent/guardian.* Guests are required to abide by the policies listed above plus consent to appropriate conduct. **If a guest does not follow the guidelines, they will not be invited to return to any event, and the parish member teen will be suspended from the next upcoming event.**

If you have any questions or concerns with these guidelines, please feel free to contact the Faith Formation/Religious Education office at any time: Joan Plumley – St. Sebastian - 414-453-7150 [jplumley@saintsebs.org](mailto:jplumley@saintsebs.org), Mary-Ellen Pfeiffer – Mother of Good Counsel – 414-442-7600x127 [pfeiffer@mgcparish.org](mailto:pfeiffer@mgcparish.org), or Joe Nettesheim – St. Margaret Mary – 414-461-6073 X110 [jnettesheim@stmmp.org](mailto:jnettesheim@stmmp.org)