

Junior High Activities

POLICY and GUIDELINES

1. **Permission Forms** for any activity will only be accepted if it is the official parish permission and identity form for the specified activity. Other forms of permission slips handwritten by parents/guardians will not be valid or accepted. **Permission Forms are to be turned into the PARISH that you are a member of regardless of the location of the event.** (see #6 for further information concerning guests).

(Official permission forms are prepared by and required by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's protected self-insurance program. Questions should be directed to Catholic Mutual Group at 255-6906)
2. **Deadline dates** indicated on the permission forms will be strictly upheld. Thus, walk-ins, even with a valid permission slip, will not entitle a youth to participate. If a student does arrive with permission form the parent/guardian or emergency number will be called and will be asked to pick up the teen. Permission Forms that **arrive late in the mail and are faxed** are also **not accepted**.
3. **Arrival-** Teens **must check-in with their home parish upon arrival**. Late admission and early departure will not be allowed for any reason due to liability.
4. **Money and fees are to accompany all permission slips.**
5. **Chaperones:** There is a chaperone ratio of 1 adult to 10 youth for all scheduled activities. Activities will be canceled if adequate numbers of chaperones are not secured. Adult chaperones must be 21 years of age or older and **must have attended a Safeguarding All God's Children** (Formerly known as VIRTUS) **Training (this is a onetime training)**.
6. **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 no inappropriate language, actions (attitude and behavior) and dancing (no "grind" dancing, sexual or suggestive in nature and close contact couples dancing). If your child is seen participating in these activities, they will be asked to stop. If they continue the behavior, you will be called and asked to pick up your child.
At dances, when requesting songs, teens are expected to request only appropriate music that contains appropriate lyrics and content.
DRESS: Teens **are not to wear** any of the following clothes:
See through shirts, bare midriff shirts, spaghetti strap tank tops, open backed shirts (includes halter tops), **very tight pants, very short shorts or skirts** (good rule – middle of thigh length), **Shirts with unchristian pictures and messages.** 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.
6. **Guests:** Teens are allowed to **bring one guest** (non-members of participating parishes) to an activity. Guests are **REQUIRED** to abide by the policies listed above plus consent to appropriate conduct. **All guests must register on an official permission form and this form needs to be turned in with the parish members form that they are a guest of.** Guests forms NOT turned in with the parish teen whom they are a guests of, **will NOT be accepted.**

Enforcement is upheld by the participating parishes:

St. Dominic, Brookfield	St. John Vianney, Brookfield
St. Joseph, Wauwatosa	St. Mary's Visitation, Elm Grove

ST. MARY'S VISITATION YOUTH MINISTRY

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2011-2012

Each 7th and 8th grader in the parish will need this on file to be able to attend any of the events offered throughout this year. (through to September 2012)

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read the Junior High Activities Policies and Guidelines. We (Parent and Teen) have discussed the information. We agree to the stated Policy and Guidelines.

_____/_____/2011
Family Name (please print) Date

Parent/Guardian name Signature Parent/Guardian name Signature

Please

___ I (we) have completed the Safeguarding training (formerly named VIRTUS) Name(s) _____

Date of training was: ____/____/20____ at _____
Please list where you took your training

___ I (we) have completed the Scout training Name(s) _____

Date of training was: ____/____/20____ through council # _____

Teen Signatures (7th and 8th grade) _____

Please list school attending

For Parent/Guardian (check all that apply)

_____ I will be willing to chaperone an event.
Best way to contact me is by _____ Please put what is needed to contact you in this manner

_____ I am unable to be a chaperone for any event this year.

Please contact us at: (list phone and email) _____

RETURN THIS FORM to the Youth Ministry Office by December 5th unless you already turned it in for the dance in September!

This form can be returned through the Parish or School office, to the Attn of Brian Magliocco, Youth Minister