

Participation Guidelines  
OSLC Youth Ministry Programs

Our Saviour Lutheran Church values our ministry to youth and families, which includes events and programs that support the fellowship, outreach, and spiritual growth of our members. To facilitate this programming, the following guidelines have been developed for all participants.

**Personal Behavior**

All participants are expected to behave in a manner that shows respect for God, for oneself, for other persons, and for the property of all. All participants are expected to:

- -Participate in all activities with a spirit of cooperation and an attitude of openness
- -Be on time to all activities
- Follow the set curfew
- Respect and obey the adult and youth leaders in charge
- Respect and care for those in the group as sisters and brothers in Christ

**Adult Presence at Youth Overnight Events**

The minimum target adult-to-youth ratio at any overnight youth event is one to ten. Both male and female advisors will be provided unless a group is of only one gender. All advisors will have read and signed OSLC's behavior policy as well as undergone a background check.

**Visitors/Friends**

We recognize that outreach is central to the overall mission of the church; therefore visitors and friends are welcomed at all youth meetings. Certain events may be offered for youth group members only. Visitors and friends are expected to exhibit the same respectful personal behavior and complete the same participation, medical, and permission forms required of OSLC members.

**Transportation**

Transportation to and from all youth programs occurring off church property will be provided or arranged by designated adult chaperones. All drivers must be at least 21 years old, have a valid driver's license, and have current automobile insurance. Any vehicles used will meet the minimum safety standards required by the state of NC. Youth may be allowed to transport themselves and family members to and from programs only if granted written permission by a parent or legal guardian. Seat belts must be worn at all times while traveling. No electronic devices will be allowed when the bus is used or during overnight retreats.

**Cell Phones**

Cell phones are not to be used while attending any youth meeting or at an event. Cell phones are not to be used while being transported to an event.

**Alcohol, Tobacco, Illegal Substances and Weapons**

The possession or use of any alcohol, tobacco, illegal substances or weapons will not be tolerated. This includes lighters, pocket knives, and fireworks. If a participant fails to meet these guidelines he/she is subject to immediate dismissal from that event. Attendance at future events will be granted only by recommendation of the Youth Ministry Team. Any expenses incurred in returning a youth to their parents will be the responsibility of the parents.

Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_