



North UMC
Youth Ministry
Youth Group Volunteer FAQ



We need to have at least four adults present for each youth group meeting. This does not include parents who attend to provide extra support for youth with special needs. Consistency is important for all of us, so if you can sign up for one Sunday a month that would be ideal. Here is the Volunteer Spot link to sign up for

Logistics

- Youth group is from 5:30-7:30 pm on Sundays. Plan on being in the Club Room by 5:15 pm.
- We need to respect the staff and families' time by making sure all of the youth are upstairs ready to go at 7:30 pm.
- When youth group is over, two adults should accompany the youth upstairs and two adults stay behind to finish tidying up the youth room, turn off the lights and shut the door.

Expectations for Youth

- Be present. We're glad you're here, so put away your electronics, books, and side conversations and engage with us.
- Treat everyone how you want to be treated. No unwanted physical contact of any kind.
- Maintain a positive and respectful attitude. You may disagree with a consequence, but the group leader and volunteers are responsible for everyone's safety. What they say goes.

Expectations for Leaders

- Get to know the youth – know their names, meet their parents, and follow up on prayer concerns or other things shared during introductions and prayer time.
- Adults should spread out during dinner, games, and discussions and engage with the youth.
- Make sure everyone cleans up after him or herself and move the group to the next activity.
- Know the three rules and enforce them when necessary
- When you start to see unwanted behavior, redirect them. The person leading/teaching should not have to discipline or redirect.
 - Suggestions for redirection: a gentle touch on the shoulder, eye contact, walk over to student and quietly ask them to stop, etc.
 - If necessary, ask student to go to the hallway with you to talk about what's going on. Make sure to leave the door open to the youth room.

Safe Sanctuaries

- Every adult must have a background check.
- Two non-related adults must always be present in groups.
- Room must have a door with a window or leave door open.
- Transportation
 - Everyone should wear seatbelts.
 - At least 2 adults and 2 youth must be in the car when driving personal vehicles.
 - Youth may not drive from the church to off-site location. They can either plan to meet there or ride with the group.