



Youth Safety Guidelines

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To protect children and teens involved in St. Andrew parish youth activities including Sunday school, Friday school Teen SOYO and other sponsored events.

All adult Youth Leaders must not be registered sex offenders (verified by Dept. of Justice and California Sex Offender websites nspow.gov and meganslaw.ca.gov) and must read and agree to the following guidelines:

On-Campus Events

1. All events scheduled for youth participation on-campus at St. Andrew must be approved by Fr. Josiah as part of an official ministry of the parish or as a one-time event.
2. All events must be directly supervised by an approved Youth Leader who is 21 years or older, unless approved by Fr. Josiah.
3. All adult-youth interaction must include at least 2 adults at all times or be in a public area with other adults and youths present. The maximum number of youths/adults is 15/1 for on-campus events.

Off-Campus Events

1. **Adult supervision:** Two approved Youth Leaders or one leader and a parent of a participating youth or other adult, one of whom must be 21 years or older, are required for all trips and outings. The maximum number of youths/adults is 10/1 for off-campus events. Appropriate adult leadership must be present for all overnight activities, coed overnight activities – even those involving parent and child- require male and female adult leaders, both of whom must be 21 years or older, and one of whom must be an approved Youth Leader.
2. **Transportation** to and from youth outings:
 - a. Meet at designated departure area, pre-arrange periodic checkpoint stops as a group, and establish a designated destination point.
 - b. If you cannot provide 2 adults for each vehicle, the minimum required is 1 adult and 2 or more youth members – never 1 on 1.

- c. Drivers must be at least 25 years old and carry permission slips from parents with emergency information for each youth rider. Each rider MUST have a functioning seat belt.
- 3. **Safety rule of four:** No fewer than 4 individuals (w/ min of 2 adults) go on any backcountry expedition or campout.
 - a. Male and female leaders must have separate sleeping facilities. Married couples may share the same quarters if appropriate and facilities are available.
 - b. Male and female youth participants will not share the same sleeping facility.
 - c. Adults and youths of same gender may occupy dorm or single room accommodations, provided there is a minimum of 2 adults and 4 youths. Adults must establish separation barriers or privacy zones in order to keep their sleeping and dressing areas separated from youth area.
 - d. Tents – no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his or her parent or legal guardian.
 - e. If separate shower and latrine facilities are not available, separate times for male and female use should be scheduled and posted for showers. Youths and adults must shower at different times. The buddy system should be used for latrines by having one person wait outside the entrance or provide “occupied/unoccupied” signs and/or door latches. Adult leaders need to respect the privacy of youths in situations where youths are changing clothes or taking showers and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Adults also need to protect their own privacy in similar situations.

I have read and agree to adhere to the Youth Safety Guidelines for all St. Andrew events, both on-and off-campus:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Check areas of service with youth:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School | <input type="checkbox"/> Kidz Klub | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground Monitor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teen SOYO | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Catechism Childcare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Maximos Acad. | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday School | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |