

Guidelines for Overnight Group Events

Purpose- To establish guidelines for overnight group events in order to allow Student Directors to operate within established boundaries.

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

Certain Student Ministry activities may require overnight sleeping arrangements be made for students, staff members and DreamTeam (i.e. SLG trips, mission trips, ski trips, etc.). In the event an activity requires sleeping arrangements, the following rules will be observed:

1. The 2-adult rule must be followed; a single student should not be alone with a staff member or volunteer.
2. All adult leaders must have fully completed the family ministries on-boarding process, including having a current liability form on file.
3. Overnight sleeping arrangements must be approved by the Senior Director of Students prior to the activity. These arrangements must include separate female & male bathrooms/showers.
4. As long as any students are awake, one trip leader must be awake and monitoring students to ensure safe behavior.
5. Leaders should check with parents and use good judgment regarding movies.
6. Appropriately modest sleeping attire must be worn; both tops and bottoms.
7. In the event of a sleepover on campus that involves both boys and girls, boys and girls must sleep in separate rooms, properly supervised by student leaders of the same gender.
8. Whenever possible, at least one staff member or volunteer will sleep in the same room (but not same bed) as students, or in an adjoining room with the door between the rooms kept open.
9. In the event that overnight arrangements do not include standard beds, each staff member, volunteer, and student will use single sleeping bags or blankets. In these instances, a “one-person-to-one bag or blanket” rule will be observed.
10. Must have approval from the Senior Director to rent vehicles through the church.