

TEMPLE SOLEL YOUTH GROUP POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

YOUTH GROUP POLICIES

1. Membership in a Temple Solel Youth Group is not limited to children of Temple members and/or associate members, but a non-member rate per event must be paid if the family is not a Temple Solel member. Solel youth programs are open to all Jewish youth.
2. Membership in each of the youth groups is based on age and grade. When there is age overlap, the student and his/her parent, along with the youth group director, may make the choice of which group to join. Younger students may not join an older group.
3. Youth group members who move up to another youth group will officially change groups in August.
4. Youth group activities are open only to youth group members, unless otherwise stated. Exception to this policy is at the discretion of the youth group director and advisor.
5. All parents must share in chaperoning and driving of youth group events. If there are not enough parent drivers, the director/advisor may hire a bus and driver which will result in an additional \$10-\$20 event.
6. Attendance of siblings at events when their parent is chaperoning is at the discretion of the youth group director and/or advisor.
7. Members may only attend those events that they have RSVP'd to by the appropriate date. Other cases will be considered on an individual basis. No one will be allowed to attend a driving event without an RSVP, if there are not enough seat belts.
8. As a general rule, events will not be canceled. Exceptions to this include when an event requires a minimum number of participants and chaperones.
9. The youth group director/advisor will decide on the number of chaperones necessary for an event.
10. If the youth group advisor is not available for an event, the event will occur if a substitute leader authorized by the Youth Group Director is chosen.
11. At their discretion, the youth group director/advisor may request the parents of a child with special needs accompany that child to the youth events.
12. A youth group member, with a valid driver's license, may drive for youth group activities provided they meet the Temple Insurance requirement and all forms are completed.
13. Every effort will be made not to hold events on Shabbat.
14. At the director/advisor's discretion, an event may be modified slightly on the day of the event as long as the members arrive at the correct pick-up spot at the designated time.
15. Youth Groups will wait only 15 minutes after the "starting time" of an event before leaving to go to the event.
16. If a youth group goes on a trip, the entrance fees and expenses of the advisor and chaperones will be paid for by the youth group.
17. When the events necessitate, a chaperone will remain at a designated "check-in" place all day. Youth group members must check in at specified times throughout the day. Members must remain with a "buddy" throughout the day.
18. The movies selected for an activity and their rating is at the discretion of the youth group director and/or advisor. Parents will be notified of the movie and rating prior to the event so they can decide if they want their child to attend.
19. Youth groups are required to incorporate two mitzvah projects into the yearly activities.

GUIDELINES

1. Reservations: It is important to pay attention to reservation deadlines. A reservation can only be guaranteed with full payment. All events will be open on a first come first served basis. All food and supplies are purchased according to the number of reservations we receive. If you should need to cancel your reservation, we will try to refund your money in full. Please let us know as soon as possible if you need to cancel.
2. Time: Please always be aware of the time listed for all activities. It is always best to arrive a few minutes early for any activity. It is important that no member of Olim or Tikkun Project be dropped off more than 20 minutes early! We cannot take any responsibility for children dropped off too early. Please note: If we are traveling by bus, we will be unable to “hold” a bus. Buses must depart at the time indicated.
3. Important: In addition, it is imperative that all participants are picked up on time. Our staff cannot leave a child unattended nor are we responsible to wait indefinitely. Also, a parent may not “allow” a child to be left unattended whether we are at the Temple or outside of our facility. Only our staff or specific chaperones may supervise any child. If a child is left for over ½ hour after the conclusion of a youth event, we will get them home at the parent’s expense.