



# KUC Youth Ministries

## General Information for Parents

- **Youth Programs at KUC include: Breakfast Club, Junior High Youth Group (JYG), IMPACT, Sunday Devos, Girl Gang, Guy Gang, and Volunteer Service**
- *NOTE: Programs for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under are part of Children's and Family Ministry and require registration. Register [HERE](#)*

### **No pre-registration:**

These are drop-in programs. Youth participants do not need to pre-register (except for [service](#) and [leadership roles](#)) and may bring friends any time, regardless of church affiliation. In fact, we encourage youth to bring friends because we KNOW they are more comfortable when they walk in the door with someone else. Each youth must sign in and must provide an emergency contact name and number the first time they attend.

### **General Description of Activities:**

Youth groups include indoor and outdoor group games and activities, snacks and meals and conversation. Youth breakfast is primarily meal and conversation/lesson. On occasion, the group may leave church property on foot for the day's activity or game (example – a walk to the beach or playfields – a treasure hunt in the neighborhood). There will also be times during the meetings when youth will not be able to use their cel phones.

### **Rules:**

Youth participants are expected to follow the rules and directions of the leaders during every activity. If a youth is found to be unsafe, disruptive to the purpose of the group or to act out in defiance of its rules or directions, a parent or guardian may be contacted and the participant may be asked to sit out or leave. Any decision to remove a participant from the group's activities rests solely on the discretion of the youth leaders present at the activity.

### **Child and Youth Abuse Prevention:**

Staff and volunteer leaders are screened, background checked and must abide by KUC's [Child and Youth Abuse Prevention Policy](#). Staff are mandated by the state of Illinois to report any suspected child abuse to DCFS.

### **Permission and Media Release:**

Attendance at drop-in youth activities implies parental permission and consent to the activities and release for using images and videos recorded during activities on social media accounts managed by KUC Youth staff. Those images may be shared from time to time in other church online platforms. It is our policy and practice not to identify minors. However, we do not remove "tags" added by the youth themselves, or their peers. If you request removal of a specific photo or tag, KUC staff will honor that request as soon as it is received. If you wish to revoke this consent for your child, please notify [silvi@kuc.org](mailto:silvi@kuc.org) or the church in writing with your child's name, grade, which youth program he or she attends and a statement of your wishes.

If you have any further questions or concerns or would like to support the KUC youth ministries, please contact Silvi Pirn, director of Youth Ministries (847) 853-2105 or [silvi@kuc.org](mailto:silvi@kuc.org).

In case of emergency during youth programming, contact cel number (312) 719-7191.

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