

4 **POLICIES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING YOUTH EVENTS**
5 **Hillside Christian Church**
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7 Field Trips and Outings:
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- 9 1. It shall be the policy of this congregation that there shall be one (1) sponsor/chaperone for
10 every seven (7) youth on a church outing or trip.
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 - 12 a. Two sponsors/chaperones shall always be considered a minimum.
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- 14 2. On outings where close supervision is difficult or impossible, the parents must present to
15 the church a signed permission form stating their knowledge of this and giving their
16 approval.
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 - 18 a. Youth are to never be left alone, but will be encouraged to have a "buddy"
19 for personal safety.
 - 20 b. On trips where close supervision is impossible, there will be set check-in
21 times for youth to report to the sponsors.
 - 22 c. "Check-in times" shall be set by the lead sponsor, preferably the period of
23 time between check-ins should not extend beyond three hours.
- 24 3. All "overnight" trips containing both male and female youth must be chaperoned by a
25 balance of male and female sponsors.
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- 27 4. Any young person caught with alcohol, drugs, weapons, etc. while on an overnight trip
28 shall be immediately sent home.
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 - 30 a. It shall be at the discretion of the group leader as to whether to call the parents to
31 pick up the child or to place the child on a bus and return the child to his/her home
32 at the parents expense.
 - 33 b. All monies invested in the trip will be forfeited.
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- 35 5. For all outings or trips away from Sedgwick County, there must be a "Medical Release
36 and "Waiver" form filled out and signed for each youth (regardless of age).
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 - 38 a. If the youth is at least eighteen (18) years of age, they must sign the form.
 - 39 b. All "Medical Release and Waiver" forms shall accompany the lead sponsor on
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Movies, Plays and Theater:

1. It shall be the policy of this congregation that youth shall not be taken to movies that are rated "R" or higher.
 - a. Under special circumstances an "R" rated movie may be proper for educational value.
 - 1) Parents must be notified in advance of the youths' viewing of the movie.
 - b. Under no circumstances shall this congregation sanction a movie that is "X" rated or higher..

Transportation:

1. It shall be the policy of this congregation that all drivers for any event shall be no less than twenty-one (21) years of age and have a good driving history.
 - a. When the church bus is used for transportation, it is required that the driver meet all driving requirements (licensing) established by the State of Kansas.
 - b. When the church bus and/or van is used for transportation, the vehicle(s) shall be driven by a staff person or a driver, pre-approved by the church office.
 - c. All drivers for any and all outings shall at all times conform and obey driving laws.
2. Compensation to volunteers that drive their vehicles in the service of the congregation shall be compensated, upon their request, at a rate not to exceed the standard mileage deduction granted by the I.R.S.

General:

1. Weapons, firearms, fireworks and anything considered dangerous shall not be permitted on trips, outings or events sponsored by this congregation.
2. Alcohol and illegal drugs shall not be permitted on trips, outings or events sponsored by this congregation.
3. While dating and the display of affection is normal during the teenage years, it will be discouraged on trips and outings.
4. Radios, stereos, C.D. players, tape players, etc. shall not be permitted on outings. Some devices that allow for private listening may be permitted by the sponsor.

Sponsors and Chaperones:

1. Leaders shall be selected for sponsors based upon their willingness to serve and their Christian character.
2. Youth sponsors must sign and abide to the Youth Sponsor Agreement.
3. Job responsibilities for sponsors and chaperones shall be:
 - a. Meet with the youth on a regular basis.
 - b. Participate with the youth in special events and fund-raisers.
 - c. Lead their respective group(s) in study.
 - d. Make regular contact with the young people of the congregation and express their interest in them as a person.
 - e. Assist the Associate Minister (Youth) in the whole work of the youth program.