

Farragut Church of Christ Youth Ministry

Parental Release Form

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In the event of an emergency Jason may be contacted on his cell phone at **817.706.8057**. Also, we do suggest, if it is possible, that you send your child with his/her own cell phone to ensure accessibility in the event that the Youth Minister becomes inaccessible for any reason... better to be prepared. At all times during any event your child will be expected to follow the buddy system to ensure his/her safety, no matter what their age may be. Middle school students must be in groups that contain at least one high-schooler or adult and all students are expected to be in groups that include at least three people. Failure to follow this guideline will result in your child being required to stay at a chaperone's side at all times, possibly for the rest of the event.

IMPORTANT NOTE!!!

While I encourage you to send your child with his/her own phone, this is strictly for use in emergency situations, **not for casual conversations with friends**. Many large events do not allow the use of cell phones and your child will be expected to handle his/her phone responsibly in light of this rule. Also, you should understand that **personnel at some events may confiscate any phones** that they see being used.

COST

Costs for events will vary greatly. Some events will be free while others (such as summer camps, etc.) could cost in excess of \$200. We understand that every family is different and we do not desire for any child to miss an event simply because of finances. Please do not feel that asking for assistance makes you "needy" or a burden. It is not uncommon for families who helped someone else just a couple of months before to get into a bind. We hold it as our policy to make sure that no one is ever excluded from a trip simply on the basis of money. Please also note that if, after signing up, your child drops out of a trip or activity that the church has paid for ahead of time that he/she will still be obligated to pay for the cost of the trip. Exceptions will be made if someone else takes your child's place or if there are extenuating circumstances.

TIMES

Punctuality is an important life-skill. Always being late conveys a lack of respect for other people. We will not make a practice of leaving teens behind for being late, but we expect punctuality to be the norm and phone calls will be appreciated if someone is running late.

WHAT TO BRING

Unless stated otherwise overnight trips will require your student to BRING ONLY ONE PIECE OF LUGGAGE. Specific items may vary, but your child should always bring a Bible, clothing for all activities (including recreation time, which is not optional), towel, camera, notebook and writing utensils, swimsuit (if desired), and a great sense of adventure. Swimsuits for girls should be one piece or tankinis. Boys are expected to wear modest trunks.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Fireworks -- firearms -- alcohol products -- tobacco products -- illegal substances -- radios -- tape players -- personal stereos -- computers -- gaming consoles. We want to focus on STRENGTHENING our bonds with other Christians as we MATURE in Christ. These things, while some of them are not bad, can detract from that experience. In some circumstances, exceptions may be made, but should never be assumed. Always ask. Prescription medications are obviously allowed and we will not ask to take up and control such things, but be aware that any illegal distribution of a prescription medicine will result in immediate dismissal from a trip or event. (see discipline policy below)

MOVIES AND VIDEO GAMES

In the case of events that allow for movies and/or video games to be brought along, we will not approve bringing movies above a rating of PG or video games rated M. **PARENTS, WE WILL HOLD IT AS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP US BY BEING SURE THAT YOUR CHILD DOES NOT BRING MATERIAL THAT VIOLATES THIS POLICY.**

IMPORTANT DEADLINE

All money and forms must be turned in before leaving on any trip. As stated above, exceptions can be made for money if arranged ahead of time.

Parents/guardians please complete the information on the last page and return it to the Youth Minister as soon as possible. You may want to photocopy this information for personal documentation.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

Because the safety and wellbeing of all of our students is a top priority, any behavioral problem of any child that is deemed uncontrollable by the chaperones of the Farragut Church of Christ will be handled by calling the parents of the student. We will request that a parent come immediately to our location and take their student home at their own expense. Such instances shall include, but not be limited to, any illegal activity (use of tobacco, drugs or alcohol, gambling, illegal possession of a weapon*, etc.) or any participation in activities that put oneself and/or others at an unacceptable level of physical risk (sexual activity, hazing, physical violence, "daredevil" type stunts, etc.).

The FIRST time a student is dismissed from an event...

- The student will be given a warning about his/her behavior.
- A meeting of the student, the student's parents, the Youth Minister and Youth Deacon will take place in order to address the student's actions. The Youth Minister and Youth Deacon may choose to meet with the student and his/her parents separately.
- At the discretion of the Youth Minister and Youth Deacon, the rest of the Youth Ministry Team and/or the elders may be informed of the student's actions.
- The student will still be encouraged to attend all youth events.

The SECOND time a student is dismissed from an event...

- A meeting of the student, the student's parents, the Youth Minister and Youth Deacon will take place in order to address the student's actions. The Youth Minister and Youth Deacon may choose to meet with the student and his/her parents separately.
- At the discretion of the Youth Minister and Youth Deacon, the rest of the Youth Ministry Team and/or the elders may be informed of the student's actions.
- The student will still be encouraged to attend all youth events, however, he/she MUST be accompanied by a parent to ALL events.

The THIRD time a student is dismissed from an event...

- A meeting of the student, the student's parents, the Youth Minister and Youth Deacon will take place in order to address the student's actions. The Youth Minister and Youth Deacon may choose to meet with the student and his/her parents separately.
- The Youth Minister and Youth Deacon WILL inform the rest of the Youth Ministry Team and elders of the student's actions.
- The student will be suspended from all youth events for a minimum of three months. The exact duration will be determined by the Youth Ministry Team.
- During this suspension the student will still be encouraged to attend Sunday morning worship as well as youth group on Wednesday night.
- The terms and conditions of the student's return from suspension will be at the discretion of the Youth Ministry Team.

**The illegal possession of a weapon will result in an automatic suspension (the same as a third dismissal).*

HONOR CODE

Because one of our goals is to instill genuine care and concern, along with mature responsibility in our students, we have an honor code in the Farragut Youth Ministry. This means that if one student is aware of another committing an act that requires dismissal from an event, he/she is expected to inform an adult of the other student's actions.

Please discuss the discipline policy and all other directives in this form with your child.

THIS IS THE ONLY SHEET YOU NEED TO RETURN

RELEASE FORM FOR Farragut Church of Christ Youth Ministry

Name of Student	
Age	
Grade	
Gender	
Email Address	
Parent's Name	
Parent's Work Phone	
Home Mailing Address	
Home Phone	
Emergency Contact	
Emergency Phone	
Medication Currently Taking	
Medication Allergies	
Specific Medical Problems	
INSURANCE INFORMATION	
Group	
ID Number	
Company	

I, the undersigned parent of _____ will allow my son/daughter to participate in activities with the Farragut Church of Christ. I understand and comply with all of the information related to me above, including the discipline policy. Also, as parent or guardian of the above applicant, I hereby give my approval and consent to this application and therefore relieve any sponsoring congregation, youth minister or event staff member from any and all liability for sickness, accidents, or injuries of any nature or cause whatsoever, while attending, traveling to or from any event. I further give authorization for the youth minister or any chaperone or other approved personnel to administer such acts of first aid as they deem necessary. Authorization is also given for approved staff members to transport my child to a doctor or emergency room of a hospital to secure the services of a licensed physician. I also hereby expressly consent that my son/daughter receive emergency medical treatment from any physician, hospital or other medical center without the necessity of them first notifying me, and do further agree to hold harmless any chaperone or minister of the Farragut Church of Christ, physician, hospital or other medical center for rendering of such services. I hereby authorize Jason Terry or, if he is unavailable, his representative, to act for me according to his/her best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention. I further promise to utilize family insurance for any major medical care requiring hospitalization. I also consent to the use of any videotape, photographs, slides, audiotapes, or any other visual or audio reproduction in which my above named child may appear for promotion of any event or the Farragut Church of Christ Youth Ministry. I understand that if any of the information on this form changes that it is my responsibility to report those changes to the youth minister by filling out and signing a completely new form. My child is also signing below to indicate that he/she has read and/or discussed with me the directives listed in this form and that he/she intends to abide by those directives. By my signature below I acknowledge that this form is to remain effective until the youth ministry issues a new form or until the information provided in this form becomes inaccurate. In either of these cases, my release of the Farragut Church of Christ and its representatives will remain valid. It will also be solely my responsibility to notify the youth ministry of any changes to the information in this form by requesting and completing a new form.

Parent's Signature and Date	
Child's signature and Date	