

SEYM Child Abuse Prevention Junior Friends

Guidelines for Registered Workers & Volunteers (Middle School Program)

Requirements for adult presence:

- In an SEYM Event Youth Program session, at no time shall the youth be alone with an adult who is not a Registered SEYM Youth Program Worker or the youth's parent or sponsor at the event.
- At all times, two adults, at least one of whom is a Registered SEYM Youth Program Worker, shall be present with each youth program group.
- Do not release a youth from a program session to anyone other than the youth's parent or sponsor or to persons specified by the parents or sponsors.

Acceptable touching:

- On the hand, shoulder or upper back
- In the company of other adults

Unacceptable touching:

- Against a youth's will or verbally or non-verbally expressed discomfort (unless to secure the safety of the youth or other peers.)
- When it would have the effect of over-stimulating a youth
- a place on a youth's body that is normally covered by a bathing suit

Do:

- Lead or encourage lively, creative, cooperative activities
- Observe the conduct guidelines/rules which the youth establish for their group.

Avoid:

- Teasing or embarrassing a youth about his or her body
- Asking a youth to sit on your lap or pulling him or her into your lap
- Asking a youth to touch you other than on the hand, shoulder or upper back; asking a youth for a hug or kiss
- Insisting that a youth trust you
- Telling stories or engaging in conversation that is lurid or over-stimulating
- Using physical punishment or humiliation as discipline
- Playing favorites