

# Guidelines, Expectations, Q and A

## GUIDELINES:

**Trips:** The Youth Ministry frequently goes on mission trips, monthly events, and twice a year we go to camp. These trips give the students and staff a wonderful opportunity to build friendships and make memorable experiences. For this reason, when we go on a trip, we ask that all Ipods, cd players, walkmans, dvd players, video games, etc. stay at home.

**PDA:** Public Display of Affection. Teenagers will be teenagers no matter how hard parents try to postpone the inevitable! We are referring to romantic feelings for the opposite sex. We understand that these feelings are quite normal but in the Youth Ministry, our goal is to create friendships over romance. Therefore, there will be no hand holding, extended periods of hugging, lying or sitting on top of other students and especially no tonsil hockey!

**Swimwear:** Who doesn't like to have a good tan? Even though we live in sunny Southern California, we desire for our students to dress modestly rather than work on their tan. With this in mind, our policy on swimwear is:

**Guys:** No speedos or European looking bathing suits. Please wear swimming shorts that fit and please do not show off your "backside."

**Girls:** One piece preferred, modest Tankinis ok. All two piece bathing suits must have a dark colored, non see-through shirt worn at all times. Note: Hume Lake does not allow two pieces. They adhere to the one piece bathing suit rule at all times.

**Driving:** High School students may not drive other High School students to Youth Ministry events. Please have your child sign up in advance for the event to secure a ride.

## EXPECTATIONS:

What Parents can Expect from the Youth Ministry:

- We will strive for excellence
- We will make mistakes
- We are committed to the Word of God
- We are partners with parents
- We will communicate with you
- We are always looking and praying for godly leaders to minister to your students

What the Youth Ministry can expect from parents:

- We need your prayers
- We need your understanding
- We need your eyes and ears
- We need your help
- We need your input
- We need you to be realistic with our Small Group Leaders

## **Q & A WITH THE PASTOR:**

Q: What days of the week does the Youth Pastor work?

A: Monday through Thursday and every Sunday

Q: What is your email address and church phone number?

A: [Briang@efreedb.org](mailto:Briang@efreedb.org) and (909) 594-7604

Q: When can I expect a response from a phone message or email?

A: On most occasions, a response will be given with 24 hours.

Q: How do I contact my son/daughter's small group leader?

A: Please contact the Youth Pastor first and then he will relay your message and information to the leader.

Q: Where do I find information about Youth Ministry events, activities, and mission trips?

A: There are a variety of sources and places to find information regarding the Youth Ministry. Twice a year, schedules are sent home with information concerning regularly scheduled events. Information can also be found in the High School and Junior High rooms as well as visiting [www.efreedb.org](http://www.efreedb.org).

Q: Can the Youth Pastor personally call a parent/student before an event to remind them that something really fun is about to happen?

A: Unfortunately not. I realistically can not call families with personal reminders before weekly events on a regular basis. I simply do not have the time. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to read over flyers sent home with event reminders. If you lose your information, I would be glad to give you a replacement.

Q: Does my child need a permission slip to engage in offsite activities

A: Yes. There are no exceptions. Once you fill out a permission slip, it will be held on file for the current calendar year from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

Q: How does my child secure a spot for a monthly event?

A: The student must sign in on the sign up sheet and make sure his/her permission slip is turned in at least one week before the event or is on file. Last minute requests for participation can not be guaranteed.

Q: What is the Mission/ Vision/Values of the Youth Ministry at EFree Diamond Bar?

A: Please refer to our website at [www.efreedb.org](http://www.efreedb.org) for a complete description.