

Outdoor Excursions

*5th – 8th Grade
Discipleship/Mentoring Program*

PARENT HANDBOOK



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Introduction

Thank you for allowing your student to participate in Outdoor Excursions Discipleship/Mentoring Program. Our goal is similar to those other children's & youth programs here at COTM, to assist in the training up of children and youth in their spiritual development. We seek the richest fulfillment in each student by making every effort to inspire in them a lifelong passion to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. We accomplish this through discipleship/mentoring, building Christ-centered relationships, and by providing a variety of outdoor recreational activities that we use to help reinforce the Biblical truths that the students have been learning and how they apply to their lives. All of our volunteers undergo a rigorous process including an interview, reference check and background check.

Permission Slips

Included in this handbook, you will find a permission slip. A Permission Slip is required for every child and for every trip to ensure you are fully aware of the activities that your student may be participating in. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE A COMPLETED PERMISSION SLIP FOR EACH STUDENT ENROLLED IN OUTDOOR EXCURSIONS FOR EACH OUTING. Completed permission slips must be turned in before for your child will be allowed to go on any outing.** Handwritten notes and verbal permission will **not** be accepted in lieu of permission slips. A schedule of monthly outings is provided in this handbook and will be distributed at our first weekly meeting.

Meeting/Outing Hours

Weekly meetings are held on Monday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30pm at the Dayton Valley Public Library. Students must attend 3 of the 4 weekly meetings prior to each month's outing in order to participate in the upcoming outing. Outings are held at a variety of locations and parents will be provided with the specific activity and location prior to each outing. Most outings are day trips; however there are a few campouts scheduled. Please note that only adults that have been approved to serve in Children's Ministry at COTM will be allowed to attend outings.

Contact Us:

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Outdoor Excursions Leaders:

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Behavior Policy

It is the goal of Church On The Move to provide safe, positive and fun experiences for all participants in our program. In order to achieve this goal, the following policies must be followed. Participants will:

- Be respectful of the feelings and property of others
- Not interfere with the learning of other participants
- Follow instruction and rules as stated by your leaders
- Not verbally or physically harm another person or property
- Use appropriate language

Consequences for misbehavior are usually progressive and reflect the severity of the unacceptable behavior. Listed below is a progression of discipline. Please note that discipline may not be sequential and one severe act could lead to dismissal from our camps.

- Warning
- Counseling
- Phone call to the parent/guardian
- Removal of the student for the day or temporary suspension from the program
- Dismissal from the program

Meals

Supper is served to the student's on Wednesday evenings during the program. On day trips, students should have a hearty breakfast before leaving for the day. A sack lunch and a snack will be provided to help keep up energy levels throughout the day.

Drop-off/Pick-Up

Parents are responsible for transporting their student's to and from the church for weekly meetings and outings. Transportation for outings will be provided from the church. Parents should plan accordingly, so we can depart and return according to the times provided.

Lost and Found

To increase the likelihood of your personal belongings being found, please be sure to label any items that are brought to program (including clothes, lunch bags, backpacks, etc). Leaders will attempt to return lost items to the rightful owners. Lost and found items that are not claimed will be disposed of at the beginning of each month.

What Not to Bring

Church On The Move is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Electronic devices such as iPods/iTouch, other MP3 players, DS's, Pokemon & other trading cards, etc. are prohibited in our program. Children will be asked to keep their cell phones in back packs at all times. They will be able to use them with permission from leaders. Church On The Move is not responsible for lost or stolen phones or unauthorized use.

Sunscreen

Please apply sunscreen on your child each morning prior to bringing them departing for a outing and send a tube of sunscreen in their backpack. Leaders will remind children to reapply throughout the day.

Inclement Weather

All of our outings are outside. We will take all precautions to ensure the safety of your child; however, inclement weather does not automatically mean the trip is cancelled. Each outing, location, road conditions etc will be taken into account to make the best decision.

Weekly Meetings

Mondays 7:00pm – 8:30pm at the Dayton Valley Public Library, located at 321 Old Dayton Valley Rd. in Dayton.