

# ADULT LEADER GUIDELINES

Each adult leader attending the Michigan District Junior High Youth Gathering 2010 should read and carry out the guidelines listed below. As a Family Group Adult Leader, you will be expected to:

1. **Participate fully in all Gathering events:** Adult attendance at the gathering is vital to its success. You and your entire group of youth should attend all planned sessions. (Free time has been set aside in the schedule.) Your attendance and involvement sends a clear message to your youth. So, be prepared to be totally involved in all aspects of this gathering.
2. **Set a positive example:** You are responsible for knowing the whereabouts and the behavior of your youth at all times. You are responsible for seeing to it that your youth participate in all aspects of the gathering. If you “pick and choose” what activities to attend, you send a negative message to your youth, the other participants and also the gathering planners.
3. **Assist with behavioral issues:** If one of your youth gets into trouble, we will involve you in the process of dealing with the situation. Also, if you see or hear of a situation which is inappropriate, you have the right as an adult leader to intervene, even if it is not your own group. Please involve the Gathering Staff if necessary or contact the appropriate adult group leader.
4. **Enforce the “Lights Out” Rule:** Youth are to be in the dorms with lights out by the times listed on the schedule. They will need their sleep as each day is filled with activities from morning until late at night. Make sure that your youth are in bed **before** you go to bed. Youth up after “Lights Out” may be sent home.
5. **Keep dorms free from damage:** Any damage or breakage to dormitory facilities (e.g. rooms, common area, doors, windows, screens, etc.) will result in a bill sent to your congregation. Please inform your youth of this policy.
6. **Provide co-ed leadership:** Adult Leaders are assigned to dorms along with their youth. Therefore, if you have both male and female youth attending, you must provide both male and female leaders.
7. **Keep parents informed:** Publish your travel plans, meeting times, emergency phone numbers and other necessary information. Parents should also know that they will be called to come to Ann Arbor to pick up their son or daughter if a severe problem occurs.
8. **Actively relate to your youth:** Use the gathering time to get to know your youth in a much more personal way.
9. **Attend the Adult Leader Orientation and Morning Meetings:** Study the gathering schedule carefully and note the scheduled times for these meetings. Information, updates and changes concerning the Gathering will be shared at these times.