

Royal Oak Church of Christ

PARENT & STUDENT FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY:

Mother _____ Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Father _____ Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Relative/Friend _____ Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Family Doctor _____ Phone _____

Insurance _____ I.D. # _____

I, the parent or legal guardian, of _____ give my permission to attend _____ on _____ 20____, and to be transported to and from this activity. I understand that there are inherent risks involved in any ministry and travel. I hereby agree not to sue and release the church, its leaders, chaperones, drivers, etc. from any and all liability, claims, damages, and costs for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property that may occur during the course of this event.

In the event that medical attention is required and I cannot be reached, I, the undersigned, do hereby give unto any medical doctor or hospital my consent and authorization to render such aid, treatment or care to the above named person, as may be deemed necessary by said doctor or hospital, at the time of illness or injury while participating in this activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature

As a participant in the above named activity, I agree to wear a seat belt at all times while being transported, and do agree to follow all rules given by the drivers and chaperones for this activity. I also have reviewed the "Rising Above" standards on the back of this sheet and agree to abide by them while traveling to and from as well as during this activity.

Passenger Signature

Drug Allergies? **Y** **N** Which ones? _____

Presently taking medication? **Y** **N** What kind? _____

RISING ABOVE

As Christians, we are called to live in this world - but not be a part of it (*John 17:14-16*). That is a very difficult challenge for all of us. Many times we have to use our own judgment, in light of God's Word, to decide what is best for each of us, as well as for our families. We in the Royal Oak Youth Group want to continue to encourage our teens, as well as all of us as Christians, to continue to set a higher standard for our lives. This can occur in many ways. Sometimes it may be in our own personal walk; other times it may be changing our behavior in an effort to accommodate others, so that we all may be able to continue to "walk blameless" (*Philippians 2:14-16*).

In light of this, I want to encourage all of us to continue to "*rise above*" in our standard for conduct as Christians. This can come in many ways. It may be in dress, speech, or behavior. It might also come in other ways such as how we treat or act toward one another as Christian brothers and sisters. Many times it is the world that influences us to act in such ways. Though it would be difficult to try and completely get rid of all these influences, we would like to try and set some goals in the Royal Oak Youth Group and our families to raise these standards as Christians.

Below is listed some standards that we believe, will help our teens live out these principles. This is not a code or set of "rules", but rather some guidelines that we, along with input from our youth deacons and elders, have agreed are some reasonable standards for our young people.

In Dress :

We wanted to adhere to some of the same standards that many of our public schools, as well as outside Christian events we attend have set as a standard:

1. *Shorts should be of a "Finger-Tip" length.*
2. *"Spaghetti Strap" shirts and blouses are not appropriate.*
3. *Other shirts or blouses that show the midriff are not appropriate.*
4. *Dresses should also follow these guidelines of length and style.*
5. *Crude or suggestive-themed T-shirts and Logos are not appropriate.*

We want to encourage our teens and families to abide by these modest guidelines when we gather for all our youth events, as well as our worship time together.

In Conduct :

In the Royal Oak Youth Group we want to abide by a zero-tolerance for the following:

1. *Tobacco, Alcohol or Drug habits*
2. *Foul language & vulgar behavior*
3. *Disrespect toward authority or another person*
4. *Violent behavior*

These behaviors are some that **we do want to help and assist with**. However, a teen that displays these behaviors will not be allowed to attend "out-of-town" functions until they can show an improvement.

We do not want to punish or restrict our teens by these standards. We also do not want to judge any one else. Our desire is to set a standard for all the teens in the group so that all of us can live in harmony with one another. We would encourage our teens and families not just to live by these principles at church and youth events - but at all times. Whether in dress or conduct, we as leaders of this ministry believe it is important to care for one another and to look to the interests of one another as Christians. We pray for your understanding and support as we try to "*rise above*" for our young people.