



Important Information for Youth Leaders

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS

Often there are questions about how to count young people and adults from your parish for youth events. This is even more important as some of the expectations for adults at youth events have changed due to changes in the Policies for Safe Church Safe Communities. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Emily Gowdy Canady if you have any questions.

PARTICIPANTS

A participant at a youth event is someone who is participating in the event. **They are NOT serving on team**, have not been to the team meeting or team preparation.

Participants are Youth or Adults.

The Diocese of East Carolina requires **A MINIMUM** of 1 adult for every 8 participants for **DAY EVENTS** and 1 adult for every 6 participants for **OVERNIGHT EVENTS**.

THIS IS ONLY APPLICABLE WHEN the young people all identify as the same gender. **IF** the group of young people is made up of mixed genders **THERE MUST BE** at least ONE adult per gender representation.

TEAM

A team member at a youth event is someone who is serving in a leadership role. They have been to the required team meeting or team prep, which is in addition to the event itself.

Team Members are Youth or Adults.

Adults serving on team **DO NOT COUNT** as an adult leader from a parish. By the same token, youth leaders **DO NOT COUNT** young people serving on team in the total count of young people in a parish group.

Adults serving on team, no matter their parish meet the youth to adult ratio for young people serving team.

ALL ADULTS BEFORE THE EVENT ARE REQUIRED

(whether serving on team or as an adult leader from their parish)

- 1) To have had a satisfactory background check within the last 5 years
- 2) To have completed the required Safe Church Safe Communities training available

after June of 2022.