

## 2011 Letter to Parents and Guardians of Youth from SVPC Youth Ministries

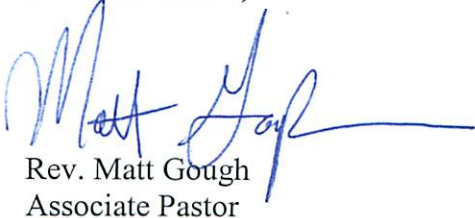
Greetings Parent and/or Adult responsible for a Junior High or High School student!

What a great weekend church camp is in the life of our church! For our students especially this can be a wonderful time of spiritual growth, time spent with old friends while making new friends and a weekend to relax and decompress from the beginning of another school year. We wanted to write and let you know (probably a reminder for many of you) some things that will help you at All-Church Camp.


1. All students under the age of 18 must come with an adult who is willing to take responsibility for them. If you will be hosting a minor who will not be accompanied by his/her legal guardian, please have the student's guardian complete the Emergency Information for Unaccompanied Minors form and turn this in to the All-Church Camp mailbox in the church mailroom, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 West Fremont Ave. Sunnyvale, CA 94087, **BEFORE CAMP**. The form is available on the All-Church Camp web page at [http://www.svpc.us/pdfs/camp/2011/2011\\_Minor\\_Medical.pdf](http://www.svpc.us/pdfs/camp/2011/2011_Minor_Medical.pdf).
2. The students who are yours or who came with you are **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**. Please know where they are and what they are doing throughout the weekend. Because All-Church Camp is led by laity (meaning not program staff or clergy), the program staff or clergy are not in charge of any events, and therefore are not responsible for your students.
3. It is up to you to make sure that students are participating and attending the events and activities of the weekend. This includes things like the morning worship and speaker, small groups, etc. Allowing them to sleep in and/or miss these things not only takes away from our trying to create community, but it also takes away an opportunity for them to open themselves up to and listen for how God is working in their lives.
4. There are **NO** "traditions" of this weekend for students that go against the rules of the camp. Curfews are to be enforced, quiet times adhered to and slumber parties avoided ☺!
5. There is no guarantee that an adult is going to be present when a student says "the youth group" (or some similar variation) is going to do something. You will want to find this out for yourself, especially when driving is involved, as it may be only students providing rides.

Thanks for your attention to all of these items. We are going to have a great weekend...one in which students will hopefully strengthen their connection with God, with your family, and their connection with our church. These reminders are intended to help do just that!

Grace and Peace,



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