

Youth Ministry Guidelines for Trip Participation

First Presbyterian Church of Sanford is excited to offer students engaging opportunities for discipleship and missions as we travel during the year. Traveling together is a way for students to deepen relationships with one another, with adults, and with God. These trips are significantly subsidized by the church budget and fundraising. In fact, families only pay approximately 1/3 of the actual expense! This year, we are implementing a system that will help students indicate their level of commitment to the FPC community by requiring trip participants to engage more fully in the life of the church.

These guidelines only apply to participation in the YouthWorks Mission Trip, the Montreat Middle School Conference, and the Montreat Youth Conference.

Individuals who wish to go on one of our large summer trips must meet the above expectations. Should this not happen, the student will be informed that s/he will not be able to go on the trip. If we are able to refund the deposit made, we will. If however, those deposits are non-transferrable, they will be forfeited.

For trip participants:

- Students must participate in either Sunday School or Sunday morning worship a minimum of two times per month.
- Students must also participate in Sunday Night Youth Group a minimum of one time per month.
- Students must participate in every youth ministry fundraiser. In the case of an unavoidable scheduling conflict, a proxy may be sent with advance notice.

For non FPC trip participants:

- Upon registering for the trip, the above guidelines will come into effect.
- If the student actively attends another congregation and so cannot meet the above requirements, he/she needs to provide a letter of recommendation from his/her pastor in order to register for the trip.
- Non-FPC participants must participate in every trip-related fundraiser. In the case of an unavoidable scheduling conflict, a proxy may be sent with advance notice.

For late registrants:

- The above guidelines should be followed upon registration.

Please be sure to talk with Jenny or Ron if you want to go on a trip and are concerned about meeting the participation guidelines. We want to make these expectations work for everyone, so if extraordinary circumstances will prevent you from being able to participate at this level, please be in touch.