

Small Group Volunteer Staff and Parent Agreement Form

Small groups and discipleship relationships pose specific challenges in terms of supervision. In order to allow this significant ministry to occur, while protecting students and ministry volunteers, the following guidelines apply.

I, the parent of _____ understand that s/he will participate in the small group or discipleship relationship with Knox ministry volunteer/staff person _____ and _____ until I, my child or the leader give notice to the contrary.

I also understand that:

- i. Small groups and their leaders will be of the same gender.
- ii. Students may be transported to and from events by the small group leader, other parents and on occasion other students. Individual students may be transported by individual adults. It is the parents' responsibility to know how their child is getting to and from each event, so that they are comfortable with the arrangements.
- iii. On occasion, the small group leader may invite other adults to participate with the small group in order to discuss particular topics.
- iv. Small group leaders may plan overnight events. Medical release forms need to accompany any overnight event. Overnights will follow youth ministry guidelines of 8:1 ratio and two adults of the same gender as the students.
- v. Parents understand that, on occasion, small group leaders may meet with individual students in homes or non-public places. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure they are comfortable with the situation.
- vi. Students will most likely communicate with small group leaders via social media, texting, etc. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure they are comfortable with the situation.

I am comfortable with these guidelines and agree to allow my child to participate in this program.

Parent
Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent Name

Please Print _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____