



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Annual Youth Ministry Participation, Medical Authorization & Release Form

Program Year: _____ Valid From: _____ Through: _____

This form covers participation in ALL Bethel Lutheran Church Youth Ministry activities during the program year listed above, including but not limited to: weekly youth meetings, Sunday services, lock-ins, retreats, service projects, mission trips, recreational activities, sporting events, social events, and transportation to and from such activities. A separate form is not required for each individual event unless specifically requested by church leadership for a designated high-risk or international activity.

SECTION 1 – YOUTH INFORMATION

Youth's Full Name

Date of Birth

Grade / Age

Address

City / State / ZIP

School

Cell / Personal Phone

T-Shirt Size

SECTION 2 – PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent / Guardian Name

Relationship to Youth

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Work Phone

Email Address

SECTION 3 – SECONDARY EMERGENCY CONTACT

This person will be contacted if the parent/guardian above cannot be reached in a timely manner.

Full Name

Relationship to Youth

Cell Phone

Home / Work Phone

SECTION 4 – MEDICAL INFORMATION & EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION

Physician / Pediatrician Name

Physician Phone

Known Allergies (food, medication, environmental – specify reaction)

Current Medications (name, dosage, frequency)

Relevant Medical Conditions / Physical Limitations / Dietary Restrictions

Date of Last Tetanus Vaccination

Is Youth Up to Date on Immunizations?

Emergency Medical Authorization: In the event that I cannot be reached in a timely manner, I authorize Bethel Lutheran Church staff and/or licensed emergency medical personnel to consent to any emergency medical, surgical, dental, or other treatment deemed necessary by a licensed healthcare provider for my minor child named above, including but not limited to: hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, blood transfusions, and diagnostic imaging. I agree to be financially responsible for any medical expenses incurred. I further authorize any treating medical provider to release relevant treatment information to Bethel Lutheran Church leadership and the secondary emergency contact listed on this form.

☐ My child has a condition or restriction that may limit participation. (Please describe above and attach any physician notes if applicable.)

SECTION 5 – INSURANCE INFORMATION

Is the youth covered by health / medical insurance?

Insurance Carrier Name

Policy / Group Number

Subscriber / Insured Name

Note: Any church medical expense coverage, if applicable, is secondary to the participant's own health insurance.

SECTION 6 – ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I acknowledge that participation in youth ministry activities involves inherent risks, including but not limited to: physical activity, outdoor environments, sporting and recreational events, travel by vehicle, overnight stays, and service projects in varied locations. I understand that these risks cannot be fully eliminated. I voluntarily accept these inherent risks on behalf of my minor child and confirm that my child is, to the best of my knowledge, physically and emotionally capable of

participating in the activities described in this form. I further acknowledge that Bethel Lutheran Church staff, volunteers, and agents cannot guarantee the safety of participants in all circumstances.

SECTION 7 – PARENTAL CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

I give permission for my child named above to participate in Bethel Lutheran Church Youth Ministry activities during the program year specified on this form, as described in the introduction above. I understand that participation is voluntary and that I may withdraw consent at any time by providing written notice to the church's youth ministry director.

SECTION 8 – TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION

I give permission for my child to be transported to and from youth group activities in church-owned vehicles or personal vehicles operated by authorized church volunteers or staff. I understand and agree that:

(a) Volunteer drivers are required to be screened in accordance with the church's Child Protection Policy and to maintain personal automobile liability insurance with minimum limits of \$100,000 per person / \$300,000 per occurrence (or combined single limit equivalent);

(b) Any church liability coverage applicable to transportation incidents is secondary to the personal automobile insurance of the volunteer driver;

(c) Bethel Lutheran Church does not assume liability for the independent acts of volunteer drivers outside the scope of church-authorized transportation.

☐ I authorize transportation as described above.

☐ I do NOT authorize transportation. I will arrange my own transport.

SECTION 9 – INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Bethel Lutheran Church, its pastor(s), officers, directors, employees, volunteers, and agents (collectively, "the Church") from and against any claims, demands, damages, losses, costs, or causes of action arising out of: (a) my child's own conduct or misconduct during any youth ministry activity; or (b) my own independent negligence or breach of this agreement. This indemnification obligation is separate from and in addition to any other provision of this form.

SECTION 10 – PHOTO, VIDEO & MEDIA RELEASE

I grant Bethel Lutheran Church permission to photograph, video record, or otherwise capture images of my minor child during youth ministry activities and to use such images or recordings for church communications, bulletins, websites, social media platforms, newsletters, or other ministry-related purposes, without compensation.

☐ I do NOT grant photo/video/media permission for my child. (Please check this box only if you wish to opt out.)

SECTION 11 – CODE OF CONDUCT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I understand that all youth participants are expected to abide by the behavioral standards set forth in Bethel Lutheran Church's Youth Ministry Code of Conduct, a copy of which is available from the youth ministry director. I agree that the church reserves the right to remove my child from an activity or program for conduct that, in the church's reasonable judgment, violates those standards or creates a safety concern for others. I accept responsibility for arranging transportation home in such circumstances.

SECTION 12 – SAFE CHURCH / CHILD PROTECTION POLICY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I acknowledge that Bethel Lutheran Church maintains a Child Protection Policy and Safe Church practices designed to protect the safety and well-being of all youth participants. I confirm that I have been informed of these policies and agree to their application to my child's participation in youth ministry activities. I understand that all adult volunteers and staff working with youth are subject to background screening consistent with these policies.

SECTION 13 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Severability: If any provision of this form is found to be unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect to the maximum extent permitted by law.

Governing Law: This form shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Entire Agreement: This form constitutes the complete agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter herein and supersedes any prior permission forms for the program year specified above.

Authority to Sign: I represent and warrant that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named above and that I have full legal authority to execute this form on the minor's behalf.

SECTION 14 – SIGNATURES

By signing below, I confirm that I have read, understand, and agree to all sections of this form.

Parent / Guardian Printed Name	Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____

Youth Printed Name (if age 13 or older)	Youth Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____

For Office Use Only — Received by: _____ Date: _____ File: _____

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