

Youth Council

Kamloops – Okanagan Presbytery

Who? *Teens aged 15+ years are welcome to join Presbytery Youth Council at regular Presbytery meetings and other Youth Council gatherings throughout the year.*

What? *Youth Council is the group of teens who create community together. They become involved in wider church decision making, and plan and facilitate the annual Youth Retreat – Naarai Kir.*

When? *Generally, Youth Council meets in late September, early December and January. They also gather at the Fall (October) and Spring (February) Presbytery meetings. Naarai Kir takes place in March. Locations vary throughout the year.*

Why? *Youth Council provides an opportunity to connect with Youth from many different congregations. Together, they become involved in the wider church and develop effective leadership skills. Youth Council is responsible for and the reason why Naarai Kir has been such a successful event.*

Presbytery Involvement

|| Youth Council members are encouraged to attend full Presbytery court proceedings each fall and spring (including Friday night through Sunday) along with all other delegates.

|| Youth Council members stay overnight as a group at the hosting church.

|| Youth Council members are given corresponding privileges (i.e. may speak to motions etc.) and up to 8 youth will receive voting privileges (as determined by youth council at Presbytery).

|| Youth Council is included in all discussions, worship and social times connected with meetings.

|| Youth Council gathers during Saturday morning Division time to do their own work preparing for presentations to the court and planning the Naarai Kir Youth Retreat which happens each March.

|| Youth Council members are also welcome to be involved in other Presbytery committees along with adult delegates.

|| Youth Council gathers during the evenings and mealtimes to build community and to pre/de brief court business might be necessary. (e.g. budget concerns, environmental, mission and congregational issues, ministry with youth in and beyond the Presbytery).

Registration for Youth Council

Please contact Joanne Koster (K/OK Pres. Youth Minister) with the name, phone number and Email address of Youth.

Joanne Koster will contact all interested youth directly regarding upcoming meetings.

Presbytery Registration Forms

These will be available about one month before each Presbytery meeting.

They can be picked up at any United Church in the Presbytery.

Speak to a minister in your area if you know of a youth who might like to attend.

Presbytery Registration Fees

Registration fees must be included with registration. Most congregations cover the fees for youth who represent them. Youth who feel they are unconnected to a congregation are welcome to pay their own fees and attend on an independent basis.

Transportation

Transportation costs are reimbursed for youth travel to Presbytery meetings.

Delegates are encouraged to offer space for youth to travel with them.

Accommodation

Youth usually stay overnight at the hosting church with sleeping bags and foamies brought from home.

Meals

Breakfast is provided by hosting congregation and Youth Council will join adult delegates for all other meals.

Please note on registration form if you will arrive in time for supper Friday, and if you want a bag lunch for travel Sunday.

Please also note and food allergies or dietary restrictions.

Bring to Youth Council meetings...

- *sleeping bag, pillow and foamy*
- *change of clothes and personal effects*
- *medical # and emergency contact #*
- *swim suit and towel (used at some gatherings if pool/shower access available)*

SSAD Rules...

All youth and youth leaders will be expected to adhere to the SSAD rules.

- *Silent sleep time*
- *Sex*
- *Alcohol or*
- *Drugs.*

For further information contact:

K/OK Presbytery Youth Minister

Joanne Koster

250-832-7410 or cell 250-515-1601

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YOUTH EVENT PERMISSION DOCUMENT

EVENT: Spring Presbytery, Winfield United

DATE/TIME: Friday February 17/12 from 3:30pm to Sunday February 19/12 at 3pm

LEADER: Joanne Koster CONTACT: 250-515-1601

-----PLEASE KEEP TOP PORTION-----

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We require the following information and your signature of permission/discharge in order to meet the safety guidelines of The United Church of Canada. This form must accompany each participant to the event. Thank you for your cooperation.

Participant Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Participant Medical Number: _____ Doctor: _____

Participant Dietary Restrictions: _____

Allergies: _____

Other: _____

Please complete and sign below.

I give my permission for _____ (Participant name) to attend this event. I also give my permission for the Event Leader to sign permission for any medical attention that may be required during the event. I also acknowledge and discharge the Event Leaders and Sponsor of the event from any injury to person or property at the event.

Signature: _____ Location: _____, BC..Date: _____

Dear Participant: Please read and sign below.

I, _____, agree to adhere to the standards of behaviour that govern our youth group including the SADD rules. No sexualized behaviour, no alcohol, no non-prescription drugs, and no discrimination. I also agree to abide by the silent/sleep time as determined by the leaders. I understand that failure to comply with these standards will have consequences which may include being sent home early from the event.

Signature: _____ Location: _____, BC Date: _____