



St. Francis Church Teen Center

Thanks for signing up to chaperon! It is only because of parents like you that the Teen Center can stay open as a safe place for kids! The Teen Center is open the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month from 7 - 10 p.m. on Friday nights for Junior High. Chaperons arrive at least 15 minutes early to turn lights on and get ready for the night! The first chaperon on the schedule should plan on picking up the key from the parish office during business hours during the week you are scheduled for.

We signed up... now what do we need to know...

Kids come in the ramped entrance on the south side of the teen center. Students should all sign in with their name and phone number when they arrive. Junior high students must call their parents and sign out if they are going to leave before 10 p.m. It is a great idea for the chaperon to talk to the parent if someone is leaving early. This assures that the students are truly calling their parents & NOT Time & Temp (it may have happened once or twice before we figured that one out!). Once a junior high student leaves, they are not allowed back in for the night.

Students often ask if they can play in the park. On Junior High Night, the rule is that they can be in the park as long as there are enough chaperons to go out with them. Other chaperons must stay in the Teen Center to chaperon in there. We have had record crowds the last several times that the Teen Center has been open. We have had as many as 120 kids down in the Teen Center on a night. The chaperons on those nights had at least 4 chaperons in the park & 3 downstairs to man the concession area. Four is a minimum out in the park if we have huge crowds out there. If it should happen to rain & if the museum dining room is unoccupied, then kids can go upstairs & play games & be chaperoned there instead of the park. If it isn't raining though, we do not bring them up there.

Sodas and water are \$.50, pizzas are \$4.00 & all other snacks are free. We will have it all there for you when you arrive! There are chips in the top cabinets. Microwave popcorn is up there too. Kids are welcome to bring videos, music, video games, but we expect them to keep it clean. YOU have final say over whether things are appropriate. They know that if you say to turn something off, they are expected to do it. No drinks on the pool table, no pillow fights and no beating on each other – they know this as well! If there is an issue where there would happen to be a fight – God forbid, but it has happened once – please call the kids' parents & have them picked up immediately. Let me know the next day or write me a note & leave it in the Teen Center & I can follow up on Monday.

When it's near 10 pm, please have the kids start cleaning up. When they are out waiting for a ride, some of the chaperons need to be out there with the kids. The other chaperons can finish cleaning up. Please lock the key in the lock box under the counter (this has change in it if you need it throughout the night) and lock the outside door behind you when you are finished for the night. Chaperons are expected to stay until all kids are gone. I wouldn't lock the outside door until all kids are gone in case they forget something or need to call home. If you cannot make it to your night on the schedule, please call someone on the schedule to switch or to replace you. If you need anything or have any questions, please call me at 857-1500 (work) or 821-4083 (cell). We apologize to those who have been assigned different dates than what they signed up for originally. We had several dates that weren't covered and many duplicates. Also as a side note, we have regular nights and summer nights that are without chaperons. If you want to be good Samaritans & sign up, we would be grateful! We appreciate each of you for signing up to chaperon!

God's Peace,