Family Camping

Whether the Adventurer Club goes camping for a night or weekend, families are expected to attend. In addition to just being fun, family camping may be done to meet the requirements for the Adventurer Camping award or as part of an area or conference campout. If you are going camping, it is imperative that you and the Adventurer Club team communicate and follow the North American Division Guidelines listed below. For best results, have all adult participants sign, date, and return the signed copy of the Adventurer Family Camping Guidelines. See p. 104 for reproducible forms.

The following guidelines have been implemented to ensure the safety of the children and staff:

1. In the event of an Adventurer Family Camping experience, a parent or legal guardian MUST accompany their own child(ren) at all times. Parent/legal guardian involvement and supervision is a required component of the function of the Adventurer Club and such involvement is required for the child to participate.

   In cases where a parent/legal guardian is unable to accompany their child to an Adventurer Club outing or camping trip, the following protocol is in place to ensure the child's participation while maintaining safety and adherence to policies. A parent or legal guardian can designate a trusted family member, such as a grandparent, aunt, or uncle, to accompany their child. However, this process involves several important steps to ensure the child's well-being and compliance with the club's policies.

   a. **Written Permission:** The parent/legal guardian must provide signed, written permission authorizing the designated family member to accompany the child. This documentation is crucial for legal and safety reasons, ensuring that the child is in trusted hands and that the club is aware of the arrangement.

   b. **Age Restrictions:** The designated family member must be an adult with well-developed judgment, 21 years old or older.

   c. **Background Screening Approval:** Each parent, guardian, or designated family member is required to be currently approved by your conference's child protection screening verification to attend. **NOTE:** Background screening is required by policy for anyone involved with children to ensure the safety and well-being of all minors participating in the program.

      This background screening may be done through the Adventist Screening Verification https://www.nadadventist.org/asv. Check with your Adventurer Club Director about the conference process.

   d. **Orientation:** The designated family member must complete and return the Orientation document to the club director. See p. 104 for reproducible form. **NOTE:** The club may reserve the right to disallow any parent/legal guardian, or designated family member who, in the club's judgment, is deemed unsuitable to be around Adventurers.

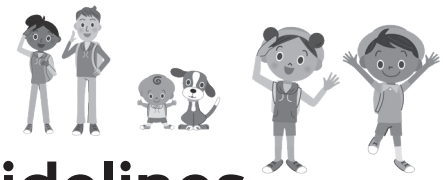
2. Parents or legal guardians are not permitted to grant permission to Adventurer staff to take their minor children overnight camping without a parent, legal guardian, or designated family member, under any circumstances. No exceptions.

3. Adventurer staff are not permitted to accept permission or release forms from a parent, legal guardian, or designated family member to take their minor child(ren) camping overnight without the parent, legal guardian, or designated family member present on the camping trip. No exceptions.

4. Adventurer staff are prohibited from sharing a tent or cabin with children who are not their own. No exceptions.

5. Adventurers are not permitted to sleep in tents or cabins unsupervised. Neither are they permitted to share a tent or cabin with another child unless they are siblings and a parent, legal guardian, or designated family member is present. No exceptions.

Each conference has the responsibility of introducing, implementing, and managing these guidelines to their constituents. This thorough process reinforces the Adventurer Club's dedication and commitment to providing a secure environment conducive to spiritual growth, learning, and Family Camping for young participants. We trust that these guidelines will increase safety for our Adventurer children and their parents as well as reduce the liability for the Adventurer staff.



Adventurer Family Camping Guidelines for Parents or Legal Guardians

1. In the event of an Adventurer Family Camping experience, a parent or legal guardian MUST accompany their own child(ren) at all times. Parent/legal guardian involvement and supervision is a required component of the function of the Adventurer Club and such involvement is required for the child to participate.

2. Parents or legal guardians are not permitted to grant permission to Adventurer staff to take their minor children overnight camping without a parent or legal guardian under any circumstances. No exceptions.

3. Adventurer staff are not permitted to accept permission or release forms from a parent or legal guardian to take their minor child(ren) camping overnight without the parent or legal guardian present on the camping trip. No exceptions.

4. Adventurer staff are prohibited from sharing a tent or cabin with children who are not their own. No exceptions.

5. Adventurers are not permitted to sleep in tents or cabins unsupervised. Neither are they permitted to share a tent or cabin with another child unless they are siblings and the parents/guardians are present. No exceptions.

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Name(s) of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

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Adventurer Name(s)

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Authorized Adult Family Member Name

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Club

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I authorize the person named above to accompany my child(ren) on the Adventurer Campout scheduled for

_____ at _____.
Date *Location*

_____ _____
Signature of parent/guardian *Date*

❑ Authorized family member is over the age of 21.

❑ Authorized family member is currently approved by your conference's child protection screening verification.

❑ Authorized family member has completed the Orientation document.

I have checked the requirements above.

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Signature of Club Director *Date*