

GOYA Travel Guidelines

Whenever GOYA travels for retreats, tournaments, etc. it will abide by the following guidelines.

Chaperoning: Chaperones are volunteers who commit to following Christ and help organize the GOYA as it travels. GOYA will maintain at least a 1:8 chaperone to GOYAn ratio. The duties of chaperones include:

1. Provide watchful care, safety and protection of GOYAn.
2. Enforce appointed curfews and wake up times, ensure promptness and attend with GOYAn to Divine Services, events, activities, games, etc.
3. The Director of Youth Ministries in consultation with chaperones will decide when to stay or leave an event.
4. Set an example of respectful behavior in both conduct and speech.
5. Communicate estimated arrival home to parents through designated means.

GOYAn Accommodations: Rooms are for sleeping and getting ready for events, not for socializing.

1. GOYAn room assignments will be made by the Director of Youth Ministries in consultation with GOYA advisors. GOYAn will be assigned by age
2. GOYAn will be supervised at all times, however sometimes this will be by indirect supervision; chaperones will not be sleeping in the same room as GOYAn.

Other Accommodations:

1. GOYA will pay for hotel expenses of Clergy, the Director of Youth Ministries, Coaches, and the bus driver; GOYA will make rooming arrangements.
2. Chaperones will pay for their own hotel expenses and may decide on their own rooming arrangements.

Commitment Policy:

1. Each participating GOYAn must provide the event payment and all related forms no later than two Sundays prior to the event unless otherwise stated.
2. GOYA will not provide refunds if the GOYAn cancels for any reason after the registration deadline.

Behavior

1. Curfew is set by the Director of Youth Ministries in consultation with the advisors.
2. Chaperones must be well informed of the location of GOYAn at all times. GOYAn must notify chaperones of their whereabouts at all times. GOYAn may not separate from the group without **direct approval** by the Director of Youth Ministries.
3. The use or possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, pornography, weapons, tobacco or “vapes” etc. or disrespectful/indecent behavior will lead to disciplinary action at the discretion of the Director of Youth Ministries in consultation with the advisors. Parents of any GOYAn failing to comply with this guideline will be notified and will be required to remove him/her from the event no matter the location.
4. Chaperones, coaches and advisors must report **all inappropriate behavior** to the Director of Youth Ministries who may then consult with Fr. Nicholas Bacalis.
5. Failure to comply with the GOYA Code of Conduct or GOYA Travel Guidelines may result in the parents of the GOYAn being notified and required to remove the GOYAn from the event no matter the location.