

## **Auburn Alliance Church**

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www.AuburnAlliance.com Youth Coordinator: Phil Kepple

Dear Parent/Guardian,

At **Auburn Alliance Church** we count it a privilege to work with your child or student. We believe that it is very important for us to build into the spiritual formation of every person who engages with the services and ministries of our church. We think that children and teenagers shouldn't have to wait to become adults in order to become part of our church. We believe that anyone who is at our church is part of our church and we'll invest in their spiritual formation in a way that engages them where they are and challenges them to take their next steps forward.

We strive to make Auburn Alliance a safe place for everyone who attends its services and ministries. As an organization you can be sure that every adult who is helping with our children or student ministries has been cleared by our Safe Place policy. This policy includes a background screening, extensive volunteer application, an interview, and continual training. Everyone is under the oversight of the pastors and elders of Auburn Alliance and is held accountable so that they maintain appropriate behavior around our youth and children.

We believe that the safety of our young people is very important. We strive to engage students in fun and exciting ways while seeking to maintain high levels of safety and protection of everyone involved. However, life itself produces and element of risk, so in case of an emergency we are requesting some information from you and your student. This contact information will only be used to contact you and your student. It will not be made public in any way.

In order to do this, we're enclosing a form for you to fill out with your student and return to us as soon as possible. This will allow us to maintain a database of contact information and medical details we need to be made aware of for every student in our ministry.

We've also included information regarding our online and social media policies, as well as how we intend to contact your student in the future. We've also included information regarding our picture and video taking policy.

We will do our best to make sure parents are informed and aware of what is available to your student. We value the support of parents—you have the greatest impact on your student's life! You're also invited to reach out to us anytime you have any questions or concerns.

Thank You,

Phil Kepple Youth Coordinator Auburn Alliance Church



## **Use of Media and Communication**

**Text Messages**—We will use text messages to send group text reminders for regular youth group meetings or special events. Other texts may be sent as replies to texts from your son/daughter or to engage in text conversations to gain more information about group-related events.

**E-Mail**—We will primarily send E-Mails to advertise special events. We will also use E-mails to communicate with parents about student interest in events and to share information and forms that need to be filled out. Most E-mails will be sent to an adult, as long as we have an address, so that appropriate use of E-mail is maintained and monitored.

**Facebook/Messenger**—We will use Facebook and Messenger only with you and your son/daughter's permission. All conversations will be kept for accountability purposes. This tool will not be used after 10PM. The Youth Group has a separate Facebook account which is used exclusively for church use. Permission must be granted by the account administrator for someone to access this account.

**Instagram**—The Youth Group Instagram account is "aayouthgroup." We will use Instagram primarily to promote weekly and special meetings. We will also post videos, MEMES, and messages to inform and encourage the youth and families of Auburn Alliance. Subscribe to our channel to be sure you get these updates.

**Photographs & Video**—We may take pictures and videos at youth group or events which we will use for church publications, displays, and will be posted on social media and our website.

**Website**—Auburn Alliance Youth have their own area on the Auburn Alliance Church website. Go to www.AuburnAlliance.com and pick on youth under the ministries tab.





## Auburn Alliance Church Student Information Form

## **Full Name:** First Last Address: Street Address City State Zip Phone: What do people Call you? Email: Grade & School District: **Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Email: \_ **Student's Interests/Hobbies/Favorites** \_\_\_\_\_ Hobby: \_\_\_\_\_ Sport: Food: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_ **Best Movie:** \_\_\_\_\_\_ Music/Band: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you play an How can you be instrument? involved? **Emergency Contact Information Full Name:** First M.I. Address: Street Address City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_ Primary Phone: -Relationship:

Communication Methods	
Please check the boxes below to give permission for the particular item:	
☐ I have read and discussed the use of media and communication letter with my student.	
I give permission for the Pastors and Youth Leaders of Auburn Alliance Church to communicate with my student, following the guidelines outlined on page 2 of this form, with the following means:	
Permission to contact my Son/Daughter	Permission to contact me
☐ Text Messages	☐ Text Messages
☐ Emails	☐ Emails
☐ Facebook and Messenger	<ul><li>Facebook and Messenger</li></ul>
☐ Instagram	☐ Instagram
☐ Take Photos/Videos	
Health Declaration	
Are there any known allergies/disabilities/medical conditions that we need to know about?	
In the event of an emergency it is vital that we have your contact information.	
Primary Care Physician:	
Phone Number:	
l agree that the information stated above is correct and that the information may be distributed to leaders as needed.	
Signed (Parent/Guardian):	
Printed Name (Parent/Guardian):	
Date of Signature:	

