Key Definitions for Third-Party Youth Programs

Youth Programs are:

(1) programs, events, activities, or endeavors offered by academic or administrative units of the University; or by student organizations or other University-affiliated organizations; or by External Entities using University facilities;

(2) that are designed to serve minors under age 19 who are not enrolled or accepted for enrollment at the university; and

(3) during which parents or guardians are not expected to be responsible for care, custody, and control of the minors.

Exclusions may be found in the Youth Protection Policy.

A Third-Party Youth Program is a Youth Program offered by an External Entity and held (at least partially) on AU property.

Youth Program Personnel includes the Program Director, staff, and volunteers other than support personnel who do not directly interact with Program Participants.

One-On-One Contact is personal, unsupervised interaction between any Youth Program Personnel and an individual Program Participant without at least one other Youth Program Personnel or the Program Participant’s parent/guardian present.

Administrative Requirements

Third-Party Youth Programs must:

- Have an AU academic or administrative unit as a Sponsoring Unit.
- Designate a full-time AU employee as the Program Contact.
  - The Program Contact will register the program in the Campus Event Planning System and with the Youth Protection Program.
  - The program must complete the same review/approval process as AU programs.
- Designate an on-site Program Director (could be the same person as the Program Contact).
- Establish a contractual relationship with AU for the use of facilities/resources (FUA).
  - The FUA or separate contract should contain the requirements listed in the Guide for Third-Party Programs.
- Provide a Certificate of Insurance that meets AU’s requirements.
- Provide evidence of compliance with the Youth Protection Policy within 30 days of the program’s start.
  - You may use the sample attestation.
- Include this disclaimer in all program-related brochures, websites, advertising materials, etc.: “[Camp Name] is solely operated by [Legal Name of Entity], which is not affiliated with the Board of Trustees of Auburn University or Auburn University.”
- Review and abide by the Conflict of Interests Policy and the Appropriate Use of Information Technology Policy, if applicable.
- ALL Third-Party Youth Program Personnel must complete training on child abuse prevention and mandatory reporting annually.
- ALL Third-Party Youth Program Personnel must complete a satisfactory background check every three years.

Timeline

- 90 days or longer: submit registration with FUA, etc.
- 90 days prior: submit best estimate of attendance to the Sponsoring Unit. Update this weekly leading up to the program.
- 30 days prior: evidence of compliance with the Policy. You may use the sample attestation.
- 5 working days prior: written reservation guarantee.
Program Registration

Register here and include:

- **Youth Program Registration form**
- **Personnel list**
- **Participant list** (if available; if not, submit once finalized)
- Program itinerary
- Flyers, brochures, or other information about the event
- Registration forms, waivers, medical forms, etc. being used by the Program
- Third-Party program information, including a facility use agreement and Certificate of Insurance.

On-campus summer programs must also register with the Summer Planning Committee.

Training

All program personnel (including the Program Director, staff, and volunteers) must take annual Youth Protection training. They may choose to use the United Educators training:

- **Registration Instructions for Online Training**
- If you have previously registered, visit the United Educators Online Training Website.
- The only required course is “Protecting Children: Identifying and Reporting Sexual Misconduct.”

Background Checks

Third-Party Youth Programs differ from AU Youth Programs in that the External Entity must certify that all Youth Program Personnel have successfully completed a criminal background check within the last 3 years.

Program Operation

- Develop program rules, which must include the program rules listed on p. 5 of the Guide.
- Make sure at least 2 personnel are registered for AU ALERT.
- Develop a plan for communicating with parents about emergencies. You may use the Parent Handbook Guide.
- Use the Youth Program waiver and COVID-19 waiver. You may use your own waivers in addition to (but not in lieu of) these AU waivers.
- Use a media/photo release (sample), if applicable.
- Use a Medical Information and Release Form (sample). Review the forms to allow time to accommodate special needs or food allergies (sample).
- For programs over 4 hours long, follow the medication management procedures in the Guide. Have parents complete authorize the participant’s self-administration of prescription medication (sample) and record every time a participant takes medication (sample).
- If over-the-counter medication will be available for participants, obtain parents’ authorization (sample).
- Follow the supervision ratios on page. 16 of the Guide.
- Follow the Rule of Threes: Do not have one-on-one interactions with a minor in person or in electronic communications. If any activity requires one-to-one interaction, these interactions must take place in a location that is open, observable, and interruptible.
- Report emergencies; crimes; child abuse or neglect; and any injuries, incidents, or accidents. See p. 19 of the Guide.
- Maintain records of the event. See p. 19 of the Guide.

NOTE: Forms and templates were prepared for use by AU-operated youth programs. Third-Party Youth Programs should review the forms, consult with their legal counsel, and determine whether the forms are appropriate for use in their specific youth program. No warranty is made that these documents are suitable for use by external entities.