

High School Youth Group *(a.k.a. "The Crew")* **Guidelines for Participation**

Mission Statement

The purpose of the high school youth ministry at Hosanna Lutheran Church is to provide a positive environment for youth in which they can feel support from one another, have fun together, and explore and learn about faith, God, and Jesus. We at Hosanna wish to help youth develop their own sense of spirituality and what it means for them as teenagers to be Christian.

The CREW seeks to . . .

- . . . Care for and serve others
- . . . Reach non-believers
- . . . Encourage Faith in Christ
- . . . Worship Christ as Lord

Membership Requirements

- ◆ Member of Hosanna Lutheran Church
- ◆ Between the ages of 14 and 19
- ◆ Completed the 8th grade

Advisors and Sponsors

The Family Life Minister and the Discipleship team shall serve as the advisors to the Crew. They will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the high school youth program.

- ◆ In the event that other advisors are needed for a specific activity or lesson, the Family Life Minister or team member may ask an adult, or adults, over the age of 21 to serve as a sponsor for that activity.
- ◆ Adult Sponsors and/or Hosanna Staff shall be present at all Crew functions.
- ◆ Adult Sponsors are to be of good moral character, have no past history of abuse, and conduct themselves with respect and honor. Abuse will not be tolerated in any form.
- ◆ Sponsor and Youth relationships will be in the context of three youth per sponsor. No sponsor is to be alone with a youth unless with specific parental permission.

Activities

High School Youth Group activities are planned to give members of the Crew opportunities to spend time with other Christian youth in order to become close to one another, to God and to the Church.

Involvement

1. During the planning of an activity, members and advisors will determine whether or not friends and non-members will be invited to participate in the activity. When

friends and non-members are invited to attend, they must be between the ages of 14 and 19.

2. When youth group funds are used to pay for an activity, only the cost for members of the youth group will be covered by those funds. Unless otherwise specified by the youth advisors, friends and non-members will be responsible for paying 100% of their cost. This includes, but is not limited to, meals, admission, transportation, etc.
3. When planning or participating in activities, a “majority rules” policy will be followed at the discretion of the advisors.
4. Relatives or guests of families who are members of Hosanna (i.e. foreign exchange students, visiting children) who fill the age requirement are welcome to participate in Crew activities and in the benefits to which Hosanna members are entitled.
5. There is to be no inappropriate contact of any kind between members of Crew. Inappropriate contact is contact that violates the dignity or safety of others.
6. There is to be no alcohol, illegal drugs, or smoking at any Crew function.
7. Members and guests will respect each other and the sponsors at all times. All Crew activities are Christian-centered and participants are expected to act appropriately.
8. In the case of conflict or violation of the covenant, everyone will be treated as a child of God. All discipline actions will be administered with the safety and well-being of all and be designed to teach and counsel.

Transportation

1. Transportation to and from the church for activities is the responsibility of each individual youth member, not of the advisors.
2. For insurance and liability reasons, when transportation is incorporated into a youth activity, youth may ride to and from the activity only with an advisor.