



Youth Advisory Team of the Presbytery of Arkansas

2018-2019 Application Form

Due by May 25, 2018

Name: _____ Church/City: _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Your E-mail _____ Gender Identity (circle one): Male Female

Your Cell _____ Birthday _____

If Youth Delegate, name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Phone: Work _____ Cell _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) E-mail: _____

Check One:

_____ Youth Delegate (10th-12th grade for 2018-2019 school year)

- Grade for 2018-2019 school year _____

_____ College-age Delegate (high school graduate to age 23 for 2018-2019 school year)

- If attending college, what school do you attend? _____
- Classification for the 2018-2019 school year _____

_____ Adult Delegate (Age 23 or Older)

Which of the following A-Team sponsored events have you attended? (Indicate the number of times you have attended):

_____ Jr. High Youthquake _____ Summer Mission Trip _____ Youth at Presbytery

_____ Presbytery Jr. High Jubilee (Mo-Ranch) Trip _____ Sr. High Youthquake

_____ Montreat Trip _____ Racial/Ethnic Caucus Events _____ Triennium

Have you previously served on the Youth A-Team? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, how many years? _____

Why do you want to be on the Youth A-Team?

What skills and talents can you bring to the Youth A-Team and to a Planning Team of the Youth A-Team?

How are you involved in your church and/or youth program?

Yes/ No I will attend the Youth A-Team Retreat tentatively set for mid-August in Northwest Arkansas (circle one) page 1 of 2

For the Delegate:

I understand the purpose of the Youth A-Team:

The Youth A-Team exists to strengthen ministry to and with youth so that youth may grow in faith and identity with the Presbyterian tradition. The Youth A-Team seeks to broaden the participation of youth at all levels in the church through:

- 1) Empowering youth to participate in all areas of the church's life and ministry.
- 2) Inspiring youth through intentional faith development and worship.
- 3) Developing and training youth as leaders for the church.
- 4) Developing and planning in collaboration with other presbytery resources for the youth ministry programs for the Presbytery of Arkansas.
- 5) Developing and nurturing a presbytery-wide ministry network for developing connectionism.
- 6) Sharing information between Youth Advisory Team and youth.
- 7) Advocating issues of justice for young people.
- 8) Providing a model of partnership between youth and adults at the presbytery level.

I understand that the Responsibilities of the Youth A-Team are:

- 1) To create and approve policy for the Youth A-Team and Youth A-Team events.
- 2) To organize and lead Youth at Presbytery, Senior High Youthquake, summer Programs and Junior High Youth Quake through planning teams.
- 3) To communicate with and support Youth Ministry programs within congregations.

I understand that the Youth A-Team is composed of

- 1) Youth Delegates
- 2) College-age Delegates, and
- 3) Adult Delegates.

I understand that the criteria for serving on the Youth A-Team are:

- 1) Must be active members of a PC (USA) church.
- 2) Must have attended at least one Presbytery of Arkansas sponsored youth event.

I understand that the expectations of Youth A-Team members are:

- 1) Be committed to the work of the Youth A-Team and its planning teams.

- 2) Serve and fully participate on a planning team, completing responsibilities that it requires.
- 3) Attend Youth A-Team meetings including overnight planning retreats.
- 4) Provide a communications link to their local church and neighboring congregations,
- 5) Be committed to youth and adults working in partnership together.

I understand that the Term of Service of a Youth A-Team delegate is:

1) All delegates will serve a one-year term, August through July, with the exception of the Junior High Youthquake planning team, which will serve through the end of its event (in September).

I understand that the typical scheduled meetings of the Youth A-Team are:

- 1) Orientation Retreat: August
- 2) Fall/ Winter Meeting (usually November or early January)
- 3) Planning Team Meeting Day: in the Spring as needed
- 4) Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed.

I promise to fulfill the expectations for Youth A-Team Delegates to the best of my ability.

Delegate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I understand that my son/daughter will be part of Arkansas Presbytery's Youth A-Team beginning in August of 2018 and continuing through July of 2018. I have read the above expectations and will support my son/daughter's involvement in the Youth A-Team.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

This delegate to the Youth A-Team of the Presbytery of Arkansas is an active member of our congregation and I recommend him/her for the Youth A-Team. We will support this delegate to the best of our ability, helping him/her attend meetings and retreats and showing an interest in his/her involvement on the Youth A-Team.

Church Representative's Signature _____ Date: _____

(Pastor, Christian Educator, Youth Minister or Clerk of the Session)

For the Parent/ Legal Guardian, if Applicant is a Youth Delegate:

For the sponsoring Church:

Mail by Friday, May 25, 2018 to: Youth A-Team Registration, Presbytery of Arkansas, 9221 N. Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, AR 72227.