

Application Form: Youth Advisory Team of the Presbytery of Arkansas 2017-2018

Due by May 26, 2017

Mail to: Youth A-Team Registration, Presbytery of Arkansas, 9221 N. Rodney Parham Rd., Little Rock, AR 72227

*****Please write clearly!!**

Name _____ Church/City _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Your E-mail _____ Gender (*circle one*) male female

Your Cell _____ Birthday _____

If Youth Delegate, name of Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) with whom you live: _____

Parent(s) Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Parent(s) E-mail _____

- Check One:**
- Youth Delegate (10th-12th grade for 2017-2018 school year)
Grade for 2017-2018 school year _____
 - College-age Delegate (high school graduate to age 23 for 2017-2018 school year)
If attending college, what school do you attend? _____
Classification for the 2017-2018 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 Presbytery Montreat, NC 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 August 18-20 in Central Arkansas. (*circle one*)

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 connectionalism.
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:

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

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

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

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

--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** _____

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

I understand that my son/daughter will be part of Arkansas Presbytery's Youth A-Team beginning in August of 2017 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** _____

For the sponsoring Church:

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)

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