

A Taxonomy of Youth Activities

Youth activities are offered for minors under age 18, who are not yet University of Wisconsin students.

Definitions

- **Minor:** A person under the age of eighteen (18).
- **Youth:** a Minor aged five (5) to eighteen (18) years old.
- **Youth Activity:** An intentional interaction between one or more Youth and a University employee or University-appointed volunteer, is sponsored or operated in part or in whole by the University, regardless of location or duration.

Youth Activity Hosted by and/or associated with University of Wisconsin

UW-Madison Youth Safety Policy outlines expectations for: mandatory reporting of incidents (such as child abuse); registering annually with OYPC; staffing (including screening, training, and supervision ratio); cybersecurity for youth data collection; insurance; first aid / health; and emergency plans.

Youth activities outside of a full-fledged youth program. *Typically this means representing UW while interacting with youth. UW likely plays a role in establishing the adult/youth connection.*

Individual Placements

- Examples:**
- High school student visiting a lab
 - High school student with unpaid internship at UW
 - Job shadowing / workplace visit
 - 1:1 music lessons or instruction

Guest Speaker (one time)

Connections (ongoing)

- Examples:**
- Person presents to youth and connects with them afterwards
 - A non-job-related youth activity, such as mentoring

Field Trips & Campus Visits

- Examples:**
- Chaperoned K-12 youth field trip
 - Prospective student visit (even when parent accompanies minor)
 - Recruiting events
 - Campus tours designed for youth

Outreach Programs/Events

Service-Learning Activities

Full-fledged Youth Program

Individual participation is tracked through enrollment/registration and/or attendance taking. Parent permissions/waivers, accident insurance, staffing plans with supervision ratios, and additional considerations may apply.

Residential - includes overnight stay

On campus

- Examples:**
- Summer Music Clinic
 - Badger Sports Camps
 - Pushkin Institute

Off campus

- Examples:**
- Program using local hotel space, not UW Housing
 - Extension summer camps

Commuter - multiple sessions

On campus

- Examples:**
- Chemistry Camp
 - Badger Sports Camps
 - Earth Focus Day Camps (Arboretum)

Off campus

- Example:**
- Odyssey Junior (meets at South Park Street)

One Day - single session

On campus

- Examples:**
- Badger Sports Camps

Off campus

- Example:**
- Skills workshops

Virtual - programming is conducted entirely online

Precollege - has intentional design elements

"Precollege" = an activity with specific programmatic design elements associated with intentional academic and social preparation for living as a college student. Likely includes a component related to UW Admissions.

Activities where participants arrive and scatter

Can be

Youth Conferences

Examples:

- MSAN (Minority Student Achievement Network)
- NASA GLOBE Student Research Symposium
- Expanding Your Horizons (middle school girls in STEM)

Competitions

Examples:

- WI High School State Speech Festival / Forensics Meet
- Science Olympiad
- FFA Livestock Competition

Programs that do not easily fit into known categories

Examples:

- New program with innovative design
- Hybrid activity
- Youth activities embedded within a larger program
- Co-sponsorships (within university; and/or with external partners)
- Community led activities that could not happen without specialized UW facilities, location, or faculty/staff

Third Parties

(A non-University organization or entity.)

- Third Parties can conduct any of these youth activity types.
- Campus space reservations must ascertain the nature of the activity.
- Youth Safety Policy expectations and minimum requirements (or equivalencies) apply when a Third Party hosts a youth activity that would fall inside the scope of the policy if hosted by the University.

Exclusions. Not a Youth Activity

although youth may be present



Activities Outside Scope of Youth Safety Policy

Although minors under age 18 may be in attendance, these activities are not required to register annually with OYPC.

- 1 Paid hourly employment of an individual under age 18. (**Example:** high school students working in food service jobs.)
- 2 Enrollment in university courses by an individual under age 18.
- 3 Orientation and academic advising activities for Matriculated Students under the age of 18. (**Example:** SOAR.)
- 4 University events open to the general public. (**Examples:** sporting events, concerts, ticketed events.)
- 5 Licensed UW preschool/child care activities.
- 6 Medical care given to minors in a University patient-care setting by a licensed health care provider.
- 7 Research protocols approved by the University IRB (Institutional Review Board). **Note:** supplemental procedures may constitute a Youth Activity, for example transportation or supervision of youth research participants if unaccompanied by a parent/guardian.
- 8 Activities under UW Policy 5039 "Children in the Workplace," typically an employee bringing their own child to visit campus.