

Policy on Youth Participation in NCRC Events

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Youth (under age 18) may participate in NCRC training events only if the following requirements are met:

1. The youth must, in the opinion of the lead instructor, have sufficient physical, emotional, and mental maturity to perform safely and effectively as a member of the class.
2. The youth's primary guardian(s) must sign the NCRC liability waiver in the presence of the event's lead instructor. If a primary guardian cannot sign the course documentation in the presence of the lead instructor, their signature must be notarized. The primary guardian(s) must also provide the lead instructor with a medical status summary and authorize NCRC to seek medical treatment for the youth if deemed necessary.
3. An adult must accompany them in the class, in such a manner to ensure the adult will be physically near the youth throughout the training activities. Preferably the adult should be enrolled as a co-student, but other arrangements may be allowed at the discretion of the lead instructor. (An adult participating in another level or subgroup would not qualify as an accompanying adult). If the accompanying adult is not the youth's primary guardian, the primary guardian must provide the lead instructor with a written statement identifying the person who will accompany the youth and designating him or her to act as temporary guardian during the course. This statement must be signed in the presence of the lead instructor or notarized.