

## Why Consent Forms

You may be wondering why the Prairie Rose EM Church requires consent forms for participation in the youth groups and the boys and girls clubs.

Over the last number of years, we have been developing a “Child Protection Policy” with the goal of creating a safer environment for the children who participate in our programs and the adults who lead them. One requirement of this policy is that parents are informed when our children’s programs take students off church property and that parents give permission for their children to participate in these activities.

At the beginning of the year, we as leaders try to anticipate when we will be taking students away from the church and then put together one general form to cover most of the year (“Year Long Consent Form”). There are also events that get planned later that require consent and that is what the “Basic (single event) Consent Form” is used for or I may have a consent form designed for a specific date.

This year for youth, because it is difficult to plan too far in advance, instead of having a “Year Long Consent Form” we are simply going to use a registration form and date specific consent forms. The “Registration Form” gives us information that is useful if we need to contact parents or students, gives permission for us to take photos at events, and gives us medical information to assist in keeping students safe.

If you have any question about these consent forms, please contact the ministry leader or Youth Pastor Nathan Plett (church phone: 204.355.4511).