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# Worship & Music Conference

# Chaperone FAQ

## **How many Adults must I register as Chaperones?**

If your church is bringing a group of youth/children, you must register one chaperone for every six children/youth registered. Chaperones must be 21 years of age or older. The church registering the chaperone(s) assumes all responsibility for the behavior and actions of that chaperone. Churches are responsible for conducting appropriate background checks on individuals serving as chaperones. PAM will not be held responsible for the actions or inactions of chaperones.

## **During registration, will Chaperones need to select classes?**

Yes, Chaperones will have the opportunity to register for a specific age group: Children, Middler, or Senior High. Children's chaperones will choose to attend morning or afternoon classes. Middler and Senior High chaperones will choose to chaperone morning or afternoon classes, one evening event, and will be assigned a small group. Registered Chaperones are expected to fully participate in the classes or events they select to chaperone.

## **Will Chaperones of Middlers and Senior Highs be in a small group with youth from their church group?**

Youth are intentionally assigned to small groups so that there are not two individuals from each back-home group in the same small group. Therefore, it is likely that Chaperones will be assigned to a small group with some youth from their church group, but not all. We ask that you trust the process of small group placement - it works! Year after year, strangers on Monday morning have become life-long friends by week's end. There will be no fewer than 3-4 adults in each small group. All Small Group Leaders have undergone background checks.

## **Will Chaperones of Middlers and Senior Highs be in classes with youth from their church group?**

It is likely that Chaperones will chaperone classes with youth from their church group. Because Chaperones are able to select which classes they would like to chaperone, it depends on whether or not there are youth from the chaperone's church group attending the same class.

## **Will there be a training for Chaperones?**

Yes, there will be a Zoom meeting in early June for all registered Chaperones to learn more about the expectations and schedules.

## **May I sit in on additional children/youth classes?**

Of course! As a registered Chaperone, you are welcome to chaperone in more than the classes you are assigned to chaperone.



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## **What if I am bringing my own children, grandchildren, etc. and do not meet the 1:6 ratio?**

You are not required to provide a chaperone. However, you are responsible for getting your children/youth to/from classes throughout the day.

## **What if I am bringing a church group made up of adults, youth, and children conference participants? Do I have to bring more adults to serve as Chaperones?**

PAM requires a 1:6 adult to child/youth ratio in all its conference offerings. To ensure the safety of all children and youth, groups are required to register one Chaperone for every six children they register. These chaperones will go to classes and activities with the children and youth.

## **May Chaperones serve as Small Group Leaders?**

Yes! Small Group Leaders (SGLs) provide critical guidance to the Middler and Senior High small groups at the conference. SGLs receive a FREE Chaperone registration and one discounted child or youth conference registration, but they also expend lots of time and energy. The required Zoom SGL training will be held in June prior to the start of the conference. You are expected to serve as a Chaperone in addition to your SGL duties. Apply to be a Small Group Leader [here](#).



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## Small Group FAQ

### Why small groups?

Youth attend the Worship & Music Conferences with their choirs, their youth groups, their churches, their families, and so on. Some youth may know many youth from their own church, while other youth may know very few. The idea for Small Groups is to provide an opportunity to make new friends and form better relationships among all youth.

### How does it work?

Youth will be placed in small groups with no more than 25 youth per small group. Middler and Senior High registrants will have separate small groups. Small groups will explore fellowship, Scripture study, discussion, and creativity.

### Who will lead the small groups?

Each small group will be led by one Small Group Leader (SGL). Small Group Leaders are 21 years of age or older. Selected Small Group Leaders will receive a free chaperone registration (\$50) and one discounted youth or child registration.

Small Group Leaders must:

- Attend Zoom SGL training in June prior to the start of the conference
- Attend daily conference worship
- Pass a background and reference check
- Attend daily SGL meetings Monday-Thursday
- Lead two daily small groups (one Middler and one Senior High)

Chaperones are required to attend small group as part of their chaperone duties. They will assist SGLs with discussions and activities.

### How do I apply to serve as an SGL?

You may apply by filling out the form [here](#). In gratitude for your time and talents, PAM will waive the Chaperone registration fee and provide one discounted child or youth conference registration. You are still expected to serve as a Chaperone in addition to your SGL duties.

### Will there be required background checks for SGLs?

Yes, all SGLs are required to undergo a background check and reference check.

### Will materials be provided to SGLs to lead the small group discussions and activities?

Yes, small group materials for middler and senior high small groups will be coordinated by the Small Group Facilitator, who will also assemble the small groups, communicate with the SGLs, and lead daily SGL meetings. The small group manual will be distributed via email to SGLs no later than May 15th. SGLs will be responsible for printing copies of the manual for themselves or providing an appropriate device (for instance, a tablet) from which they can lead a small group.

### Will SGLs receive training prior to the start of the conference?

Yes, a Zoom training for SGLs will be held in June prior to the start of the conference. There will also be daily SGL meetings Monday-Thursday during the conference.