

Taxonomy of Youth Activities

Youth activities are geared toward minors, who are not yet University of Wisconsin students.

Definitions

- **Minor:** A person under the age of 18.
- **Youth Participant:** Individuals who are registered, enrolled, or engaging in a youth activity as participants.
- **Youth Activity:** An event, operation, endeavor, or activity intended for participation by minors that is operated by UW-Madison on or off campus.

Youth Activity Operated by University of Wisconsin-Madison on or off campus.

UW-Madison Youth Protection Policy establishes minimum standards for the protection of youth participants in youth activities offered by the University of Wisconsin-Madison, on and off campus, and in third-party youth activities. The policy is also designed to protect employees, volunteers, and UW-Madison as an institution.

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
 - 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. Typically, this means supervising Youth and providing Custodial Care.

Residential - includes overnight stay

On campus

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

Off campus

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

Commuter - multiple sessions

On campus

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

Off campus

- Example:**
- Odyssey Junior (meets at South Park Street)
 - 4H club meetings

One Day - single session

On campus

Off campus

Virtual - programming is conducted entirely online

"Virtual" = an activity conducted using electronic technology to communicate. Participants are not considered under UW custodial care. Not eligible for blanket accident insurance. Incident reporting obligations still apply.

Precollege - has intentional design elements

"Precollege" = an activity with specific programmatic design elements associated with intentional academic and social preparation for independent living as a college student.

Activities where participants arrive and scatter

Can be

Youth Conferences

Examples:

- MSAN (Minority Student Achievement Network)
- NASA GLOBE Student Research Symposium
- Expanding Your Horizons (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
- 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 youth activities with authorization from a school/college/division youth protection designee.
- Campus facility use agreements must include the youth protection contract addendum when a third party hosts a youth activity that falls within the scope of the youth protection policy.

Exclusions: Not a Youth Activity

although Minors may be present



Activities Outside Scope of Youth Protection Policy

Although minors may be in attendance, these activities are not required to register annually with OYP.

- 1 Paid hourly employment of an individual under age 18 (when hired in roles that are not associated with a youth activity or third-party youth activity).
- 2 Enrollment in for-credit university course by an individual under the age of 18.
- 3 Orientation and academic advising activities for matriculated students under the age of 18 (e.g., SOAR).
- 4 Events or activities open to and serving the general public (e.g., Badger volleyball game).
- 5 State licensed preschool, childcare, day camp and daycare programs.
- 6 Medical care given to minors in a university patient care setting by a licensed health care provider.
- 7 Research conducted under protocols approved by UW-Madison Institutional Review Board. **Note:** supplemental procedures may constitute a youth activity (e.g., transportation or supervision of youth research participants if unaccompanied by a parent/guardian).
- 8 Activities under UW-5039 Children in the Workplace (e.g., an employee bringing their child or children to visit the campus).
- 9 Minors participating in pre-enrollment visitation or recruiting activities governed under the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).
- 10 Private events.