

Teen Village Frequently Asked Questions

My youth does not want to participate but I want them to. What should I do?

Have them come to the first village to see what they think and then discuss it together afterwards.

My youth says they will only be in a group if a friend is there. What should I do?

Discuss the benefits of participating in a group like this, even without a friend, and encourage your youth to try it out. If there are openings in that village, Laura and the mentor(s) would be open to having a conversation with a friend's parents to discuss joining Teen Village. If there aren't any openings, you and your youth will need to consider their participation.

I am concerned that some of the other participants could present trust issues for my youth from past experiences, what should I do?

Let the mentor know about these past issues and you and/or your youth's concerns via an email. Then have them come to the first village to have the option for a new experience of people. Then discuss how they feel afterwards.

What if I have an issue I want to discuss in regards to my youth and Teen Village, what should I do?

The first thing to do is send an email to the mentor. Please, do not send a text message to the mentor's personal cell phone. If a call is needed, a 15-minute free conversation will be scheduled via email with the mentor. Conversations extending beyond 15 minutes will incur a fee of \$25 per half hour.

What if I paid tuition for the whole year online and after the first village my youth decides to not participate? Will I get reimbursed?

You will receive a reimbursement minus \$25 for the first session.

If my youth is running late, should they still come to that village?

Having everyone present and on time is important to the trust container. However, we realize things happen that make us late. If every attempt has been made to be on time and the youth is still late, yes, they should come to that village.

Will there be food and water available?

There are two options for snacks: we will discuss and choose together at the mandatory introductory parent/guardian meeting.

1. There is a rotating parent snack schedule, where parents sign up for meetings that they would like to provide snacks for. These snacks would need to meet the needs of the group, so gluten free options or dairy free options would need to be considered depending on allergies within the youth attending.
2. RVM will provide the snacks. Due to budget the snacks would be lower quality and less fun, but they would be free to the youth.

We're looking forward to Teen Village 2022-2023!