A Taxonomy of Youth Activities

Youth activities are offered for minors under age 18, who are not yet University of Wisconsin students.

Youth Activity
Hosted by and/or associated with University of Wisconsin

UW-Madison Youth Safety Policy outlines expectations for: mandatory reporting of incidents (such as child abuse); registering annually with OYPC; staffing (including screening, training, and supervision ratios); cybersecurity for youth data collection; insurance; first aid / health; and emergency plans.

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.

Full-fledged 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.

Residential - includes overnight stay

Examples:
- On campus - Summer Music Clinic
- Off campus - Program using local hotel space, not UW Housing
- Off campus - Extension summer camps

Commuter - multiple sessions

Examples:
- On campus - Chemistry Camp
- Off campus - Odyssey Junior (meets at South Park Street)

One Day - single session

Examples:
- On campus - Badger Sports Camps
- Off campus - Skills workshops

Virtual - programming is conducted entirely online

Examples:
- Badger Sports Camps
- Skills workshops

Precollege - has intentional design elements

"Precollege" = an activity with specific programmatic design elements associated with intential academic and social preparation for living as a college student. Likely includes a component related to UW Admissions.

Youth Conferences

Examples:
- MSAN (Minority Student Achievement Network)
- NASA GLOBE Student Research Symposium
- Expanding Your Horizons (middle school girls in 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
- Hybrid activity
- 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

Exclusions. Not a Youth Activity
although youth may be present

1. Paid hourly employment of an individual under age 18. (Example: high school students working in food service jobs.)
2. Enrollment in university courses by an individual under age 18. (Example: SOAR.)
3. Orientation and academic advising activities for Matriculated Students under the age of 18. (Example: DOAR.)
4. University events open to the general public. (Examples: sporting events, concerts, ticketed events.)
5. Licensed UW preschool/child care activities.
6. Medical care given to minors in a University patient-care setting by a licensed health care provider.
7. Research protocols approved by the University IRB (Institutional Review Board). Note: supplemental procedures may constitute a Youth Activity, for example transportation or supervision of youth research participants if unaccompanied by a parent/guardian.
8. Activities under UW Policy 5039 "Children in the Workplace," typically an employee bringing their own child to visit campus.

Third Parties

(A non-University organization or entity.)

- Third Parties can conduct any of these youth activity types.
- Campus space reservations must ascertain the nature of the activity.
- Youth Safety Policy expectations and minimum requirements (or equivalencies) apply when a Third Party hosts a youth activity that would fall inside the scope of the policy if hosted by the University.

Youth Program

On campus - includes overnight stay

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

Off campus

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

Field Trips & Campus Visits

Examples:
- Chaperoned K-12 youth field trip
- Prospective student visit (even when parent accompanies minor)
- Recruiting events
- Campus tours designed for youth

Youth and a University employee or University-appointed volunteer, is sponsored or operated in part or in whole by the University, regardless of location or duration.

Outreach Programs/Events

Service-Learning Activities

Consultations (ongoing)

Examples:
- Person presents to youth and connects with them afterwards
- A non-job-related youth activity, such as mentoring

Guest Speaker (one time)

Examples:
- High school student visiting a lab
- Job shadowing / workplace visit
- 1.1 music lessons or instruction