

From the Kingdom Minister of Youth, greetings!

This missive serves to inform you of a number of changes to Society and Kingdom Youth Policy that have been approved.

In April 2014, the Society approved revision 1.05 of the Seneschal's Handbook, which contains the most recent version of the Society Youth Policy. After research and deliberation, the Middle Kingdom has decided to eliminate the Middle Kingdom Youth Policy that previously regulated non-martial youth activities. All Middle Kingdom youth activities must abide by the Society youth policies in the Society Seneschal's Handbook.

NOTE: These changes do not alter any laws or policies relating to youth under the marshallate.

Officers, parents, and volunteers should all review the youth section of the Seneschal's Handbook in full (linked off [www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org) at <http://841877671.r.cdn77.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Seneschals-Handbook-041214.pdf>), but below are highlights of the changes:

Responsibility for youth supervision:

Per the Seneschal's Handbook, "Parents or guardians of minors shall have ultimate responsibility for the welfare and behavior of their children at all times. It is the responsibility of the adult who brings a minor to an event to ensure that the minor is safe and not in danger." And "This policy does not relieve parents of their primary responsibility for the welfare and behavior of their children. "

Waivers required at gate:

- ❖ Minor Waiver:
  - o All minors must have either:
    - a signed blue card in their own name
    - OR a completed Minor Waiver with their parent/legal guardian's signature.
  
- ❖ Medical Authorization for Minors:
  - o Minors attending an event with an adult not their parent or legal guardian must present a "properly executed Medical Authorization Form for Minors" at the gate.
  - o This form should remain in the possession of the temporary guardian named on the form.
  - o Elimination of the Middle Kingdom Youth Policy removes the requirement for this form to be notarized to be accepted at gate. Parents/legal guardians should check state/local laws to verify if notarization is required. As of the time of this writing (June 22, 2014):
    - Indiana and Kentucky state laws require notarization for a document of this type to be valid.
    - Michigan state law requires either a witness OR notarization for a document of this type to be valid.

- Ohio and Illinois state laws do not require notarization for a document of this type to be valid.
- ❖ Event Permission Form
  - o All references to a separate permission form for a minor to attend an event with an adult not their parent/legal guardian have been removed. Only the Medical Authorization Form for Minors is required.
- ❖ Youth Activity Supervision
  - o “All official or published SCA Youth Activities must have one background checked adult member who acts as the official coordinator for the SCA Youth Activity.”
    - “For example if there are 10 youth A&S classes each in their own separate classroom, each classroom needs to follow the ‘2 Deep Rule’ but there only needs to be one overall youth ‘coordinator’ responsible for the all activity in all classrooms.”
    - “A Minor’s attendance of an adult A&S class it does not mean that class becomes an SCA Youth Activity simply because a youth is in attendance.”
  - o All youth activities must follow the 2-deep rule.
    - a minimum of 2 adults must be present. These adults must be:
      - “at or above the age of legal majority in the state, province or country in which the activity occurs”
      - “unrelated to one another by blood, marriage or personal relationship”
    - “One of these two adults may also be acting as the official coordinator for the youth activities going on.”

#### Other restrictions on SCA Youth Activities in the Middle Kingdom

The elimination of the Middle Kingdom Youth Policy removes many requirements that previously existed for youth activities, such as sign-in sheets and nametags. As always, individual SCA groups and events retain the right to place additional rules on activities at events they host.

As a reminder, this letter merely summarizes the changes. Please review the Seneschal’s Handbook at [www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org) for the full text of the current Society Youth Policy.

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In service I remain,  
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