

YEC CABIN/LODGING SHARING SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

> Background checks **ABSOLUTELY *MUST*** be done on all adults 18+

- > Dialogue with the other churches' adult leadership about the cabin experience and expectations before the event.
- > Individual youth groups should consider staying in the same area of the dorm in order to watch, encourage and discipline their own students easier and to give a little more protection from potential problems. Encourage participants to leave valuables at home or take valuables with them.
- > Tell all of your participants that spending time in the cabin during scheduled program time is not allowed.
- > If someone becomes ill, make sure there is an appropriate adult to student ratio in the cabin. Two adult to one student is standard in most situations. You may want to work it out for Two adults stay at the cabin at all times if it's going to be unlocked and accessible.
- > Never leave a student alone in a cabin. Never leave a student and adult alone in a cabin.
- > Agree with the other adults from other churches in the cabin that we are going to be watching all of the kids. It's not a "that's not my kid, it's not my problem" kind of thing.
- > Consider adult leadership escorting students to and from various places to insure safety and participation. Don't assume all students will get to where they need to be on their own at the right time. Simply put... have a plan to make sure everyone is where they are supposed to be.
- > Be vigilant about the safety of your students.
- >The BGCO is not responsible for vetting the suitability of those with whom your group will be sharing lodging. The BGCO makes no assurances as to the other's groups suitability for sharing lodging or being in proximity to those in your group. Your group sponsors and leaders are responsible at all times for the supervision of the children and fellow sponsors in your group.