



## **Summer Conference Policy regarding Children of Youth Leaders and Chaperones**

We love children, and we love ministry families - a lot! However, due to a variety of space and room restrictions at each property where we host our summer conferences, as well as several other considerations, we are unable to accommodate "underage" (i.e. all non-middle school or high school-aged, including nursing infants) children on-site at RYM Summer Conferences. It is sometimes possible for a mother with a nursing infant to come to a conference with her church's youth group and stay off-property at a nearby location (she would be responsible for securing and paying for this arrangement), and then come onto property to eat meals and be with youth during the day. This would need to be approved by RYM on a case-by-case basis. If the mother does choose to eat meals on-site there would be a charge for the meal ticket. This exception would be made for the mother and the nursing child only, and other children would not be able to come onto property. In these approved-circumstances, the mother and child would need to give space priority (such as at an evening large group gathering) to regular conference attendees. Relatedly, if the child is being disruptive (crying, or similar) then we would ask you to step out of the room.

Note: Occasionally you might see younger children running around at conferences. They likely belong to an RYM full-time staff member or in some situations, a contract labor employee's family. RYM does permit its full time staff to have their families with them at conferences.