

Information from the An Tir Minister of Children

Information for Parents

In the interest of keeping the children of An Tir safe and allowing them to enjoy our SCA events , it has become necessary for An Tir and all of the SCA to have rules in place regarding youth at events.

Most outdoor sites have some natural hazards for children, such as lakes and fast moving rivers and streams. These should be noted in the site handout. . You will of course want to be familiar with these natural features.

In addition, please read over these rules and discuss the importance of them with your children.

“The Society Seneschal Policy for Youth Activities has been expanded to clarify requirements, responsibilities, enforcement, and repercussions for noncompliance.

Parents or Guardians who bring minors to an event must ensure their childrens' activities are compliant with SCA Laws, Policies and site rules that require minors 12 and under to be within sight/sound of a responsible parent/guardian at all times.

All youth activities must have two adults, unrelated to each other, at all times and the activity must stop if that number falls below the required 2 . This policy does not relieve parents or guardians of their primary responsibility for the welfare and behavior of their children.

All youth attending youth activities and classes will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The SCA youth events and classes should not be considered a babysitting service for youth.

Neglect of Parental (or Guardian) responsibility for minors:

1. If event/branch SCA officials find minors in breach of SCA Governing

Documents, Laws. Policies or site rules they will (for a first offence) escort the minor to their parent/guardian and issue a verbal warning. A report on the incident will be tendered to the local and Kingdom Seneschal.

2. On a second offense at a given event, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be required to keep their minor(s) with them for the remainder of the function. A report on the incident will be tendered to the local, Kingdom and Society Seneschal.

3. On a third offense, the minor (s) *and * parent(s)/guardian(s) will be expelled from the event, and the matter will be reported to local, Kingdom and Society Seneschals.

4. Habitual offenders will be subject to review by Kingdom and Society level for possible sanctions."