Prevention Policies

Learning for Life programs in schools and organizations must follow both Learning for Life and organizational prevention policies. The following policies have been adopted to guard against abuse and to give protection to the adult leaders.

Leadership Requirements

- Two-deep leadership: Two adult leaders, at least 21 years of age, are required on all trips and outings.
- If male and female youth are present, 21 year old leaders of both sexes are required.
- There should be no one-on-one contact with youth.
- Separate (male/female) adult and youth bathrooms and showers on overnight activities are required.

Creating Barriers

- Proper training, preparation, equipment and safety procedures on LFL outings are required.
- No secret organizations, parents are welcome.
- Proper protective clothing is required according to activities.
- Discipline should be constructive and corporal punishment is never permitted.
- Hazing is not allowed.
- Youth leadership should be monitored and guidance given at all times by adults.

School and Classroom Leaders

- Off campus meetings are not allowed unless it is an approved Learning for Life program.
- Proper training should be given for all high adventure programs.
- Review the guidelines found in *Safety First* for conducting Learning for Life outdoor programs.

Fraternization Policy

- Because high school programs are designed for young adults, there are often little differences in the ages of the adult leaders and the participants.
- It has been found that maintaining a close social relationship, such as dating, between adult leaders and youth participants is disruptive and, therefore, is not permitted.