

# Steubenville on the Bayou

## Defining a Group

### **WHAT IS A GROUP?**

The teens attend the conference within a “group.” This is usually a Church youth group, a Catholic School group, or something of this nature. Some groups consist of a number of teens who have come together specifically for the purpose of attending the conference; while others are groups that meet on a regular basis.

### **WHAT IF A TEEN WANTS TO ATTEND BUT CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST THAT COULD PREVENT HIM/HER FROM DOING SO?**

Some of these circumstances may be the lack of finances, a shortage of chaperones, and hesitation by the parents. Ideas on fundraising, recruiting chaperones, and giving parents an overview of the conference may be found on the website and within the pages of the Group Leader’s manual.

***NEVER discourage a teen from attending the conference.***

### **ARE THERE OPTIONS FOR TEENS WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND BUT CANNOT FIND A GROUP TO REGISTER WITH?**

There are several options for these teens:

1. A Parent can register as a Group leader and accompany his/her child to the conference. The Conference Coordinator strongly recommends that, if at all possible, the teen attends with a group of people his/her own age. This enables him/her to experience the conference with peers who can support each other during and after the conference.
2. A Parent or Guardian can register as a Group leader and bring up to ten teens with him/her. If this group consists of both male and female participants, the parent/guardian must ensure that there is an adult chaperone at the conference and in the housing site who can take responsibility for them.
3. The teen can contact a group and ask if they have room for him/her and come with that group.
4. The teen, parent, or guardian can contact the conference office and the staff will ensure that he/she has the opportunity to attend by connecting him/her with a participating group.