Club Director

Georgia-Cumberland Conference

Greetings!

We are glad to share the following information about a new approach regarding screening and training of volunteer club staff. Please note the following:

1. Georgia-Cumberland Conference (GCC) is partnering with local churches and schools to provide a program to screen and train trustworthy individuals to fill volunteer positions for children and youth activities.
2. *Shield the Vulnerable* is a program implemented by the North American Division for local churches and schools to use for background screening and on-line training for those working with children and youth. All data is processed through a secure website.
3. We are requesting that you, as director, first complete the process yourself. Please take time to request online screening and then complete the online training process so that you can experience the process and encourage your staff to do the same.
4. See the instruction sheet that will be sent soon and is also located at the home page of the club website when you click on GCC Manual Online-Staff Selection/Child Safety to begin the process. Note that one can log out and return at a later time to complete the screening/training if needed. Since it is online, you can fit it in around your schedule and location as time permits.
5. So that you have time to encourage your staff to complete this process online, current Part 2s on file will be honored through January 1, 2014. It is your responsibility to make sure that all staff have completed the new screening/training by that date.
6. GCC will cover the cost of the required screening and training. No costs will be billed to the local entity UNLESS optional courses or searches are chosen.
7. How to begin? Go to [www.shieldthevulnerable.org](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CJHaldeman%5CDownloads%5Cwww.shieldthevulnerable.org) and follow the prompts or review the instruction sheet at [pathfinders.gccsda.com](http://pathfinders.gccsda.com) or [adventurers.gccsda.com](http://adventurers.gccsda.com) (under Staff Selection/Child Safety at GCC Manual Online)
8. Information will be sent separately to pastors and principals soon inviting your church and school (if applicable) to implement this program.
9. Questions? Contact gccregistration@gccsda.com

Sincerely,

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