

Group Norms & Expectations: Code of Behavior

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In order for us to function successfully as a Christian group, we must agree to certain norms of behavior:

- Respect for all persons and property
- Refrain from put-downs
- Politeness extended to all in our group and to everyone we meet
- Appropriate, modest dress – no bikinis or bare midriffs or inappropriate t-shirt slogans, one-piece swimsuits suggested
- Be supportive of all members of the group
- No excessive P.D.A. (Public Displays of Affection!)
- Serve one another in Christian love

For the well-being and safety of the group, everyone agrees to the following:

- Lights out and quiet time must be respected. Drivers are entitled to eight hours of sleep!

- Seat belts must be worn when traveling.
- Absolutely no fireworks or playing with fire.
- Observe the laws of the land.
- Do not leave the camp, condo, hotel, church or group without direct permission from the youth director or designated event leader.
- No one is allowed to go anywhere alone, including public restrooms and rest areas.
- Groups of three or more will be given as directives for sight-seeing, athletic activities, and free time.

Group participation:

- Everyone will be expected to **participate fully** in all group and sub-group activities (i.e., work assignments), unless ill. This includes travel time.
- Everyone is expected to follow the daily group schedule and be promptly at the designated location for each activity.

Youth Ministry Non-Negotiables Observed*

- No possession or use of alcohol, marijuana, or illegal drugs**
- No abuse of legal or prescription drugs**
- No sexual intimacy or sexual harassment**
- No possession of weapons**

*Any violation of a non-negotiable item, meaning behavior that is disruptive to the group, or behavior that threatens the safety of self or others, will result in the offending youth(s) being sent home immediately, at the parents' expense. In signing this form, the parent agrees to cover all expenses related to sending their child home.

I have read the group policies and expected norms and non-negotiables and agree to abide by them.

Parent Name (please print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Youth Name (please print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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