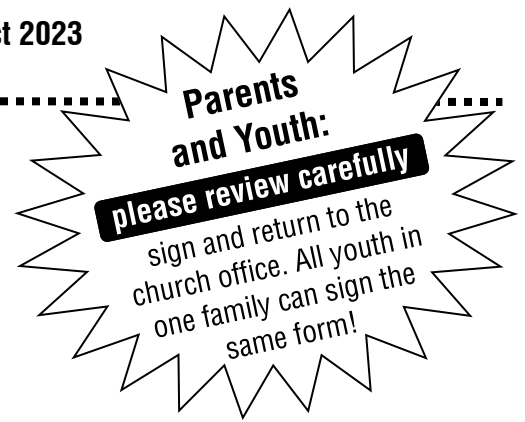


Group Norms & Expectations: Code of Behavior

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

- Refrain from put-downs
- Respect for all persons and property
- Extend politeness and respect to all in our group and everyone we meet
- Be supportive of all members of the group
- No excessive P.D.A. (Public Displays of Affection!)
- Serve one another in Christian love

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.
- No cell phones or personal devices will be used during group times.
- Everyone is expected to follow the daily group schedule and be promptly at the designated location for each activity.

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

- Do not leave the group, church, camp, condo, or hotel, 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.
- 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.

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Youth Ministry Non-Negotiables*

No harm to self or others

No sexual intimacy or sexual harassment

No possession of weapons

No abuse of legal or prescription drugs

No possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, illegal drugs, or vaping products

*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.

Audio/visual recordings

Please be aware that video images, photographs, audio recordings, and other visual or audio reproduction may be taken during youth activities to be used, distributed, or shown on the church website, brochures, bulletin boards, social media pages, and/or display in worship.

Please speak directly with a youth director if you have any concerns.

I have read the group policies, expected norms and non-negotiable, and audio/visual statement and agree to abide by them.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Youth Name (please print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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