

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS OF YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

Youth participants are expected to follow these expectations at all times during the _____ held at _____ on _____.
[Activity] [Location] [Date or Dates]

1. Youth participants will:

- Project an image of Christian consideration, sensitivity, and respect to everyone
- Use Christian consideration, sensitivity, and respect when using electronic devices
- Follow Adult Leaders' rules related to electronic devices
- Project an image of Christian etiquette in their use of language, dress, and behavior
- Refrain from inappropriate touching and verbal harassment
- Respect other persons and/or property, and keep their personal belongings of value with them at all times
- Refrain from actions that could result in injury and/or damage to property
- Follow the stated curfew
- Wear appropriate credentials in order to gain and maintain access to youth activities
- Use courteous and appropriate noise levels in lobbies, hallways, and sleeping areas, especially later in the evenings
- Maintain the spirit of the activity
- Report problems of **any kind** to your Adult Leader, or trusted adult

2. Youth participants will not:

- Possess weapons, look-alike weapons, or explosive materials of any kind
- Purchase, possess, distribute, sell, receive, or use tobacco products of any kind, alcohol, illegal drugs, vaping material, cigarettes or marijuana
- Engage in any form of sexual activity or sexual harassment
- Purchase, download, possess, distribute or view pornography
- Visit or gather in hotel rooms with the opposite gender
- Engage in any form of body piercing or tattooing
- Take inappropriate photos, or post to social media or distribute through any digital or electronic means inappropriate photos or content
- Make statements of a sexual nature, or threatening nature, or use foul language

3. Appropriate behaviors at youth activities:

- Side hugs
- Shoulder to shoulder or "temple" hugs
- Handshakes
- "High-fives," hand slapping, and fist bumps
- Verbal praise for a job well-done (not regarding physical attributes)
- Touching hands, faces (usually in context of a blessing), shoulders, and arms of minors
- Arms around shoulders
- Holding hands while walking with younger minors
- Sitting beside younger minors
- Holding hands during prayer
- Pats on the head when culturally appropriate.

4. Inappropriate behaviors at youth activities:

- Inappropriate or lengthy embraces and kisses on the mouth
- Touching private areas of the body

- Going to an isolated area away from the group, or being taken to an isolated area by an adult or peer
 - Showing affection in isolated areas of a facility such as sleeping rooms, bathrooms, closets, staff-only areas, other private rooms, or without others present
 - Sitting on another person's lap
 - Holding children on the lap who are capable of sitting on their own
 - Wrestling or tickling with another individual
 - Piggyback rides
 - Shoulder/back massages
 - Any form of unwanted affection or peer sexual harassment
 - Compliments or put downs that relate to physique or body development
 - Inappropriate sexual statements
 - Inappropriate horseplay
 - Hiding items belonging to another person
- Minors and young adults are expected to exercise modesty of their body at all times. Conduct of a sexual nature, even if it is of a joking nature or is horseplay, is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. A minor or young adult who has been reported to have engaged in conduct of a sexual nature, whether physically, verbally, and/or through electronic or digital means, shall be dismissed from the activity, regardless of whether the intention was horseplay or joking. Law enforcement will be contacted when required by law. These types of conduct can result in serious legal consequences. Youth must think before acting.

5. The following personal safety measures should also be remembered and followed:

- Always carry photographic identification with you (driver's license, school ID) if you have one.
- Always travel in a group, with chaperones knowing every youth's location at all times.
- Always look for and use designated crosswalks and pedestrian bridges.
- Sleeping room doors should be locked at all times. Youth shall not open doors unless they can verify who is knocking and what the person's credentials are.
- Sleeping room numbers and telephone numbers should not be given to strangers or distributed publicly.
- Follow fire safety procedures and emergency exit procedures.
- Do not make jokes or threats about weapons, bombs, terrorists, or other dangerous acts.
- Report all safety or security concerns or threats to your Adult Leader.

I have read and shared this information with my child, _____.
Name of student

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Name: _____
[PLEASE PRINT]

Date: _____