

# Youth Ministry Covenant Agreement

First Presbyterian Church

I have willingly chosen to participate in Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Church. As a participant, I will work toward the goals of the ministry and the building of Christian community with the group by:

1. **Participating** wholeheartedly and enthusiastically in all the planned activities.
2. **Speaking up** when I have a problem, need, or concern.
3. **Listening/Responding** to the needs of others.
4. **Following** the guidance of the adult advisors.
5. **Respecting** others' property or rights, and abiding by the rules of the location visited.
6. **Using appropriate language** and respecting leaders.
7. **Not using controlled substances.** Use of alcoholic beverages, drugs, and tobacco products are strictly prohibited.
8. **Not leaving the event grounds** at any time without the permission of an adult advisor.
9. **Encouraging others** to understand and abide by this covenant and striving, as a Christian, to live as a supportive member of the group and as an example of faith and belief to those with whom we are in contact.
10. **Not bringing** inappropriate materials, such as offensive or vulgar music or literature, laser pointers, balloon launchers, skateboards, fireworks, and firearms, etc., or promoting these activities.
11. **Being responsible** in my expressions of care, concern, and intimacy and in the keeping of confidences.
12. **Accepting responsibility** for my own belongings.
13. **Speaking only during appropriate times** and never while the leader is speaking.
14. **Staying** with the group always.
15. **Acting appropriately and respecting church property and equipment** such as cleaning up your area when finished and refraining from running inside the church unless it is in the Clark Hall during a specific game or activity.
16. **Not bringing electronic devices** (including video games, personal DVD players, and cell phones) on youth sponsored trips.
17. **Dressing in a modest manner** for all youth activities, and always following given dress guidelines of any function or conference.

I understand that success in abiding by this covenant will result in a positive group environment and experience. I also understand that failure to abide by any of these guidelines may result in a conversation with parents/guardians and removal from this or any event at my parent's expense.

Inappropriate behavior on a consistent basis will result in:

1. A general warning to the group
2. A one-on-one conversation (discussion) with a youth advisor regarding the appropriateness of such behavior.
3. A conversation with a parent/guardian
4. The loss of the right to participate in future events.

Youth Name

Signature

Date

Parent Name

Signature

Date

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