

GROUP NORMS AND EXPECTATIONS

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

- We will respect all persons and property
- We will refrain from put-downs.
- We will extend politeness to all in our group and to everyone we meet
- We will wear appropriate, modest dress, with no bikinis, bare midriffs, or inappropriate T-shirt slogans.
- We will be supportive of all members of the group.
- We will have no excessive public displays of affection.
- We will serve one another in Christian love.

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

- Lights out and quiet time must be respected. Drivers, especially, are entitled to eight hours of sleep!
- Seat belts must be worn when traveling in a vehicle.
- There will be 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 person in charge.
- No one is allowed to go anywhere alone, including public restrooms and rest areas.
- Groups of three or more will be given as instructions for sight-seeing, athletic activities, and free time.
- Everyone will be expected to participate fully in all group and sub-group activities unless the person is ill.
- Everyone is expected to follow the daily group schedule and meet promptly at the designated location for each activity.

*Youth Ministry Non-Negotiables**

- No possession or use of alcohol 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 oneself 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 his or her child home.*

I have read the norms, expectations, and non-negotiables and agree to abide by them.

Youth Signature:

Date _____

Parent Signature:

Date _____