

Student Ministry Guidelines for Trips and Retreats
II Corinthians 5:20 – “We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”

Guidelines for Trips/Retreats for Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church Student Ministry: It is the parent/legal guardian’s responsibility to assure these standards will be adhered to. If the parent/legal guardian cannot support these standards, then the student cannot participate on this or any other trip or retreat that may be planned by Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church Student Ministry.

Student Trip/Retreat Guidelines:

1. No tobacco products of any kind. It is the parent/legal guardian’s responsibility to check and make sure that your student has none of these before departure. If any items of this nature are brought or bought on this trip, the student will be sent home at parent/legal guardian’s expense.
2. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs. It is the parent/legal guardian’s responsibility to check and make sure that your student has none of these before departure. If any items of this nature are brought or bought on this trip, the student will be sent home at parent/legal guardian’s expense.
3. Respect must be shown to leadership at all times. It is the parent/legal guardian’s responsibility to discuss this with the student before departure to be sure the student understands this guideline. If a lack of respect is shown, a loss of free time will result for the student. If a lack of respect is severe or continuous, the student will be sent home at the parent/legal guardian’s expense.
4. Buddy System: Students will pair up together to travel as buddies as directed by the chaperones on each trip. If a student does not abide by this guideline, then the student will forfeit the opportunity to freely participate and there will be an adult assigned to them for the remainder of the trip.
5. Bring only Christian music/CDs (for traveling only). It is the parent/legal guardian’s responsibility to check and make sure that your student has no non-Christian music before departure. If non-Christian music is brought or bought on any trip, it will be taken and not returned until we return home.
6. Be on Time: We are on a schedule that we must keep. It is the parent/legal guardian’s responsibility to discuss this with the student before departure.
7. All dress should be modest in fashion. No short shorts (when you place your arms beside your legs, your shorts must come to the end of your index finger), no short shirts (skirts must be one hand length from the knee), no bare mid-drifts, no skin tight shirts, shorts, or pants, no spaghetti strap shirts, no two piece swim suits, nor anything that would promote a beer company or a secular music group. Shorts/pants must be worn at the waist level. We want to give our Lord the proper respect in everything especially our dress.
8. No guys in girls rooms / no girls in guys rooms (in reference to sleeping quarters). It is the parent/legal guardian’s responsibility to discuss this with the student before departure. If a student fails to abide by these guidelines, they will be sent home at parent/legal guardian’s expense.
9. No profanity: It is the parent/legal guardian’s responsibility to discuss this with the student before trip departure. If this standard is broken, a loss of free time will result. If it is continually broken, the student will be sent home at the parent/legal guardian’s expense.
10. For student couples that may be going on the same trip, no displays of affection are allowed. It is the parent/legal guardian’s responsibility to discuss this with the student before departure. This includes walking arm-in-arm, kissing, sleeping on shoulders, sitting in laps, hugging, cuddling, etc. The couple will be separated if these guidelines are not followed. If it is a continuing problem, the couple will not be allowed to spend any time together for the remainder of the trip.
11. No arguing: Only uplifting comments are to be made to the other students/chaperones on any trip. It is the parent/legal guardian’s responsibility to discuss this with the student before departure. Loss of free time will be the result for everyone involved in a argument. Reconciliation is the goal of resolving conflicts – however, if reconciliation is not possible, all individuals involved will be sent home at parent/legal guardian’s expense.
12. The church provides adult driven vehicles for most every activity away from the church. Therefore, only with rare exceptions, will students be allowed to drive to an activity. Church provided vehicles must have a seat belt for every passenger and all passengers are required to wear seat belts.

Commitment:

I will follow the above guidelines understanding that on trips we are representing Christ and Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church. I/we understand all the guidelines and safety procedures.

Student’s Signature

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature