

The Church of the Good Shepherd Youth Covenant

The Youth Council is charged with providing a "safe place" for all church-sponsored activities. Therefore, the following guidelines convey the minimum expectations concerning behavioral standards. These standards will be maintained and enforced for the health and safety of all involved. These guidelines apply to adults as well as youth.

Respect

The Baptismal Covenant calls for respect for the dignity of others. As applied to church youth events, this call prohibits hazing (defined as harassing with meaningless, difficult, or humiliating tasks), verbal, physical and emotional abuse. Youth and adults must also respect the authority of the adults charged with coordinating events.

Sexual Activity

At church youth functions, young people are participating in activities that will lead to fellowship in, and bonding as, the Body of Christ. Sexual activity is not part of this context and is prohibited.

Weapons/Fireworks

Weapons, fireworks and open flames (matches, lighters, candles) are prohibited.

Drugs and Alcohol

The use of alcohol and illegal drugs is prohibited at church youth events.

Tobacco Use

Youth are not permitted to smoke or use any tobacco products while attending church youth events. Adults should refrain from use as much as possible during an event, and never use tobacco in the presence of youth.

Personal Property/Facility Usage

The destruction and/or theft of personal property are strictly prohibited. The destruction of and/or theft from any facilities used for youth events are strictly prohibited.

Failure to comply with the behavioral standards will result in removal from the event. Parents will be informed immediately of any violation and will be responsible for any expenses incurred due to the violation. Adults in violation of said policies are responsible for any expenses incurred and will be asked to leave the event. Authority to enforce these guidelines lies with the adult chaperones responsible for the coordination of the event.

I have read the covenant and agree to participate in _____
(name of event) according to the standards described. I understand that my failure to do so may result in me being removed from the community and sent home at my expense.

Participant signature _____ Date _____

Participant name (print) _____

I have read the covenant and have reviewed it with my child. I understand that my child's failure to adhere to the covenant may result in him/her being removed from the community and sent home at my expense.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____

Parent/guardian (print) _____