

## **DCPC YOUTH CARE COVENANT**

To care for the DCPC youth community, myself, and my faith growth, I make the following covenant.

**Because I care for myself, I covenant to:**

- Trust the DCPC staff and leaders to determine what is appropriate and safe behavior. I will abide by their instructions.
- Participate fully, making the most of my time to make friends in Christ and to learn about my relationship with God.
- Always wear a seatbelt when traveling on a DCPC trip, regardless of the distance or what vehicle I am in.
- Not leave the designated area without permission from an adult leader.
- Not have harmful or dangerous items in my possession or use: anything which is or could be considered a weapon; any type of explosive device including fireworks or firearms; chemicals of any kind including, but not limited to, tobacco products, alcohol, or any other drug, unless they are listed on my medical form as prescribed medication.
- Not engage in reckless behavior that could result in injury to myself or another participant.

**Because I care for my fellow youth connection members, I covenant to:**

- Leave my cool at the door. I will treat fellow members of youth connection as children of God, created in God's own image. I will strive to act as an individual created in God's image—reaching out to all participants without regard to stereotypes placed upon us by the world.
- Choose words that builds others up. I will not use abusive language, words which are intended to hurt, inappropriate jokes, sexual comments, or any language which cuts down a particular race, gender, social standing, physical or mental handicap, or sexual orientation.
- Not touch participants in ways that make them uncomfortable. This includes gestures which may be understood as sexual and roughhousing.
- Leave cell phones, ipods and other isolating technology at home or turned off. Cell phones, ipods, personal DVD players, electronic games, etc. limit our ability to interact with one another and make us unapproachable. They are not to be used at any youth connection activity (unless explicit permission beforehand). I understand that if I have one of these items in my possession, it may be confiscated and returned to a parent at the end of the event/trip.
- Not pursue romantic relationships within Youth Connection. Youth Connection is a place for love but not the best place for romance. While it is hard to determine who we will have romantic feelings for, it is possible to choose how, when and where we pursue those relationships. Hurt feelings, broken hearts and public displays of affection can make community awkward. Because of this (1) I will not pursue a romantic relationship with a member of DCPC Youth Connection while at a Youth Connection activity. (2) If I am engaged in a romantic relationship with a member of DCPC Youth Connection, I will leave the romance outside of all Youth Connection activities. (3) If I break-up with a Youth Connection member or experience other romantic awkwardness (such as romantic rejection), I will work to make certain that neither youth feels unwelcome or awkward about being part of the Youth Connection activities.

**Because I care for all God's people and creation, I covenant to:**

- Respect the places where we meet, serve, worship, and play by not damaging any property and repairing any property I damage (on purpose or by accident.)
- Act in a way which brings glory to God and represents Davidson College Presbyterian Church in a way reflective of the gospel.

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that as a parent/guardian it is my obligation to explain this behavior agreement in a manner which my child will understand.

Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

