

Westminster Presbyterian Church Youth Ministry Covenant

As part of our activity release forms we feel it is important that both our youth and their parents understand the goals of our ministry. Please read through this list and sign below that you understand and are willing to create a God-loving atmosphere where we are doing ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

Mission:

- Promote connections between youth and adults
- Strengthen relationship with God
- Learn about growing in spirituality and challenge ourselves to live by Christian faith
- Take our faith out to the community

Promise:

- Act in a way that promotes a healthy Christian community
- Refrain from behavior that breaks down community, communication, or relationships

Behavior:

- Do's
 - Participate in group discussions and activities
 - Use good common sense, respect and consideration for other and their property
 - Follow directions given by leaders both before and during the event
 - Notify leader if you need to leave the group (for any reason). Participants require permission to leave the event early.
 - Discussions – let one person speak at a time
 - Listen when some is talking
 - Keep items at home that cannot be shared with the group
 - Commit to zero tolerance behavior contract
- Don'ts
 - Physically or verbally abuse someone
 - Engage in sexual misconduct and public displays of affection
 - Be in rooms alone with opposite sex
 - Intentionally break or abuse the property of others
 - Engage in smoking, alcohol, illegal drugs, vandalism, theft or any other type of behavior that is judged by the chaperones to be detrimental
 - Drive during an event if you are under the age 21

Consequences for improper behavior

1st occurrence- Youth will be verbally instructed to discontinue behavior

2nd occurrence- Youth will be asked to step out of activity to discuss behavior and how it can be changed.

3rd occurrence- Youth will be asked to leave the activity. Parents will be contacted and arrangements made for youth to be transported home. Any further improper behavior will incur consequences, including possible participation restrictions as deemed appropriate by staff.

*If the behavior is deemed severe enough, the adult in charge may skip to consequences 1 and/or 2. If present, a staff person will be consulted before a youth is asked to leave an activity.

**Youth and parents are responsible for damages caused by horseplay or intentional destruction of property.

I have read and understand this covenant. By signing my name, I promise to abide by these guidelines.

Youth Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

DATE _____