

Wilkesboro Baptist Church Youth Group Behavior Covenant

This Behavior Covenant serves to inform both youth and parents of the expected conduct for all participants in any Wilkesboro Baptist Church youth meeting or activity. By signing this covenant, both youth and parents understand and agree to abide by the expected conduct and resulting actions for misconduct.

Behavior Rules

- The use of alcohol, drugs (unless prescribed by a physician), and cigarettes are forbidden
- No weapons of any kind allowed on the premises of the Church or at any off-site event
- Respect all youth staff and volunteers
- Respect other members of the youth group (no gossiping, no hitting, no rude or hurtful comments)
- No inappropriate romantic contact or language
- Remain in the designated area unless having been given permission to leave by adult leaders
- No guys in girls' room / No girls in guys' room (NO PURPLE!)
- Be on time and attend all activities for the **complete** duration of the retreat
- Respect the person, equipment and property of others (if it doesn't belong to you, don't touch it)
- Participate in all group sessions and small group discussions
- Friends/guests may be invited, but must have parental permission and agree to abide by the behavior covenant
- All language, clothing, and behavior should be consistent with a Christian lifestyle
- **NO CELL PHONES !** I will have my cell phone and the church phone will be available for calls to Parents. If I find a cell phone it will be kept and given directly to the parents.
- Participate in all events with a positive and respectful attitude
- Participants and their parents or guardians must sign this Behavior Code

Confidentiality

Confidentiality plays in creating an environment of trust and support and is especially important considering the topic of this retreat. Personal events and feelings that are shared with the group or to adult leaders will be respected. Information will not be discussed outside of the retreat with anyone including parents, with a few important exceptions. Should an adult leader be made aware of any circumstances where a teen is in danger of being harmed, harming themselves, or participating in an illegal activity, the adult leader must take action to provide intervention or care. In the State of North Carolina, anyone working with children and/or youth are considered mandatory reporters; therefore, if an adult believes a youth is being physically, emotionally, or sexually abused they are required by law to report it. Non-paid volunteers are required to report the information to a parent or guardian. Paid staff are required to report the information to the State through the Division for Children, Youth and Families.

Enforcement & Consequences

Any failure to abide by the behavior rules will be addressed by an adult leader and may include discussion with the group as a whole. Multiple offenses or severe offenses may result in immediate dismissal from the event or activity and discussion with the youth’s parents or guardians. If the youth is dismissed from an activity, the youth’s parent(s) will be contacted to come and remove him/her from the premises.

Signed:

I understand and am aware of the behavior rules, confidentiality information, and the enforcement and consequences of proper conduct. I am in receipt of the Behavior Covenant and agree to abide by all terms and conditions of the Covenant.

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Youth Signature and Date

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Parent Signature and Date