

Expected Behavior Covenant First Presbyterian Church Youth

Our Mission:

The First Presbyterian Church of Westminster Youth Ministry exists to grow in faith as a community of disciples through fellowship and leadership in serving the community and worshipping together.

Our Values:

- Faithful:** We strive to be spiritually obedient to God's word through action, devotion and worship.
Welcoming and Accepting: We strive to create a non-judgmental, loving, embracing environment in which all youth are welcomed and accepted.
Enthusiastic: We joyfully serve the Lord and the community with energy and passion.
Community: We seek to build an environment where each individual contributes to the spiritual and emotional growth of the whole group.

Our Expectations for behavior:

Be responsible...

Be on time. If you are going to be late for any reason, let a leader know beforehand.

Clean up after yourself before going home.

Everyone present at is expected to participate in planned activities.

Be respectful...

Always treat fellow youth members, visitors, leaders, and any guest speakers and musicians with dignity and respect.

All perspectives are to be listened to carefully and responded to in a courteous fashion. At no time should derogatory comments be made about anyone or her/his opinions.

Do not physically or verbally abuse others. This means that under no circumstances should you bully, hit, gossip about, throw something at, or make fun of another person.

Taking another person's property is unacceptable unless express permission has been given to you by the owner of the object (i.e. cell phones, iPods, etc.)

All cell phones/iPods/electronic devices are the owner's responsibility for their care and safety. However, the use of electronics is dictated by the leaders.

Be safe...

At no time should a youth wander off or leave the premises without adult supervision or prior permission.

Alcohol, drugs, tobacco, weapons, or fireworks are never allowed at youth group events.

Youth

Date

Parent(s)

Date

By signing this document you agree to abide by the above expectations and understand that failing to abide by said expectations can and will result in consequences as outlined on the reverse of this document.

Consequences for Misbehavior Youth Events at First Presbyterian Church

The consequences for misbehavior outlined below aim to exemplify grace and forgiveness. It is our goal that any student who receives any offense learns from it and returns to Youth Group with a clean slate. We desire to have all students participating in all activities and will not hold prior offenses against students who have already completed the consequences for such (assuming that a pattern does not emerge) – students are held accountable for their behavior, but not condemned.

Consequences for Offenses:

1st Offense: The student will receive a verbal warning.

2nd Offense: The student will be pulled aside by a leader to discuss the offense.

3rd Offense: The student will be pulled aside by a leader and will be asked to call his/her parents, explain why they are calling (i.e. what actions got them into trouble), and ask to be picked up immediately. At this time, the student will receive advance warning that the next offense will result in suspension from Youth Group for 1-2 weeks.

4th Offense: The student and his/her parent(s) will be notified that the student will not be allowed to return to Youth Group for 1-2 weeks (depending on the severity of prior offenses) to think about their behavior.

Youth Group leaders reserve the right to determine the severity of misbehavior and may choose to skip or modify any of the above stated consequences.

Students who reach 4th Offense multiple times may lose privileges including, but not limited to, Youth Group, single day events (i.e. Magic Mountain, Sky Zone, etc.), and/or attendance at overnight events (i.e. lock-ins, mission experiences, retreats, and/or Supertrip).

Additionally, students who reach 4th Offense multiple times may also be subject to required meetings with the Director of Youth Ministry, parent meetings, and/or meetings with the Pastor prior to being allowed back at any above stated events or activities.