



## STUDENT COVENANT

As a member of our youth group, I acknowledge my need for meaningful relationships with other youth. I also know that this youth group and church exists to help me deepen my relationship with God, other Christians, my family, and all of the people that God has put in my life; to be a better disciple for Christ.

The following is a statement of conduct for all youth activities and meetings that is to be read and signed by both student and parent.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide by the following code of conduct during all youth activities and meetings.

- I will respect other people's belongings. I will not go through or touch another's possessions without first asking for their permission.
- I will respect the church building's as well as any other facilities I will visit while attending youth events. I will clean up messes, and respect the property of others.
- I will respect what others have to say by listening when they are talking. I will allow others to speak their ideas and not distract them or take away from their ideas by talking while they are talking.
- I will respect others with my words. I will not use abusive words or profanity, and I will not be overly critical. I also will not gossip about our youth group members or others. Our youth group's definition of gossip is saying anything true or false, or rumor that causes others to lower their opinion of the person being talked about and or anything that is shared personally within the group. And or things that may not be my place to tell. We are only saying positive and encouraging things about others.
- I will respect the group and turn my cell phone, ipad, iphone off/silent as well as put it away when the youth activities begin because I know that they can distract me and others from learning more about God. And I will not turn them back on again until after the activities are over or I will use them during the allotted times given to the group by the youth group leaders.
- I will not be a distraction for others during youth events, activities, lessons, etc. by talking, being loud, or moving about during times when it is not expected. I will be sure that others have the same opportunity to learn and grow as I do and also to have their own spiritual time of worship, prayer, reflection.

- I will respect others and myself in the way that I dress. I understand that dressing modestly is what is expected of me.
  - No clothing with profanity, or derogatory humor and or remarks or symbols.
  - Males**- When in mixed company keep shirts on. Please keep your underwear/boxers from being exposed (pull up your pants and shorts). When swimming you are to wear swim trunks that fit appropriately.
  - Females**- Please make sure tops cover the chest area, undergarments are not shown outside of clothing, bottoms and dresses should be long enough to cover everything underneath. When swimming a one piece must be worn or a two piece ( ie, Takini) that covers the stomach area otherwise a shirt must be worn.
- I will respect myself and my youth group, by using only appropriate displays of affection. There will be no PDA during youth activities including kissing, cuddling, etc. I know that I am to reflect Christlikeness in my relationships as well as an example to other youth. This rule includes any youth, youth leader or volunteer who is NOT married.
- I will respect the “Stop Rule” . The “stop rule” is when a fellow youth member or leader for any reason ask you to “stop” you are to immediately stop doing whatever you may be doing. This rule should be enforced respectfully and be asked and not shouted or yelled out.
- I will make every effort to help ensure that the youth group is a “safe zone” for myself and fellow youth members physically, emotionally, and spiritually. I will be sure that if an issue with a member needs to be addressed it will be done respectfully or with a youth leader present.
- I will ensure that a youth leader knows my whereabouts at all times during youth meetings, events, missions etc. Including if I am leaving early. I will not leave at any time without the permission of a youth leader or volunteer.
- I will respect the safe environment of the youth group by promising that I will never bring any weapons, drugs, alcohol or fireworks with me when I am with any members of our youth group. I will also help to keep a safe environment by not being violent.
- I will respect the leaders and the youth group by participating in all lessons, activities and games as it is very important and is expected of me. I am committed to attend as many youth functions that I am able and I will try to arrive on time.
- I will respect myself and our youth group by being truthful and genuine. I will also be accepting of others and I will take them as they come, knowing that they may be different from me in many ways because this is what Jesus has asked of us. I know that God created us as unique individuals, and I will respect that uniqueness in others.

Because I am a youth, I understand that I do not have to be responsible for enforcing the rules. I understand that is the responsibility of all of the adults present, not me. I will, however, be an example to others.

As an important part of Rooted Youth Group, I commit myself to this covenant. I also understand that there will be consequences to any inappropriate behavior. Those consequences will come as

1. First a warning.
2. Second time a discussion and warning.
3. Third time we will be calling a meeting with parents.

(This will be based upon the severity of the behavior)

This may also include being required to “sit out” from an activity or trip, staying after to talk about my behavior, my parent/guardian being called to come and pick me up if my inappropriate behavior continues and as a last resort, I could lose my privileges of coming to youth events for a time.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree that as the Parent/Guardian of this youth, I expect my child to behave in this manner and comply with the above covenant. I also understand the consequences that may arise.

Parent/guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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If there is any question, conflict, or comment regarding this covenant please contact Jon Marlow Youth Director or Jillian Marlow Asst. Youth director personally. We believe in dealing with conflict in a biblical manner which would be quickly and directly. Thank you for your partnership in making Rooted Youth safe for all and a shining example of Jesus Christ to those around us.