

# Youth Fellowship Covenant

## *Encouraging Faith-building, Fellowship, and Fun in a Safe and Respectful Atmosphere*

As a member and participant of a Norfield Congregational Church Youth Fellowship Group:

- I will check in with an adult leader when I arrive, remain in the area the activity is taking place in, and will not leave without permission, or checking out with an adult leader.
- I understand that alcohol and any other drugs, tobacco, weapons, and fireworks are not acceptable things to use at, or bring to youth fellowship or youth fellowship related activities.
- I understand that participation in all scheduled activities, within reason, is expected, and that my input can help shape activities that are both fun and meaningful.
- I will treat others with love and respect, as I would want to be treated. I will demonstrate respect in word and deed for God, my leaders, my peers and myself.
- I will respect the property of others, whether it is the personal property of one another, church property, or the property of anyone away from church grounds.
- I will respect all directions given by the adult leaders and chaperones.
- I will respect appropriate boy-girl contact, which is:
  - Explorers and Zenith- none
  - Senior High- holding hands is OK, cuddling and kissing, etc. is not OK
- I understand that my guests are expected to conform to this covenant as well and, as their host, it is my responsibility to inform and remind them of that.
- I understand that the rules for overnights are as follows:
  - No overnight will be permitted without at least 2 adults present.
  - All youth will stay in the church during the overnight and will not leave the building without the permission of an adult leader.
  - All youth will respect the rules, quiet hours and curfews set by the adult leaders.
  - All youth will respect the rules regarding male-female sleeping rules and areas.
  - All youth will help clean up so the space is left as it was before.
  - Only one guest per member will be permitted on overnights, and only with a signed covenant form from that guest and their parent/ guardian.
- I understand that the following actions will be taken if this covenant is abused or broken:
  - All individuals will be held personally responsible for damages to property they cause.
  - Immediate removal from the activity will occur for possession of alcohol or other drugs, tobacco, weapons or fireworks. The same will occur for violence of any kind.
  - For all other situations and problems a warning will be given, which may include a one-on-one talk with the youth pastor, the youth may have to call his/her parent/ guardian to inform them of what has happened, and as a final resort, the youth will have to call his/her parent/ guardian and be picked up and taken home.

**A Covenant form, signed by both the youth member and their parent/ guardian is needed for participation in youth fellowship and youth fellowship activities.**

I give permission for my daughter/ son to attend a Norfield Congregational Church youth fellowship group and youth fellowship activities. I understand that she/he is expected to abide by the Youth Fellowship Covenant and follow the directions of the Youth Pastor and adult leaders. My daughter/ son and I have read, signed and agreed to abide by the Youth Fellowship Covenant.

I understand that if I do not abide by the Youth Fellowship Covenant disciplinary action will be taken as outlined in the Covenant. Decisions about the appropriate disciplinary action will be made by the Youth Pastor and adult leaders, who also reserve the right to call the youth's parent/ guardian and dismiss the youth if necessary.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Youth Fellowship Covenant:

Youth Fellowship Group- (*please circle*)      Explorers                      Zenith                      Senior High

Youth Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Member Information**

Name of Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Parents/ Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone/s \_\_\_\_\_

Other Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Youth's Email Addresses \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Youth's Food Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Other Notes or Important Information \_\_\_\_\_