

**BCBC Student Ministry**  
**Guidelines for Youth/Church Activities**

**Purpose:**

- 1.) To provide guidelines for behavior expectations that are consistent for all participants in the youth program.
- 2.) To create an environment which is safe and encourages learning, participation, and fellowship.
- 3.) To foster respect for those planning, leading and participating in our programs.
- 4.) To clearly outline the consequences for unacceptable behavior.
- 5.) To glorify God in all manners, including: speech, conduct, dress and activities.
- 6.) To provide an environment where participants learn to put God first, others second, and themselves third.

It is a privilege for youth to participate in any of the activities or events offered through our church and/or youth ministry. As with any privilege, individuals are responsible for keeping that privilege or losing it. Youth will be held accountable for their actions. Therefore, the youth ministry of Trinity Point Church has established these guidelines to help our ministry be the best it can be. The following guidelines apply to all church and youth functions.

**Guidelines:**

1. No tobacco products (of any kind) alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or weapons are allowed on or during youth/ church activities. It is the parent's responsibility to notify the youth leader if their youth is taking medicine, whether prescription or not. If any items of this nature are brought or bought on or during a youth/church activity, the youth will be sent home at parent/guardian expense.
2. Youth will respect adult sponsors at all times. If disruptive or disrespectful conduct and/or non-cooperative behavior is shown to adult leaders, the youth may be sent home at parent/guardian expense.
3. Youth will respect other youth at all times. If disruptive or disrespectful conduct and/or non-cooperative behavior is shown to each other, the youth may be sent home at parent/guardian expense.
4. No profane language or gestures will be allowed. Although this is basically covered in guidelines 2 and 3, I felt that it needed a separate space.
5. All youth are expected to respect the personal property of other youth, adults, church, or business (anyone/anything). If disrespect to property is shown, the youth and parent/guardian will be responsible for cost reimbursement.
6. No overt displays of affection between couples will be allowed. This rule is for the spiritual, physical and emotional safety of the whole group. Overt displays of affection include, but are not limited to: walking arm to body, holding hands, kissing, sleeping on shoulders, sitting in lap, intense hugging, cuddling, etc. No couples are allowed to be alone. Depending on the severity of the incident the youth may be asked to be separated from each other for the remainder of the trip, or the youth may be sent home at parent/guardian expense.
7. Three's company! The youth are to form groups of at least three as travel buddies. The mix of these groups is for the security of all those involved. If the youth(s) do not follow this rule, they will be assigned to an adult for the remainder of the trip.
1. Music and gaming equipment. Appropriate music is allowed for youth/church activities. If you bring any gaming equipment, the game must be appropriately rated for the youth. Some events will have a "No Electronics/Cell Phone Policy." Any music or gaming equipment not meeting standards will be taken.
2. Dress code! This is a touchy subject that no one wants to address, so please help us out on this. Our dress should be modest and appropriate for the activity we are a part of. This rule is not intended to tell you what you should wear, because everyone is different in tastes and styles, but instead it is a boundary line that shows you what you should not wear, that which is deemed distasteful, distracting, or indecent: no excessively short/tight clothing (consider the activity), hemlines and necklines should be modest, no sagging pants, no bare midriffs (including ladies swimwear), no spaghetti strap shirts, no "speedos bottoms" for the guys, or anything that would promote/advertise something contrary to the standards of our youth ministry/church If the youth is wearing inappropriate clothing, they will be required to change into something more appropriate or add appropriate cover.
3. No boys are to be in girl's rooms and no girls are to be in boy's rooms for any reason! If this occurs, the youth may be sent home at parent/guardian expense.

4. The church provides adult driven vehicles for activities that are away from the church. Therefore, only with rare exception, will youth be allowed to drive to any activity.
5. No youth(s) are to ride in a vehicle driven by another youth or unauthorized driver unless parental consent is given verbally and in writing to the youth worker prior to the activity. We want to be sure the parents are fully aware of where their youth are at all times.
6. Permission slips signed by the youth's parent/guardian will be necessary for any activity that takes place outside the church property. The youth will not be allowed to participate in the event without this vital document.
7. All youth and adults who own their own Bibles should bring it to all activities that might include a sermon, lesson, or Bible study. Bibles are available through the church if needed.

**Discipline:**

1. All discipline will be handled with care, concern, and love not as a way of embarrassing the teen, but instead as a way of concern, as Christ would expect.
2. When conduct of a youth does not meet the guidelines, the following action will be taken (unless already specified in the guidelines):
  - A. Private talk with the youth by the adult who is responsible at the time. The unacceptable behavior will be pointed out, appropriate behavior encouraged and logical consequences given. Parents will be notified.
  - B. If unacceptable behavior continues or is severe, a private conference with the youth leader, the youth, and the parent/guardian will take place. Actions will be taken to insure that the problem is controlled.
3. A youth may be dismissed from any activity depending on the seriousness of the behavior. At this point the parent will be notified immediately and arrangements made by the parent to have the youth transported home. Parents are responsible for any expense this may incur.
4. The youth and their parent/guardian are responsible for any injury or damage that is caused by the youth. This includes any expenses that are involved, medical or repair.
5. Exclusion from any or all youth activities will be at the discretion of the youth leader and discussed with the parents.

**Parent/ Legal Guardian Responsibilities:**

1. Pray for your youth.
2. Carefully read and discuss this form with your youth.
3. Encourage youth to bring their Bibles to church. If they do not have a Bible, we can provide one.
4. Make sure your youth is on time for youth/church activities.
5. Pick up your youth on time after youth/church activities.
6. Complete permission slips for all youth activities, that are outside church property or when needed.
7. Sign this form after reading. This form will be completed annually and when needed.

**Commitment:**

I have read and will follow the above guidelines.

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Youth Signature

Date

I have read and understand all of the guidelines and have discussed them with my youth.

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date