

Church of the Nativity Youth Guidelines

Effective for all youth activities on and off Church of the Nativity property from September 1st, 2016 to August 31st, 2017.

1. **Electronic Devices:** Youth may bring electronic devices to events but should check with Youth Minister beforehand to ensure they will be allowed. During some youth group meetings and events, cell phones and tablets may be used for games, learning opportunities, and fun. Misuse of electronics during youth events will be dealt with by the youth minister. The youth minister has the right to confiscate any devices being used during inappropriate times. Times for use will be clearly instructed and announced by leaders. Church of the Nativity is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damage devices.
2. **Clothing:** Youth must be in modest attire for all church events and trips. No short shorts or bare midriffs will be allowed. Inappropriate slogans or language on clothing will not be allowed. Girls must wear one-piece swimsuits only. Any clothing that is deemed inappropriate by the youth minister or adult chaperone must be changed. Youth may not attend any retreat event in a common area in pajamas or inappropriate dress.
3. **Sexual Activity:** Youth may not have close physical contact with members of the opposite sex. No visitation in rooms by members of the opposite sex.
4. **Worship Expectations:** Youth are expected to be responsible participants in worship services. This includes youth or large church worship, retreat workshops, meals and events. If youth are not acting responsibly, parents will be contacted and a conference will be requested.
5. **Non-Negotiable Items:** The use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, explosives, lasers, drugs or weapons is strictly prohibited. Any person found in possession of any or all of the above will be immediately isolated from the group and parents notified.
6. **Forms and Waiters:** All youth must have a signed medical/insurance release form and emergency contact sheet on file with the church to attend any event or trip.
7. Youth are expected to be respectful and obedient to each other and all adult chaperones. (Hebrews 13:17)

The Church of the Nativity Youth Covenant

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The Church of the Nativity provides a “safe place” for all church-sponsored activities. Therefore, the following Youth Covenant conveys the minimum expectations concerning behavioral standards. These standards will be maintained and enforced for the health and safety of all involved. These expectations apply to adults as well as youth.

Respect

The Baptismal Covenant calls for respect for the dignity of others. As applied to church youth events, this call prohibits hazing (defined as harassing with meaningless, difficult, or humiliating tasks), verbal, physical and emotional abuse. Youth and adults must also respect the authority of the adults charged with coordinating events.

Sexual Activity

At church youth functions, youth attending will be participating in activities leading to fellowship in, and bonding as, the Body of Christ. Sexual activity is not part of this context and is prohibited.

Weapons/Fireworks

Weapons, fireworks and open flames (matches, lighters, candles) are prohibited.

Drugs and Alcohol

The use of alcohol and illegal drugs is prohibited at church youth events.

Tobacco Use

Youth are not permitted to smoke or use any tobacco products while attending church youth events. Adults should refrain from use as much as possible during an event, and never use tobacco in the presence of youth.

Personal Property/Facility Usage

The destruction and/or theft of personal property are strictly prohibited. The destruction of and/or theft from any facilities used for youth events are strictly prohibited.

This is an agreement I have made, and I promise to adhere to these guidelines and expectations in the Youth Guidelines and Youth Covenant while participating in any and all activities with Church of the Nativity. I understand if I break the Youth Covenant, my parents and the Rector will be notified and I will be sent home at my parents' expense. I understand failure to abide by the guidelines and expectations of the Youth Guidelines and Youth Covenant will result in disciplinary actions and consequences deemed appropriate by the youth minister and the Rector.

Youth Signature _____

Date _____

Youth Name (Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian (Print) _____