



Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church

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Youth Group Code of Conduct

As a participant in the Youth Groups (Mid- or Senior-High) of Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church, I understand and agree to the following:

- I will respect myself, other people, other people's property, and the church property.
- I will treat everyone with respect at all times and will not criticize, ridicule, or make fun of anyone involved in the meeting, activity, or trip.
- I will deal peacefully with anger and disagreements.
- I will participate and contribute in a positive way in all group activities and obey the instructions of the youth group leaders/volunteers.
- During services and Bible studies I will show respect by not causing disruptions and not talking unless called on to respond.
- I will use language that reflects a Christian attitude and understand that the use of foul language or curse words will not be tolerated.
- I will keep my hands to myself.
- I will dress appropriately at all times. No clothing that is sexually suggestive or spiritually degrading. I will wear clothing that is appropriate for church functions.
- I will not use cell phones or iPods during meetings, activities and services. Special rules for these items may apply to trips. I understand the church is not responsible for loss or damage of personal property. I also understand No R rated movies are allowed.
- For the safety and well being of all, every meeting and event has physical boundaries. I will stay within those boundaries. For example, if we are having a meeting in the Fellowship Hall, I will not leave the Fellowship Hall. If we are on a trip, I will stay with the group or in a small group as designated by the leader.
- I will not leave any activity, service, or trip before its published ending time without approval from a parent or guardian "in person" or by phone.
- I understand that teen drivers are not allowed to carry other teen passengers to a youth ministry meeting, activity, or trip. Teen drivers are not allowed to drive along with or behind the group on youth trips.
- I will not possess a gun, knife, or any other weapon at any youth group activity at the church or away.
- I will not use, possess or be under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, or other illegal drugs at any youth group activity at the church or away. I will also not use or possess any form of pornography.
- I will not engage in sexual intimacy.
- I understand that "bullying" or sexual harassment in any form will not be tolerated.

Disciplinary actions will be at the discretion of the youth group leaders, and will be enforced judiciously, consistently and immediately. Actions will be taken as necessary, and corrective measures could include the following:

- Verbal warnings/correction from leaders or volunteers
- Temporary separation or segregation from the group
- Removal from current (or future) group activities
- Consultation with parents
- Referral to Church Leadership (Pastor and/or Session, YAC)
- Youth may be sent home at parents expense at the discretion of the Youth Leaders

Approved by GSPC Session September 15, 2010.

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I have read the Youth Group Discipline Policy and the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by them.

(Youth Signature)

(Date)

(Parent Signature)

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