

Advent Lutheran Church Youth Ministry Behavior Covenant

In order that we can insure that everyone has a great time on every youth group trip, we must all understand, in advance, what is expected. The following are more than just rules of things you cannot do, think of them rather as "Fun Insurance" that allow you the freedom to side-step anything that would cause you or another a problem.

We are all part of Christ's family. As such, we need to look out for one another and help one another do what is right. It is your responsibility to help others make the right choice, especially when they are about to do something that may hurt, embarrass, or otherwise go against the well being of the group.

So that we can all have the best time we can, please read, sign and return the following before your trip.

Christ makes life fun!!

1. Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, foreign substance

The possession, use and/or distribution of any drug*. alcohol, tobacco, or foreign substance is strictly forbidden on any Advent youth trip. When an individual is found to be in possession, has used or has distributed any of the above items, the following will occur:

- The youth minister will contact parents
 - Parents will immediately supply a way home for the youth
 - Youth will have at least two counseling sessions with the youth minister
 - If the youth minister and pastors agree, the police will be contacted to continue an investigation
- * Prescription drugs or over the counter drugs taken with adult consent do not apply.

2. Firearms, explosives, knives

The possession, use and/or distribution of any firearms, explosives, or knives*, is strictly forbidden on any Advent youth trip. When an individual is found to be in possession, has used or distributed any of the above items, the following will occur:

- The youth minister will contact parents
 - Parents will immediately supply a way home for the youth
 - Youth will have at least two counseling sessions with the youth minister
 - If the youth minister and pastors agree, the police will be contacted to continue an investigation
- * This does not include tools needed for job sites.

3. **Inappropriate sexual behavior**

The purpose of youth group trips is to have fun and grow as a community - it is not to find a date. One of the surest ways to interrupt these goals is inappropriate sexual behavior. Whereas teens are developing in their attraction for the opposite sex, a church youth group trip is neither the time nor the place to "experiment". The youth minister prior to each trip will define inappropriate sexual behavior. If such activity occurs, the following will take place:

- The youth minister will contact parents
- Parents will immediately supply a way home for the youth
- Youth will have at least two counseling sessions with the youth minister
- The male youth will accompany the youth minister to the parents of the female youth and explain what he did with their daughter.
- The female youth will accompany the youth minister to the parents of the male youth and explain what she did with their son.

4. **Curfew**

Curfew will be clearly states by the youth minister. If curfew is broken, the following will happen:

- First offense, the youth will call parents and explain what he or she did
- Second offense, the parents will provide for the immediate return of son or daughter.

These are the most common challenges that face youth on a trip. Whereas nothing can be all inclusive all of all behaviors, these rules lay the groundwork that will insure all participants have a great time.

It is fully expected that all youth use their ability to distinguish between right and wrong in making decisions as to what they will and will not do. If in doubt, ask a friend or the youth minister.

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Youth Signature