



UNIVERSITY CONGREGATIONAL  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUTH COVENANT FOR THE YEAR

*A successful and meaningful time in Youth Group, retreats, service experiences, classes and other wider church activities, is dependent upon the cooperation of all those participating in it. Please read the list of expectations which have been designed to help ensure a good and safer experience for all of us. Your adult Youth Ministers are the people to interpret the boundaries of conduct. Please note that this Covenant is our expectation for the whole year and you will be held accountable to that.*

**During the Youth Group, Retreats, Service Experiences, Classes, Fellowship Events, and other Wider Church Activities I, \_\_\_\_\_, covenant to:**

*(name of youth)*

- Not possess and/or use illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products. I understand if I do, I will immediately have to call my parents/guardian and return home (extra costs for this will be covered by the parents).
- Respect the property of all other participants and other facilities. This includes not touching things that are not mine.
- **Leave my cell phone at home (mandatory for retreats) or not use my phone while at a shorter event** so that I may be fully present to the group and to myself for the duration of the trip. If I bring and use my phone on a trip without consent from a leader, I will give back with community service at the church.
- Only listen to my ipod (or other music playing devices) during personal times so that I am not disconnected from the group.
- Respect my youth ministers in the way I communicate and interact with them. I understand that they are responsible for my emotional and physical safety. I will seek help from an adult youth minister if anyone does something to make me feel uncomfortable in any way.
- Understand that my participation in the event/trip will determine how much fun I have. Therefore I will, participate in and attend all scheduled activities unless specific permission is given for me to be elsewhere and join in group work, play, study, activities without undue complaint.
- Take my turn in the support, feeding and clean-up chores of our community.

- Not get into any car or vehicle other than one designated by my adult youth ministers.
- Respect myself, God, the other members of our group, and the people we meet on our way. That means no:
  - Put downs of me or others and no gossip.
  - Abusive or vulgar language.
  - Inappropriate touching.
  - Activity which isolates an individual from the group.
  - Any non-scheduled activity for which I have not received an adult advisor's permission.
- I understand that I do not have to share any personal information about myself that feels uncomfortable. I will also respect that in my peers and the group's commitment to confidentiality.
- Understanding that my health affects the larger group, I will inform the adult youth ministers if I feel sick or have been hurt.
- *I understand that the final decision about my behavior and/or its consequences is the right of the adult youth ministers because they are responsible for me.*
- I will come to the event or trip ready to have fun, participate, hang out, learn, play, pray, worship and get to know new people and my friends better!

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I have read the covenant of what is expected of me to be a part of this Youth Group and church community overall. I understand that failure on my part to live up to these expectations could end my participation in the retreat/trip or event.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Youth

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

I/we have read the information provided and reviewed it with our youth. I/We understand what is expected of our child and of me/us. I/We will communicate with leader's information around medication and physical and emotional needs. I/We understand that, if needed, I/we will assume all costs involved in our child's return home.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

**\*\*\*I/we give our permission for our child/youth to be photographed/videotaped and have said image uploaded on our church's web site with the understanding that in no way such images will include phone numbers, e-mail or physical addresses. Furthermore, I give permission for these images to be used on the church website, facebook (without being tagged) & other promotional printings.\*\*\***

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