



Youth Group Code of Conduct

At St. Mark, we strive to create an environment where the youth can deepen their relationship with Christ while growing in community with each other. As a youth group, we aim to set a positive example for anyone that we encounter.

Youth Participants will be expected to abide by the following standards:

- Keep a positive attitude when attending any youth events.
- Be respectful of both youth participants as well as adult volunteers
- Respect the facilities of the school, church, and other venues where youth events may occur (clean up after yourself, be mindful of the building's furniture, help put event materials away) - No obscene language, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or weapons. (See the youth director if prescription medications are needed at a youth event)
- Public displays of affection while at youth functions are inappropriate.
- Stay within the physical boundaries of an event. If you need to use the restroom or leave the group for any reason, please notify the youth director or another adult volunteer.
- During a youth event, cell phones should stay in the student's pocket, bag, or the phone holder in the youth room unless needed for the event. For retreats, cell phones will be collected at the beginning of the event.

Clothing Guidelines

It is important that we practice modesty and dress appropriately. The following clothing items will not be permitted:

- Bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, see through clothing, tube tops, halter tops
- Visible undergarments. Pants should be worn at waist/hip level
- Dresses, skirts, shorts, and garments that are shorter than the wearer's fingertips with arm fully extended.
- No clothing with offensive or obscene language or pictures.

Disciplinary Actions

In order to ensure that our youth feel safe and accepted at our events, we have set a few simple consequences for violating these youth group rules. The final authority in determining disruptive and unsafe behavior will be the Youth Director and the Pastor. Consequences will be as follows:

1. Student will receive a verbal warning from the youth director or adult volunteer.
2. If disruptive behavior continues, the parent of the student will be contacted and further action will be determined.
3. If needed, student will be sent home. The youth director will contact the student's parents and it will be arranged that the student will be picked up from wherever the event is located.
4. The youth director and parents will determine when the student may begin attending youth events again.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____

Cell Phone Policy for SEEK

- Cell Phone use is permitted during SEEK to connect with chaperones and other students. However, you will get the most out of your experience by just being present and keeping your phone in your pocket
- Please do not use phones during the talks or any of the sessions, if they are used inappropriately, your privileges will be taken away for cell phone use.
- Please, no headphones during the event