
CPC YOUTH AND FAMILIES MINISTRIES: *BEHAVIOR CONTRACT*

At all CPC sponsored activities and events, we want to honor Christ as well as the leaders, parents, adults and students that attend by living and acting in line with the Gospel. The standards and expectations below are laid out not as a set of confining rules but as expectations for how best to honor God in our actions, respect the people and places that we come in contact with and obey the law and our authorities wherever we are. With that in mind, here are the expectations of behavior that all students are expected to follow in the CPC Youth and Families Ministry.

PREMISE: The 3 Respects

Respect God: By putting forth effort into the discussion times, lessons and activities that are planned. Also being serious when needed is very important. God is not honored when students are goofing off or talking during worship or lesson times.

Respect others: By not cutting others down or making fun of them, whether in comments at a large group meeting or quietly behind their backs. Respecting adult leaders is just as important. Students need to follow the guidance, rules and leadership of the adults present and not talk back or have an attitude with them. Parents and other adults present are just as worthy of this respect as the regular adult leaders.

Respect where you are: By not defacing or destroying the property that our group uses, whether our own ministry center here at CPC or away at host house, restaurant, retreat center or out in public. Constantly wandering away from the group and sneaking off will be taken seriously, both for legal liability and for the group as a whole.

Dress and Appearance

Students and teens are expected to dress in a way that doesn't distract others or cause them to stumble because of showing too much skin or dressing in a way that is very sexual. Girls and Guys need to dress with the other gender in mind: How can I dress so that others aren't distracted or tempted by what I wear? Whenever we go swimming or to dressy occasions, students need to dress modestly and tastefully, bearing in mind that the rest of the group may have different standards or opinions as to what is and is not appropriate.

Boy/Girl Relationships

Students and teens are expected to honor each other, God and the group as a whole by keeping a high standard of conduct when interacting with the opposite sex. At no time should there be 1 boy and 1 girl off alone somewhere. Also, physical interaction between guys and girls, whether they call themselves "boy friend and girlfriend" or not should not be distracting, inappropriate or overly romantic. There is no rule against being a "couple" but if a couple disengages from the group to be in their own world, is overtly romantic to the distraction of others or is being too physical together, they will be asked to stop and then if it continues will be taken home from that event by a parent. Although many aspects of dating can be God-glorifying, we ask that during the youth event, couples respect what to them may be more boundaries than they are used to. We ask that any kind of kissing, holding hands or really cozy interaction be put on hold while at the youth function- both for the reputation of our group, themselves as couples and for those students who may hold a more restrictive view of what is and is not appropriate. (A way for students to think about this if they're not sure would be to ask themselves, "how would I physically interact with someone of the opposite sex who *isn't* my boyfriend or girlfriend?")

Drivers, Legal Issues, Etc...

Student may drive themselves to youth events if they have their license. Students may drive other students to and from youth activities but only with the permission of both parents (driver and passengers) and not during the official youth event.

Parents need to help by picking up their students at the appropriate time after the youth event is over. The adult leaders will stay with your student as long as it takes until their parent comes to get them.

Illegal, Dangerous or Inappropriate Behavior

Students who have anything illegal (porn, drugs, alcohol, etc...) will be immediately taken home by their parents. Knives, BB guns and other weapons may not be brought to youth events. There are no warnings or "3 strikes you're out" policy for behavior in this category. Any actions that are dangerous, harmful to others or explicitly restricted by the adult leaders will be taken seriously. Those students will be immediately taken home by their parents and legal action taken where necessary.

Discipline and Action

When a student is not meeting the expectations listed above, this is how the adults present will deal with the situation:

1st Warning: "I just saw you doing _____. Please stop"

2nd Warning: "Please stop again"

3rd Warning: "You're on thin ice- if it happens again we're calling your parents. Do you understand?"

And if it happens again, the parents will be contacted to come pick up their son or daughter. A follow-up discussion with the student and parent may be required before that student is allowed to return to a youth event. It may be necessary for a period of time for that student not to attend the youth events or to attend only if one of their parents is with them for that activity. This decision will be at the discretion of the adult ministry leaders based on the specific incident and history.

Your signature and date indicates that you are in agreement with these standards and expectations and that you agree with and will follow the actions or results of any conduct that does not meet these standards.

Student _____ *date:* _____

Parent: _____ *date:* _____