

**Grace United Methodist Church
Youth Group Expectations
Grades: 6-12**

Goal:

We will succeed as a Youth Group if we create an environment where everyone gets to be who they are, in the image of God. To do this we will need to maintain certain boundaries so that fun times are fun for everyone, and more serious times are shared by everyone.

Expectations:

1. Be Responsible
 - Be on time.
 - Use your manners. Please and thank you go a long way.
 - Everyone present is expected to participate in planned activities.
2. Be Respectful
 - Always treat fellow youth members, visitors, leaders and any guests with dignity and respect.
 - Treat the church property with respect. No damaging property & clean up after yourself.
 - All perspectives and opinions are to be listened to carefully and responded to in a courteous fashion. At NO time should derogatory comments be made about anyone.
 - **Do not physically or verbally abuse others.** This means that under no circumstances should you bully, hit, gossip about, throw something at, or make fun of another person.
 - Keep your hands (and everything else) to yourself. Your body is for you & not to be shared.
 - Do not use foul language. No swearing!
 - Taking another youth or leader's property is unacceptable.
 - All cell phones and/or ALL electronic devices should be turned off and placed in the basket during all activities.
3. Be Safe
 - At no time should a youth member wander off or leave the premises without adult supervision or prior permission.
 - No drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or weapons are ever allowed.

Consequences:

1. First offense: The student will receive a verbal warning.
 2. Second offense: The student will be pulled aside by a leader to discuss the offense.
 3. Third offense: The student will be pulled aside by a leader & asked to call his/her parents, explain why they are calling and ask to be picked up immediately.
 4. Fourth offense: The student & his/her parents will be notified that the student will not be allowed to return to Youth Group for a determined (based on offense) amount of time.
- *After the 3rd & 4th offense a meeting will be held with the student, parents, Youth Director, and/or the Pastor to determine plan of action to return.

Youth: _____ Date: _____

Parent: _____ Date: _____

By signing this document, you agree to abide by the above expectations & understand that failing to abide by said expectations can & will result in consequences as outlined above.

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