

Youth Covenant of Conduct

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN: PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS

During the meetings, events, and trips under the sponsorship and guidance of **TRUE FAITH TABERNACLE**, I recognize that I am a representative of the Christian Community and I am responsible for my actions. I understand that by signing this Covenant, I agree to abide by the following guidelines:

I Shall:

- ☉ Recognize that everyone in the group is a part of the body of Christ. I will embrace inclusiveness by making sure that everyone feels welcome and important.
- ☉ Respect the physical and emotional well-being of others by "doing unto them as I would have them do unto me." (This includes refraining from harsh play or violence, refraining from harmful jokes, respecting the need for sleep, etc.)
- ☉ Respect the health of my own body by refraining from the use of tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs. I understand that the use of these substances is absolutely prohibited.
- ☉ Respect the things I use and the property of places I visit. The areas used for all events, including transportation, shall be left clean.
- ☉ Participate fully in all scheduled group activities and abide by additional group guidelines made during a special event or trip.
- ☉ Act appropriately with members of the opposite sex. This means no couples alone at any time, and no public displays of affection.
- ☉ Follow all instructions given by group leaders and chaperones without protest. (This does not mean an instruction may not be politely and discretely questioned if it seems unreasonable).
- ☉ Stay within the group or assigned sub-group at all times. I will not wander off alone or leave the activity site unless granted permission by an adult, and I will report for all designated check-in times.
- ☉ Hold safety in the highest regard and refrain from compromising my own safety or another's safety.
- ☉ Provide a trusting environment for my peers. When others share something about themselves in a group discussion, I will not repeat that information to other friends outside of the group.
- ☉ Take the initiative to inform my guests of their responsibility to follow these guidelines when they visit the group or participate in an event or trip.

Guidelines for Consequences:

Consequences will focus on restoring peace with reconciliation among the parties involved. The goal of resolving each problem will be growth and learning through repentance and forgiveness. Any problems encountered will be handled within the group and by the adult leaders to the extent that this is possible. However, should a situation persist or become uncontrollable, the parent/guardian will be contacted and informed of the problem. Should the situation be urgent, the parent/guardian will be contacted immediately and will be responsible for picking up the youth from an event or providing for his/her transportation home.

Child/Youth and Parent/Guardian Signature:

In signing this covenant, I vow that I have read and understand the guidelines outlined in the "Youth Covenant of Conduct". I recognize that a covenant is a binding promise, and my signature is testimony that I agree to adhere to the provisions of this covenant. Please keep the covenant for your records and return this form in to the church office.

Youth Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Media Release

I, _____, hereby give permission for the staff and volunteers of **TRUE FAITH TABERNACLE** (to photograph, videotape and/or voicetape my child/children (or allow area news reporters to do the same) for purposes of in-house church use and/or for public information for promotion of the church (i.e. brochures, websites, newspapers, radio, television).

Parent/Guardian Signatures _____ / _____ Date _____

Movie Clip Permission

As you know, our youth ministry goal is to help teenagers have a real-world relationship with God. That means we need to address real-world issues in our youth group, and we need your help to do it.

Our kids are growing up under the influence of a media-saturated culture. If we refuse to engage them in biblical discussions about what they're watching and hearing, we make it easy for them to compartmentalize their faith and put it aside when they move beyond the church walls.

Through discussions that reveal either the gospel's presence or absence in popular culture, we help young people develop a biblical filter that shines the light of Jesus' truth on media messages; encourages them to live their faith authentically at school, home, and church; and engages the Holy Spirit's discernment in their lives.

As part of our youth ministry program, we'll sometimes be using short video clips as discussion starters. Occasionally some of these clips may be excerpted from R-rated movies. We plan to use clips from R-rated movies only when we believe they offer powerful illustrations of biblical themes and when it's likely that a large percentage of our youth group members have seen the films from which the clips are taken.

The clips from R-rated movies will contain no R-rated material, and we'll communicate clearly to our young people that our use of a particular clip is not an endorsement of the movie. We'll voice this disclaimer as well for any PG or PG-13 movies that contain offensive material.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need more information. If you understand and approve of our plan to occasionally use clips from R-rated movies when we believe it's appropriate, please indicate your support by signing and returning this letter.

Parent/Guardian Signatures _____ / _____ Date _____