

WBC Youth Group Covenant

Christ gave us an example of respect and love for all. It is in pursuit of this example and the cultivation of a spiritually enriching environment that I agree to abide by the following expectations regarding my behavior while in attendance of Westover Youth Group activities.

Relationships

- I will respect the leadership for which God has called to serve as youth leaders. I will listen quietly when they give instruction in order that everyone may have a positive experience. I will also respectfully obey the instructions of each leader. I will stay in the presence of those who are in charge and will not leave the area without permission from an adult.
- I will respect others and accept all people. I agree to welcome and accept other members of the youth group, as Christ loves and accepts me. I agree to reach out to others, and be open to making new friends. I will take them as they come, knowing that they may come from a different background than myself. I know that God created us as unique individuals, and I will respect that uniqueness in others.
- I will respect all those to whom we come in contact with outside of the church. This means avoiding disruptive or obnoxious behavior in public spaces. I will remember that we are representing our church, faith and God when we are on trips. I will respect all those that are less fortunate than us by being extra sensitive and gracious to those whom we help when we serve others.
- I will respect myself and my youth group, by using only appropriate displays of affection if I am in a relationship or interested in someone romantically. I will “make room for Jesus.”

Speech

- I will respect others with my words. This space is meant to be safe. In order to keep it safe, I will not use profanity (including taking God’s name in vain) or any abusive phrases.
- I will respect others and I will not gossip about our youth group or others. Our youth group’s definition of gossip is saying anything true or false, or rumor that causes others to lower their opinion of the person being talked about.

Property

- I will respect the church building because it belongs to all of us. I will clean up messes, respect the property of others and treat this place as I would treat my own home.
- I will respect personal items of others. I will not go through or touch another's possessions without first asking for their permission.

Participation

- I will respect the youth group program by participating in all lessons, activities and games. I know that everything that has been planned has purpose and meaning in order to bring us closer to God and build relationships with our fellow believers.
- I will respect the group and turn my cell phone off when the youth activities begin because I know that it can distract me and others from learning more about God. I will not share any inappropriate pictures, vulgar music or offensive content from social media that would be harmful to any fellow member.
- I will respect others in the way that I dress. I understand that dressing modestly is what is expected of me.

I understand that failure to follow the behavioral expectations outlined in this covenant will result in correction by youth leaders; failure to listen to youth leaders will result in parental contact and may result in expulsion from the youth group.

I understand that success in abiding by this covenant will result in a positive group environment and experience. We are here to grow closer to one another. We are here to grow closer to God. We are here to build one another up in the faith. May it be so. Amen.