

Youth Promise

Valid from September 1, 2008 – August 31, 2009

The Village Presbyterian church desires that all participants in the youth program feel encouraged to grow in their relationship with Christ while being in a safe environment. That is why the Village Presbyterian church is asking that all participants agree to the following expectations.

- I want to reflect God's love to others; I agree to be a servant with a joyful attitude. I understand that I am at a TVPC event because I want to learn more about God and grow in my relationship with him. _____(Initial)
- I am aware that my actions have consequences beyond myself, therefore, I agree to obey all local laws and ordinances pertain to use of drugs and alcohol by minors. I will not bring or use illegal substances on any Village Presbyterian Youth events. _____ (Initial)
- I desire my attention to be fully on what God wants to teach me, therefore, I will make sure I am not distracted by walkmans, Discman, portable radio or boom box, electronic games, lap top, mp3 player, iPod, portable DVD player or any other device that could potentially isolate me from those around me. I agree to leave all these items at home. I may bring a cell phone and agree to turn it off the entire trip unless I ask a youth leader's permission. _____(Initial)
- I understand that I will be around many people and in many different environments, therefore, I agree to treat all leaders, staff, other groups, as well as other youth group attendees with the utmost respect. _____ (Initial).
- I understand that how I treat people's things makes a strong statement on my integrity; therefore I agree to respect the property of all participants, the community members, the church, and the housing in which we stay. _____(Initial)
- I am aware that my leaders and parents care for my well-being, and because I want to be safe, I agree to stay in groups of three or more. In addition, I will stay in my own gender specific sleeping areas and restrooms. _____(Initial)
- I desire to respect people around me and I understand that clothing can distract from the focus of the event, therefore I will make modesty a high priority. In the case of bathing suits, I understand girls should wear modest suits that cover midriffs, and males should wear suits that go at least to mid thigh. _____(Initial)
- I understand that sleep is important and agree to comply with the schedule of wake up and lights out time. _____(Initial)
- I desire that all participants feel safe and agree to leave all fireworks, lighters, knives, or any other item which can be of danger to someone else at home. _____(Initial)
- I understand that I need to be respectful of the people around me and to my own body; therefore, I agree to refrain from inappropriate displays of affection toward other people. _____(Initial)
- I understand that my words can do damage to others as well as hurt my own testimony for Christ, therefore, I will refrain from swear words, sexual connotations, taking God's name in vain, or any violent suggestions. _____(Initial)

I will comply with their rules, standards, and instruction for group behavior. I understand that Staff leaders and volunteers have the right to enforce appropriate behavior and discipline and that at any time they may terminate my participation in the trip for my failure to maintain these standards. If my actions are found to be incompatible with the actions or conduct they require, I agree that the Staff leaders and volunteers may call my parents and that I will be sent home at my own or my parent's personal expense. I have read and agree to follow these guidelines.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent:: _____ Date: _____