

FBYOUTH

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

FBYouth is to be a safe space, where all feel welcome, respected, and loved as we journey together in discovering God's plans for our lives. To help us create such an environment the following guidelines have been established while on any FBC (First Baptist Church) property...meal room, game room, playground, bus, etc. You are asked to review them and sign below to indicate that you agree to abide by them.* *(If you are unclear about any of these expectations, please ask an adult sponsor before signing)*

TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU WANT OTHERS TO TREAT YOU

(This should be the hallmark of our interactions in all our youth gatherings.)

SACRED SPACE

1. God's name (Jesus Christ and God) is sacred and to be used only in prayer or biblical context, not ever in the form of a swear word
2. Cell phone usage is to be limited to specific times and purposes permitted by adult sponsors. A safe space will be provided for depositing your cell phone when not in use such as during Bible reflection time.
3. No foul language (if uncertain as to what is included, adult sponsors' decision is final)

RESPECT PEOPLE AND PROPERTY

1. The couches in the Youth Room are intended to be enjoyed by all, but sometimes have been a source of contention or problems. If the couch becomes an issue, they will simply be removed from the room.
2. Speaking to and about one another is to be positive and respectful, as outlined on the youth room wall. Disparaging, bullying, shaming or racist remarks are not permitted
3. No PDA allowed.... This is a learning space, not a dating space.
4. Respecting the property of others is expected. This means, especially in the game room, avoiding activities that could damage the church property as well as the property of others. (Hands off personal property of others. No part of your body should ever touch any part of any other person's body)

SAFETY CONCERNS

1. Keep your hands to yourself except in such neutral gestures such as fist-bumps, high-fives, etc. unless part of sponsor approved game or activity. (other people could get hurt)
2. No substance use is permitted, including tobacco/cannabis, non-prescription drugs, alcohol, or vaping.
3. When moving between areas (such as: Fellowship Hall to and from the Youth area) Will always be done as a group with an adult sponsor. This is not only for your protection, but for the protection of the younger classes, as well as safeguarding the facility.
4. If you arrive at FBC on the bus, you MUST take the bus home, or a parent must come to the door to pick you up. (We are not willing to risk anything happening to any of our youth on their travel to or from FBC).

CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATING THESE GUIDELINES

1. **First Strike** – *If only a minor incident a warning is issued.*
2. **Second Strike** -*Parents will be called to come pick you up, or if you drive, you will be instructed to leave for the evening and escorted to your car and parents notified*
3. **Third Strike** - *You're out...suspension from participation of FBYouth.*

I have read, understand, and agree to do my part to make Youth Group a safe space by following these guidelines:

Name

Date

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MAKING THIS THE BEST FBYOUTH YEAR YET!

*This contract may be amended in the future.