

**First United Methodist Church
Hope, AR
Youth Covenant of Conduct**

I agree to the following stipulations on any youth trip or activity:

I know that I am Christ's representative and will behave in such a way as to bring Him glory.

I agree to participate in all planned activities. When asked to be serious and thoughtful, I will willingly do so.

I agree not to purchase or use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. I agree not to use profanity.

I agree to refrain from any sexual activity or inappropriate displays of affection. I agree to treat all persons regardless of race, religion, and culture with respect and consideration.

I will respect the facility we are using, and realize that if damage should occur because of my negligence, I am financially responsible. I will not waste time or resources.

I will put any electronic game equipment, iPods, mp3 players, cell phones and other items away that may distract attention from the trip/activity upon being asked. I will not bring or use weapons, fireworks, pornographic materials, or any other inappropriate items.

I will portray a positive role model for others by maintaining an attitude of respect, loyalty, patience, integrity, courtesy, tact, and maturity. I will abide by the dress code set forth which promotes modesty.

I understand that Arkansas State Law requires that all citizens report any suspected abuse or neglect of a child to the Arkansas Department of Human Services or a law enforcement agency.

I will not abuse others including:

Physical abuse – strike, spank, shake, or slap

Verbal abuse – humiliate, degrade, or threaten

Sexual abuse – including inappropriate touching and exposure of comments

Mental abuse – inconsistent standards, communicating one behavior and rewarding the opposite.

During overnight activities, I will go to bed at night and be quiet whenever the adult sponsor instructs me to.

Above all, I agree to play, have fun, and exercise teamwork during any church sponsored activity or trip.

Participant

Date

Parent or Guardian

Date

I understand the consequences for not following this covenant will be calling my parents to come pick me up and take me home and/or other adjustments in participation upon conversation with my parents.

Parents: By signing this form, you understand and agree to the rules and consequences stated.