

Forestburg Baptist Church YOUTH/PARENT CONTRACT

STUDENT INFO:

NAME: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____
ADDRESS: _____ TOWN: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE #: _____ CELL #: _____
EMAIL: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFO:

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____ TOWN: _____ ZIP: _____
BEST CONTACT #: _____ PARENT'S EMAIL: _____

TRIP POLICIES

The church assumes heavy responsibility when taking teenagers and adults out of town. For a student ministry to function well out of the city, **obeying guidelines and policies is essential**. A breakdown in these areas must result in a teenager returning home to parents. The parents of the teenager will be expected to pay for commercial transportation home. Parents agree to support sponsors' decision about sending youth home, knowing that only those present on the trip can know all the variables.

Attending an Event

- Youth must attend an event for the duration of the event. Partial or selective participation to a planned event will not be permitted. **Exceptions:** Arrangements for partial participation and payment must be made in advance if there is a home, church or school conflict.
- Youth will not be permitted to leave a scheduled event unless it is an emergency, a health related problem, or written parental permission.

Transportation Policies

- If it becomes necessary guys will sit by guys and girls will be sit by girls in the bus, in the van and in personal vehicles.
- All videos will need to be pre-screened prior to any road trips and approved by the minister of youth before viewing.

On all activities, being sent home will be the normal result of **breaking curfew**, being in the **opposite sex' room** without an adult sponsor present or permission, **body piercing** or **permanent tattooing, shaving heads**, possessing **alcohol, illegal drugs** or **tobacco products**, **leaving the group** without permission, **intimate petting (PDA)**, **stealing, assault**, or the possession of **pornography** or a **dangerous weapon**. Any other failure to follow trip guidelines will result in a trip home at the parent's expense.

EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES

Christian conduct at all times, attend all mandatory meetings, be on time, **adhere to all boundaries** set up by trip coordinators and adult sponsors, show respect to all, go to sleep when lights are supposed to be out, and **be flexible**. Breaking the trip policies will result in a call to the parents and a one way ticket home. Youth trips are privileges and should be treated as such.

WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY BEHAVIOUR

Times of teaching and cooperate worship are mandatory meeting times. Christians who are seeking to grow in the Lord deserve to study and worship without hindrance. Leaders have a responsibility to maintain that atmosphere. Inappropriate behavior during these times may result in the same consequences of breaking other rules and guidelines.

RESPECT OF ADULT LEADERS

Youth who choose to participate at FBC activities agree to follow the instructions of leaders. Obeying those instructions and exhibiting respect toward leaders is a condition for remaining at an activity.

PHYSICAL DISCIPLINE

Parents have not assigned to church leaders the right to physically discipline teenagers. Therefore, leaders only make physical contact with a teenager in order to prevent a greater harm, such as during a fight or an attempt to harm one's self. With rare exceptions, no other physical restraint is appropriate.

PHYSICAL AFFECTION- Public display of affection (PDA)

Interest in showing physical affection toward the opposite sex is considered a normal healthy part of maturing teenage relationships. Our student ministry also believes that appropriateness should dictate the extent of affection shown at church youth activities. Holding hands and light hugs are almost always appropriate. Couples should postpone all other types of physical affection until they are not part of a church activity. Public displays of affection (PDA) may result in one way ticket home at the parent's expense.

VANDALISM

Parents and Youth will be responsible for any vandalism or willful damages to property while on a church sponsored event.

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WEAPONS

The physical safety of the youth is one of our church's top priorities. Therefore, no teenager may possess a gun; knife over 3.5 inches closed, open knife, martial arts items, or any other weapon at any youth activity at the church or on a church sponsored trip. The presence of a dangerous weapon will result in an immediate 911 and full cooperation with the authorities that respond. Actual confrontation with a teenager with a gun will be left to the proper authorities. If practical, parents of the involved youth will be contacted.

CELL PHONES / ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Phones and Devices are useful given the correct circumstances. During select activities FBC Leaders may deem, phones and devices are not permitted, but will be put away or handed over for the duration of the event to the discretion of the Leaders. When allowed, device usage should be respectable and conducive to the Youth Group Goals and Purposes. Camp, MPACT, and other activities may further limit the use of cell phones and the rules of these events will be followed by the group.

Forestburg Baptist Church Dress Code

Casual clothing is appropriate during all activities unless otherwise stated. All clothing should reflect Christian modesty and discretion.

General Rules

1. An adequate coverage of the body is required. Halter tops, tank tops, muscle shirts, midriff, or otherwise revealing tops, and very short skirts are inappropriate.
2. Tattoos must be covered at all times
3. Clothing shall be appropriately sized.
4. Fingertip Rule: Shorts, dresses, and skirts must be longer than the tips of the fingers with arms extended to the student's side. Shorts must be modest for sitting as well as standing.

Girls

1. Sleeveless, shirts/dresses may be worn provided that the shoulder straps have a minimum two-inch/three finger width.
2. Shirts must be modest, must not have low cut necklines, and must not be shrink-top or midriff blouses that allow any part of the front, or midsections of the body to show.
3. Strapless, low cut necklines, shrink tops or midriff shirts or dresses *are not permitted*
4. Swimsuits: 1 piece, or 2 piece with a Dark T-shirt for a cover-up
5. Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times

Guys

1. Boys tank tops are allowed as long as they are not cut low under the arm pits.
2. *Boys should wear shirts at all times other than when swimming or showering
3. Pants sagged below the hips is inappropriate

PHOTOGRAPH/VIDEO

I hereby grant FBC permission to use mine or my minor's photograph/video in any and all publications for ministry purposes, including web site entries, and social media without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity. I hereby authorize FBC to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo/video for ministry purposes only. I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my photo/video appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photo/video.

These policies are provided as a proactive way to insure clear communication among members of the student ministry family.

YOUTH: By signing below, you are entering into a **contract** to abide by the guidelines and expectations set up by Forestburg Baptist Church. You have fully read the expectations, guidelines and trip policies, and agree that if you break them that you will be sent home at your parent's expense in addition to possible termination of future events.

YOUTH SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT: By signing below, you are entering into a **contract** with Forestburg Baptist Church to pay for the expenses of your child being sent home at the point of breaking their contract. If you are a sponsor on the trip, you also agree to sit out the remainder of the trip with your child or make arrangements for him/her to go home. As a parent/sponsor you are also expected to abide by the same contract and guidelines as well.

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINT NAME