

EXPECTATIONS OF BEHAVIOR

The Youth group at the Golf Course Road Church of Christ is committed to Christian behavior and is dedicated to encourage each person involved to be as Christ like as possible. According to 2 Timothy 2:21, it is possible for us to help each other to truly be vessels for honor. We are possibility thinkers (Philippians 4:13). We believe that Christian teens can have a powerful influence for good wherever they may be (1 Timothy 4:12).

We, the youth of the Golf Course Road Church of Christ, recognize the importance of a set of rules and that the ideal would be for each individual to behave in a Christian manner. The following list of specified acts of behavior is intended to be a simple reminder of what we want to encourage and discourage among us as we have a positive influence on one another and the world around us. These apply for all of our group activities.

Behavior we want to encourage includes:

- The sharing of the fruit of the spirit; love, joy, peace, kindness, patience, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).
- Every person participating with the group in the group activities (Ephesians 4:11-16).
- Good attitudes displayed at all group activities (1Cor. 13; Matt. 5:1-12).
- Developing wholesome male/female relationships and being protective of our sexual purity (1 Tim. 4:11-12).
- Showing the proper respect for all adult sponsors and peers that are in a leadership role (1 Thess. 5:12-13).
- Being responsible for personal belongings.
- Being on time for all schedules.
- Knowing how to have fun with laughter, horseplay, etc. and knowing how to cut it off when it is time to be serious.
- Being considerate of others before we think of ourselves (Phil. 2:3).
- Helping to keep the building and vans clean.

Behavior we want to discourage includes:

- Being a loner – someone who isolates him/herself from the youth group (1Cor. 12:25).
- Griping and complaining (Philippians 2:14).
- Over display of affection – couples becoming too familiar with each other and causing embarrassment to the group and to individuals who have to watch! (holding hands – O.K., heads on shoulder – O.K., laying in laps – a little too far).
- Disrespect for authority.
- Tardiness in keeping schedules.
- Inappropriate dress including t-shirts with suggestive slogans.

Behavior we will not tolerate includes:

- Vain, vulgar, obscene language, off-colored jokes, tobacco of any form, drugs, alcohol of any type, immodest dress or body movements, sexual promiscuity, and other immoral acts like gambling, stealing, cheating, lying, fighting or weapons of any type (including lighters). (Titus 2:11-14; 11 Timothy 2:22; 1 Timothy 2:9; Galatians 5:19-21; Romans 1:20-32; Revelation 21:8; Matthew 5:38-42).
- Throwing anything in or from the van, yelling at or harassing anyone in or outside the van, or doing anything from the van that would reflect badly on the church (1 Thess. 5:22).
- Sneaking out of your room after hours, skipping events while on trip.
- Use of any illegal substance or any legal substance use other than prescribed; and sharing prescription drugs with other people.

Again, these points are intended to be a guideline for clear understanding of the standards of the conduct we want to maintain. We each seek the help and support of one another to achieve these goals.

If an individual chooses to behave contrary to these guidelines, the adults in authority will counsel with him/her privately and exercise appropriate disciplinary measures. At this point the person will receive the dignity that the love, grace and mercy of God demands, yet the firmness of action that God's justice demands. The disciplinary measures could include the withholding of privileges and it may demand *sending him/her home at his/her own expense or not allowing him/her to participate in the event*. We will call the police if there are any illegal activities such as drug use or underage drinking and we reserve the right to search your personal possessions if reasonable suspicion arises.

May we work together to attain the measure of the stature and fullness of Christ (Eph. 4:13).

Youth's Name (please print) _____

Youth's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE TALK OVER THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR TEEN AND RETURN TO THE YOUTH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.