

Name of Youth: _____

Date: _____

University Congregational United Church of Christ Youth Event and Retreat Covenant

A successful retreat or trip in our church is dependent upon the cooperation of all those participating in it. Please read the list of expectations which have been designed to ensure a good experience for all of us. Your adult Youth Ministers are the people to interpret the boundaries of conduct.

Parents & Youth: I understand that it is very important that the church/youth ministers have updated health information so that they can serve us in the best way possible. In addition to having a medical form on file, I will have a conversation with Margaret Irribarra to update her with current information on medication, emotional and physical needs.

parent/guardian signature

youth signature

COVENANT

During the _____ **I covenant to:**
(name of event/retreat)

- Not possess and/or use illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products. I understand if I do, I will immediately have to call my parents/guardian and return home (extra costs for this will be covered by the parents).
- Respect the property of all other participants and other facilities. This includes not touching things that are not mine.
- **Leave my cell phone at home** so that I may be fully present to the group and to myself for the duration of the trip. Should I bring and use my phone on the trip, the consequence will be community service at the church.
- Only listen to my ipod/mp3 player or any other music device during personal times so that I am not disconnected from the group.
- Respect my youth ministers in the way I communicate and interact with them. I understand that they are responsible for my emotional and physical safety. I will seek help from an adult youth minister if anyone does something to make me feel uncomfortable in any way.
- I understand that my participation in the trip will determine how much fun I have. Therefore I will, participate in and attend all scheduled activities unless specific permission is given for me to be elsewhere and join in group work, play, study, activities without undue complaint.
- Take my turn in the support, feeding and clean-up chores of our community.

- I will not get into any car or vehicle other than one designated by my adult youth ministers.
- Respect myself, God, the other members of our group, and the people we meet on our way. That means no:
 - Put downs of me or others.
 - Abusive or vulgar language.
 - Inappropriate touching.
 - Activity which isolates an individual from the group.
 - Any non-scheduled activity for which I have not received an adult advisor's permission.
- I understand that I do not have to share any personal information about myself that feels uncomfortable. I will also respect that in my peers and the group's commitment to confidentiality.
- Understanding that my health affects the larger group, I will inform the adult youth ministers if I feel sick or have been hurt.
- *I understand that the final decision about my behavior and/or its consequences is the right of the adult youth ministers because they are responsible for me.*
- I will come on the trip ready to have fun, participate, hang out, learn, play, pray, worship and get to know new people and my friends better!

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I have read the covenant of what is expected of me on this retreat/trip. I understand that failure on my part to live up to these expectations will end my participation in the retreat/trip.

_____ Signature of Youth

_____ Printed Name of Youth

I/we have read the information provided and reviewed it with our youth. I/We understand what is expected of our child and of me/us. I/We will communicate with leader's information around medication and physical and emotional needs. I/We understand that, if needed, I/we will assume all costs involved in our child's return home.

_____ Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

_____ Printed Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

*****I/we give our permission for our child/youth to be photographed/videotaped and have said image uploaded on our church's web site with the understanding that in no way such images will include phone numbers, e-mail or physical addresses. Furthermore, I give permission for these images to be used on the church website, facebook & other promotional printings.*****

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