

## JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH COVENANT

1. We promote inclusive behavior. We try to provide an atmosphere where all are to feel safe, accepted and included at all times. Behavior that excludes another takes away from this sense of community.
2. With the goals of safety and community in mind, youth are not to leave the meeting and rules concerning congregational buildings must be honored.
3. We promote respectful behavior. "No harshing on mellows." Our meetings are a place where all are encouraged and empowered to express themselves. This requires the mutual responsibility to be respectful towards each other. The space we are in must be respected and cared for; everyone will participate in clean-ups of all areas of our meeting spaces.
4. We encourage open-mindedness and foster an open community where people who are different as well as similar are made to feel welcome. Youth should try to remain open to growing in unexpected ways through the love and challenges experienced during this course.
5. Sexualized behavior is not allowed. Exclusive relationships prevent our community from being inclusive and safe for all. Sexualized or intimate behavior is not permitted anywhere or time.
6. Possession or use of drugs or alcohol or tobacco products is prohibited. Possessing, giving or selling, using or being under the influence of drugs (illegal or non-prescribed), alcohol or tobacco products is not permitted. Their use destroys the safe atmosphere as well as puts everyone at risk. There is zero tolerance for substance use.
7. Violence and abuse are unacceptable. No forms of violence; physical, verbal, sexual or other manifestation will be tolerated. Weapons are not permitted and possession will be viewed as intending or ignoring the possibility of a violent outcome. No one can vouch for how others will behave if they were to mistakenly come into possession of a weapon. Any weapons will be confiscated immediately and any participant will be asked to leave.

***I have read and understand this code of behavior, and I agree to abide by these rules and guidelines for my behavior. I also understand that failure to meet these standards will result in discipline or removal. The program leader will use personal judgment in setting the level of discipline or amount of praise for any situation.***

Participant's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***I am aware that if my child fails to abide by these rules, he/she may be asked to leave. Should this occur, I will be responsible for removing the child as soon as possible after notification.***

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): X \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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