



**The Diocese of Knoxville**  
Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

**YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. The use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, fireworks, matches, cigarette lighters, or items that would endanger people, pets, wildlife, or property is strictly prohibited.
2. Clothing should be appropriate. Exposed midriffs, shoulders, cleavage or undergarments are not permitted. Respectable gym shorts, fingertip length shorts, and one piece swim suits, tankini (if water activities are a part of the event) for girls. Spaghetti straps, short shorts, tank tops, halter tops, baggy pants, and any clothing items found to be offensive or bearing reference to tobacco or alcohol products including insignias or advertisements will not be allowed. Any participant whose attire is deemed inappropriate will be asked to change. Refusal could lead to dismissal.
3. Language and behavior should exemplify Christian values.
4. Public displays of affection will be addressed when deemed inappropriate.
5. Participants are expected to respect the rights and property of others. Neither vandalism nor stealing will be tolerated. Financial obligations that result from such behavior will be the sole responsibility of the youth and his/her family.
6. Male and female participants are not to be in each other's sleeping areas.
7. If applicable, participants must wear their event identification at all times.
8. No participants are permitted to leave the premises without the expressed permission of the coordinator of the event.
9. Cell phones (to be used only with the permission from an adult youth minister), CD players, Ipods, MP3 players are permitted.
10. All participants must travel in a vehicle provided by the parish/school ministry.
11. Each participant is encouraged to participate in activities of the event.
12. Participants are to abide by specific regulations pertaining to individual events not mentioned above.

**Note:** The coordinating team takes every precaution to provide a safe environment for these events. The coordinating team cannot be held responsible for the willful misconduct of a young person.

*Code of Conduct:* I agree that my child is expected to abide by all rules and regulations as outlined in the *Code of Conduct*. I agree that if my child fails to abide by this *Code* or engages in any infraction that is deemed by the coordinator to be inappropriate, he/she will be dismissed from this activity and sent home at my expense with no right of reimbursement.

**Parent/Guardian**

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the foregoing and understand the *Code of Conduct* for participants and will abide by them. In addition, I will abide by all directions given me by the coordinator and adult chaperones. I also understand and agree that my parents or guardians will be notified at the time of any infraction requiring my dismissal from the event and that I will be sent home at the expense of my parents or guardians. **I also understand that being in possession of any tobacco product, alcoholic beverage, or drug is cause for automatic dismissal from the event.**

**Participant**

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_