

Senior High Youth Leadership Retreat Covenant

You have entered a unique community of love and respect.

Here's how we covenant to one another and to God:

We have fun together!

We respect others, self and our space.

We treat one another as equals.

We reach out to those who are new or to those who have special needs.

We turn off our cell phones and other electronics when we are together.

We respect one another's physical and sexual boundaries.

We are a chemical-free community. We even realize that joking about drinking or drug use is harmful to this community.

We don't "cross-talk" during discussions. Only one person talks at a time.

We share in the talk time, monitoring ourselves so that everyone can share.

We take healthy risks, stretching our places of comfort and sharing who we are in authentic and meaningful ways.

We honor holy confidentiality and don't gossip about what is shared.

We are careful with our language. Our mouths are powerful. Our language is inclusive of all people and is church appropriate.

We realize that we are not perfect and need forgiveness. We always receive forgiveness in this place, even when it is difficult to ask for or to give.

We appreciate who we are in this moment. Since growth is the goal, we allow ourselves and one another to change our opinions, our styles, our friends, our hair color, our interests, our faith in order to find and become our best selves.

Agreement to Transport Home

I/We understand that the leaders of the camp may need to send a teenager home as a result of illness or discipline problems. The covenant will act as the rules to abide by, creating a community of respect and a safe environment for all. If a person breaks covenant in a way that harms others/self or puts the community at risk, that person will be sent home at the parents' expense.

Please sign indicating that you understand and agree to abide by this covenant:

Student's signature:

Parent's signature: