

## Community Contract and Guidelines

In an attempt to establish a Christian community during New Beginnings, the following guidelines are to be used for our weekend. The success and enjoyment of our experience in Christian fellowship will largely depend upon our mutual responsibility to one another and to God. Participants who break the guidelines may be asked to leave the weekend and parents will be contacted to pick them up. Please read the guidelines carefully and prayerfully before you sign.

1. As Christians, all youth and adults have a responsibility to the environmental setting, including buildings grounds, furnishings and natural wildlife. Youth and advisors will be held financially responsible for damages incurred over the weekend.
2. No leaving the New Beginning community. All youth may not leave designated buildings or areas and will participate in all group activities unless given express permission by an adult sponsor or adult staff member to do otherwise.
3. All participants, youth and adults, will take a responsibility for themselves by dressing appropriately. It is not suitable for males or females to wear clothes that expose undergarments (bras, boxers, etc.). Girls, please be aware that tank tops, shirts with spaghetti straps and short tops that expose the stomach are not appropriate attire for NB. It is not appropriate for boys to wear baggy pants that do not come up to their waist and expose their boxer shorts or to wear tank tops. A participant may be asked to change clothes if their attire is inappropriate.
4. Cell phones, radios, recorders, tape and C.D. players, TV's, electronic and video games, skate boards, roller skates & blades, etc. tend to be a distraction to the individual and to others and are to be left at home. If they are brought, they will be secured and kept by the Staff.
5. Show consideration and respect for others. Lights out, quiet times and prayer times are a few examples of when to demonstrate your thoughtfulness and silence. Offensive language is not considerate or respectful to the community.
6. Alcohol, illegal drugs, artificial stimulants (Vivarin, NoDoze, etc.), and abuse of over-the-counter medications will not be tolerated.
7. No use of any tobacco product is allowed.
8. Youth who drive their own cars must turn in their keys at registration.
9. Persons will not be allowed in opposite-sex rooms at any time during any event. Inappropriate displays of affection or sexual activity will not be permitted.
10. No youth will be released prior to the close of NB. If a person leaves the weekend they will not be permitted to return.
11. We are a community of Christians. We will treat each other as Christ instructs us with love, respect and charity. No abusive language or cursing will be tolerated.

I, the parent and participant, have read the rules of conduct and give my permission for my child to participate in New Beginnings. I agree to abide by the stated personal limitations and code of conduct.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_