



Flame Youth Ministry Covenant

Kerrville First United Methodist Church

During our Flame youth ministry trips and events, we will be doing our best to live together as a family in Christian community. Family life is based on love, respect, trust, support, and spending time in fellowship together. To create and maintain the atmosphere of family and community, all youth and parents must agree to the following covenant.

Whether you are a member of Flame youth ministry or a guest/visitor, you are welcome here! At Kerrville First UMC we strive to love God, love others, and make a difference. These guidelines are based on the expectation that we will conduct ourselves in a Christian manner during all events and activities (i.e. church grounds, off-site, riding in vehicles, at restaurants, retreats, service projects, & any youth group events or activities).

The following guidelines are to be read and agreed to by your signature. Your parent(s)/guardians are also to read and verify that you understand these guidelines.

_____ I will strive to be an example of Christ in word and action.

_____ I will strive to exhibit respect to everyone around me. I will do all that I can to be a positive influence to my peers.

_____ I will respect the heritage, culture, rights, belongings, and space of others and myself, knowing that I represent Christ, my family, my church, and my community.

_____ I agree to respect and listen to leaders, parents, and chaperones.

_____ I will engage in the youth activities I attend, refraining from using my cell phone during small group discussions, devotionals, team-building activities, and any other times deemed inappropriate by Pastor Katie, leaders, parents, and chaperones.

_____ I will respect the equipment and property of Kerrville First UMC (on-site), Light On the Hill, and all other facilities I have the privilege to visit.

_____ I will not tolerate any kind of bullying, including physical, verbal, cyber, sexual, and relational aggression. I will not instigate or be a by-stander. I will notify an adult leader immediately of any potential bullying.

_____ I will use the "buddy system" in addition to telling an adult of my whereabouts at all times. I will not wander off alone or leave the activity site unless granted permission by an adult, and I will report for all designated check-in times.

_____ I will not bring or use any illegal substances such as tobacco, drugs, or alcohol. I understand the use of these substances is absolutely prohibited. Failure to abide by this rule will result in immediate dismissal and exclusion from any future summer events.

_____ I will act appropriately with members of the opposite sex. This means no couples alone at any time, and no public displays of affection. The following list gives examples of inappropriate public displays of affection during church events and church volunteer opportunities: kissing, holding hands, cuddling, playing with hair, sitting on laps, feeding each other, giving massages, touching or stroking each other, or verbal affection, or other similar displays.

_____ I will dress appropriately at all times. Girls: bras must be worn, tank tops must be a three-finger shoulder width, shorts must be mid-thigh or longer, mid-drifts will not be shown, no bare backs or bare chests, and swimsuits must be a one-piece or a tankini. Boys: swim trunks and a t-shirt or rash guard must be worn.

_____ Should any other circumstances arise that are not described above, Pastor Katie has the final decision.

I agree to abide by this covenant while I am a member of this community. I understand that any problems encountered will be handled within the group and by the adult leaders to the extent that this is possible. If I break this covenant, my parents will be notified and I may be sent home at my parents' expense and be excluded from any future events.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____