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Mount Vernon Student Ministries

Code of Conduct

Our student ministry exists to glorify God by gathering, growing and going in the name of Jesus. This ministry philosophy creates various relational experiences both on and off site involving both adults and students. At all times, students and adults are required to adhere to these policies agreed upon in this code of conduct.

SECTION 1: Rules and Regulations

The following list of rules and regulations are to act as a guide as we seek to build relationships. While some off site locations will offer additional guidelines, these basic rules must be followed at all times; (In some cases, exceptions to the rule may be made in accordance with the leadership).

- All participants are expected to demonstrate Christian values by their language and behavior.
- Possession and/or use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, weapons, knives, fireworks and firearms are not allowed.
- Gambling, real or pretend, is not permitted.
- Student must abstain from all inappropriate physical conduct.
 - This includes, but is not limited to, all public (and private) displays of affection including inappropriate touching (romantic hand holding, hugging, and massaging), kissing, any form of unwanted affection, verbal remarks relating to a person's body, and any other sexual misconduct.
- Visiting is not permitted in the sleeping rooms occupied by members of the opposite sex.
- Dress code is clean, neat, and modest.
 - No clothing that promotes the use of alcohol/drugs or bearing profanity, occult symbols, obscene images or lustful pictures.
 - No top that shows the midriff or is too low cut at the neck.
 - Undergarments should be worn and they should not be visible.
 - No mini-skirts or short shorts.
 - When dealing with the dress code, the leadership has full discretion as to what is appropriate or not.
- Pranks that will damage property or people (physically or emotionally) in any way are strictly prohibited.
- All luggage is subject to be searched by the student ministry staff and/or leaders.
- Rooming assignments will be made by student ministry staff. All room changes must be approved by the student ministry staff.
- The rights and property of others, including the venue, will be respected. Vandalism and stealing will not be tolerated.
- Student must follow rules set forth by staff and leaders including use of cell phones and other electronics.
- Blatant disrespect (verbal and non-verbal) to student ministry staff and adult leaders is not permissible.

SECTION 2: Reprimand

The following shall be the model by which resolution will occur to any infraction of the rules/regulations listed in Section 1 and/or continual misconduct.

- A conversation from an adult leader and/or student minister with the student.
- A phone call from the student minister to the parent/guardian informing them of the infraction.
- A phone conversation between parent/guardian and student concerning the issue at hand.
- Arrangements made and followed through by the parent/guardian to pick up their child from the location and return them to the care of the parent/guardian.
 - This is all done at the expense of the parent/guardian.
- If an infraction occurs during the last day of an experience, a meeting will be set up with the student, parent/guardian and student ministry leadership to agree upon appropriate reprimands.

SECTION 3: Agreement

Please sign on the Form: Medical Liability, Release Form, General Permission & Code of Conduct

Parent/guardian:

I give the student ministry staff of Mount Vernon Baptist Church permission to enforce these rules and regulations in agreement with the student ministry philosophy. I give the student ministry leadership permission to use their discretion, knowing that a team approach will be utilized to enforce rules and make final decisions as to the severity of the reprimand. If my child is seen by the student ministry leadership as having an infraction of these rules and regulations, I will support their decision of the reprimand and follow through with the understanding in Section 2 of this document.

Student:

I understand the seriousness of these rules and regulations and will respect them and the adult leadership at all times. I will strive to obey these important regulations as they will provide for me a safe, good and healthy experience. If infractions of any of these guidelines are made, I will take responsibility and follow the above agreement in Section 2 of this document.