



**Shandon Presbyterian Church Youth Ministry Form
2019-2020**

We are excited for this upcoming year in youth ministry! Please fill out this form, as it will help the youth leader and youth committee better serve your youth and family.

Youth Information

Youth's full name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Grade (2018-2019): _____

School Attending: _____

Email: _____ Cell: _____ May we text you? (y/n)

Food Allergies, Dietary Restrictions, Medical concerns, or other information we should know:

Parent/Guardian Information

First/last name: _____ Relationship to youth: _____

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Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

What is the best way for us to contact you? _____

Emergency Contact and number: _____

On a given event at the church, how is your youth getting home? (Mark one)

Getting picked up by a parent/guardian

Driving themselves

Getting a ride from another youth

Walking home

Do you give permission for photographs of your youth to be used on the church website or other media?

(Mark one) Yes _____ No _____

All youth programming is intended to be a time and space that is safe and inclusive for all youth. Should it arise, I understand that per the discretion of the youth leader and advisors, my youth/I might be sent home if I am acting in ways that include but are not limited to: disregard for safety for other youth, adult leadership, and myself; demeaning/bullying other youth or adult leadership; under the influence of drugs/alcohol or in possession of drugs/alcohol. (See attached Covenant for more details.)

Youth Initials _____ Parent Initials _____

Youth Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____



Youth Group Covenant

Mission

The youth ministry of Shandon Presbyterian Church is a place to **BELONG** and to **BELIEVE**. The staff and volunteers of this ministry are committed to helping youth have a relationship with God and learning to live as Christ teaches us to live. We are here to **REACH** students with the love of Jesus Christ, **CONNECT** them to the community of believers, **EQUIP** them to grow in their faith, **ACT** through service, and **EXALT** God with their lives.

As a member of our youth group, I acknowledge my need for meaningful relationships with other youth. I also know that this youth group and church exists to help me deepen my relationship with God, other Christians, and all of the people that God has put in my life; to be a better disciple for Christ. I must always keep God's priorities before my own. Because of these things, I commit to the following:

Christ gave us an example of respect and love for all, because of His example I will create an environment of respect where ever I am.

- **I will respect** other people's stuff. I will not go through or touch another's possessions without first asking their permission.
- **I will respect** the church building because it belongs to all of us. I will clean up messes, respect the property of others and treat this place as I would treat my own home.
- **I will respect** what others have to say by listening when they are talking. I will allow others to speak their ideas and not distract them or take away from their ideas by talking while they are talking. (Even when I disagree with them!)
- **I will respect** others with my words. Will practice intentional kindness with the things I say and what I do. I will not use abusive words or profanity, and I will not be overly critical. I also will not gossip about our youth group or others. Our youth group's definition of gossip is saying anything true or false, or rumor that causes others to lower their opinion of the person being talked about. We are only saying positive and encouraging things about others in person, as well as electronically.
- **I will respect** the group and keep my cell phone on silent and out of sight while at youth functions. Cell phones can distract myself and others from learning, and they can also distract us from one another. I will not bring my phone out or use it until I leave youth group, and if I do, an adult will take it and keep it in a safe place until youth is over.
- **I will respect** myself and others in the way that I dress. I understand that I am to use good judgement for the activity we are doing, as well as the weather when choosing appropriate clothing to wear to youth. I understand that dressing for youth group is similar to the way I dress for school so that everyone will be comfortable while we are all together.
- **I will respect** myself and my youth group by using only appropriate displays of affection if I am in a relationship. There must always be space between myself and the person I am dating. Handholding and goodbye hugs are appropriate. Kissing, lying on, sitting on, or too close contact is not appropriate.
- **I will respect** the safe environment of the youth group by promising that I will never bring any weapons, drugs, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, alcohol, or fireworks with me when I am with any members of our youth group. I will also help to keep a safe environment by not being violent either verbally or physically.

- **I will respect** leaders and the youth group by participating in all lessons, activities and games as it is very important and is expected of me. I am committed to attend all youth functions that I am able and I will try to arrive on time.
- **I will respect** myself and our youth group by being truthful and genuine. I will also be accepting of others and I will take them as they come, knowing that they may come from a different background than me because this is how I show love and kindness. **I know that God created us as unique individuals, and I will respect that uniqueness in others. I will practice unconditional love and intentional kindness to youth and adults.**
- **I will respect** those less fortunate than us by participating in the mission work of our youth group and the church.

Because I am a youth, I understand that I do not have to be responsible for enforcing the rules. I understand that is the responsibility of all of the adults present, not me. I will, however, be an example to others.

As an important part of Shandon Presbyterian Youth Group, I commit myself to this covenant. I also understand that there will be consequences to any inappropriate behavior. Those consequences may include:

- Being required to “sit out” from an activity.
- Staying after to talk about my behavior.
- Parents/Guardians being called to pick you, (the youth) up. If you are asked to leave youth group, these follow up procedures will also be in place:
 - 1st Offense: Includes writing an apology to the person you hurt/upset, to the youth group, or to adult leaders/youth committee.
 - 2nd Offense: Parent and youth will meet with Molly Spangler and a youth committee member. (Possibly the head of staff as well.)
 - 3rd Offense: As a last resort, will require time away from youth group and upon coming back, a parent/guardian will need to come with you for a set time (time to be determined). If you are asked to leave a 3rd time, you will not be allowed to come on summer trips.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

As the Parent/Guardian of this youth, I expect my child to behave in this manner and understand that there will be consequences to any in appropriate behavior. Those consequences may include the items listed above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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