

St. Paul's United Methodist Church – Youth Participation Consent Form and Covenant

Name of Student _____ Date of Birth ___/___/___

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Current Grade _____

We, the undersigned youth and parent/guardian of the youth, acknowledge that the student listed above is interested in participating in the St. Paul's United Methodist Church Youth Ministry. With the understanding that the church cares deeply for the youth of this community and makes every effort, through its staff and designated volunteers, to provide safe and enjoyable activities for the youth to experience, we agree that, to accomplish this, the following rules and policies will be enforced:

YOUTH COVENANT

As a youth ministry, we agree that:

- 1.) We will treat others as we would want to be treated. Respect, in word and deed, for God, our leaders, each other, and ourselves will be our mission.*
- 2.) We will respect the property of others whether it be personal property of one another, church property, or the property of anyone away from church grounds.*
- 3.) We understand that alcohol or other drugs, tobacco, weapons, and profanity are not acceptable things to bring to Connect or youth ministry related activities.*

The following actions will be taken if the covenant is abused:

**All individuals will be held personally responsible for any damages to property they may incur. This may include paying for damages outright or working out a type of service to pay for the damages.*

**Immediate removal from the activity by the parents will occur for possession of alcohol or other drugs, tobacco, and weapons. The same will occur for violence of any kind. In the case of violence, mediation between two "warring" parties is necessary before both can be allowed back into a youth function. If the leaders feel at any time that the presence of a youth puts the rest of the group at risk, we would ask that youth not to attend youth activities.*

**For all other problems, the following procedure will be used:*

- a warning will be given which may include a one-on-one with a youth leader*
- the youth will have to call his/her parent and let them know what they are doing that is disrupting the youth ministry event in order to let the parents know of the situation*
- as a final resort, the youth will have to call his/her parents for removal from the function; he/she may return to the next event with a clean slate*

Consent and Release

By signing this statement, I am giving my consent for the youth named above to participate in all Connect youth ministry sanctioned activities during the church year as set forth above, whether located at the church or off-site of the St. Paul's campus, and if necessary, consent to said child being transported by church staff or their designated volunteers to, from and during said activities by church van, rented vehicle, or private vehicle. When I drop my child off at a Youth Ministry sanctioned activity or allow my child to be transported to such an event, I am granting my consent for my child to fully participate therein unless otherwise directed by me in writing.

We have reviewed the Youth Covenant set forth above and agree that the youth will abide by it. We also acknowledge that if the youth has to return home early for discipline violations, it will be our responsibility to see that the child is returned home, including any costs for transportation incurred.

We consent to the use of any video images, photographs, audio recordings, or any other visual or audio reproduction that may be taken of the youth during the activities attended by them to be used, distributed or shown as the church deems appropriate.

I agree to waive any and all rights and claims for damages that I or my spouse may have against the St. Paul's United Methodist Church and its agents, employees, and representatives for any all injury, damage, or loss sustained by the participants arising directly or indirectly out of trips attended by my child.

I further agree that, in the event that I, my spouse, the participant, or another child should make any claim against St. Paul's United Methodist Church and its agents, employees, and representatives for damage, injury, or loss arising directly or indirectly out of the trip, I will personally indemnify, defend and hold harmless St. Paul's United Methodist Church and its agents, employees, and representatives against any and all such injury, damage, or loss.

I authorize the trip sponsor or their representative to obtain any medical treatment for the participant that should appear to be necessary during the trip, as designated by the St. Paul's United Methodist Church Authorization to Consent for Treatment of a Minor form for my child. I understand that I will be responsible for the payment of expenses relating to such illness or injury.

Finally, we understand that all reasonable safety precaution will be taken at all times by St. Paul's United Methodist Church and its agents during the activities and events that the youth will be invited to participate in. We understand the possibility of unforeseen hazards and know the inherent possibility of risk. We agree, therefore, not to hold St. Paul's United Methodist Church, its leaders, employees, and volunteer staff liable for damages, losses, diseases or injuries incurred by the youth.

We, the undersigned, have carefully read the foregoing consent and release and are signing of our own free act and deed.

Youth Signature _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Print Name _____