



TEAM YOUTH COVENANT

You're about to meet some new people in a new place and hopefully learn some pretty incredible stuff! But before you do, there are a couple things we want everybody to agree on, so your trip will be the best it can be. We've thought carefully about what's important for everyone to see eye-to-eye on and listed those things below. These expectations will help to make this experience meaningful, fun and safe for everyone – and by “everyone,” we mean YouthWorks staff, community members, Adult Leaders, other students and, especially, you!

All youth participants have signed this covenant online before their trip. Because we want to respect the both the community where you are serving and each other, your whole group will sign this covenant together.

- We agree to look for ways to serve others with a joyful attitude, so we can help people like Jesus did. We understand that we are on the trip to serve God, help a community, build new relationships and learn new things. We agree to come prepared to do just that!
- We are aware that our actions affect people other than just us. We will not bring or use any weapon, alcohol or substances during our mission trip week.
- We want to stay focused on the people and experiences in the community we will be visiting. Because of this, we will consider leaving our cell phones or other electronic devices at home. If we choose to bring them, we understand that our use of them will be limited, and we will risk theft or loss. We understand that our parents will be given instructions on how to contact our Adult Leaders in case we need to be reached.
- We want to respect the people around us, so we agree to bring clothes in line with YouthWorks' “Clothes to Pack” list.
- We agree that this mission week is a group experience. We'll be in different group settings all week. Because of this, we will do our best to build community, create relationships, be welcoming and include others. We agree to treat everyone – leaders, staff, other students and community members – with the utmost respect.
- We realize that there are adults in our lives and on the trip, who care about our well-being. Plus, we want to be safe! So, we agree to stay within the designated YouthWorks boundaries, follow rules at ministry sites, stay in groups of three or more, respect gender-specific areas (sleeping rooms, restrooms and showers), and refrain from using cell phones in these areas due to privacy concerns.
- It matters how we treat people's things, so we agree that we will respect the property of all participants, the community members and the housing site where we stay. Our actions will show our love for Jesus and others. We will keep in mind the purpose of the trip and our job of representing Jesus to the community.

By signing anywhere on this page, we agree to follow all the above expectations because we want to be safe, love others and represent Jesus well at all times.

I understand that if I do not respect this covenant and the guidelines and expectations that YouthWorks has established for my safety, I may be sent home from the mission trip at any time at my own expense.