



CALVARY CHAPEL FREDERICKSBURG

Youth Ministry Guidelines

The following are some of the guidelines of the Youth Ministry at Calvary Chapel Fredericksburg. These guidelines are in the best interest of CCFRED's desire to nurture all member of the body and to be representatives of Jesus Christ. They also support the spiritual focus we desire our programs to have.

All students currently involved in the youth ministry at CCFRED are required to review this information with their parent(s)/guardian(s) and sign the attached contract.

Respect Toward Leaders

Youth will respect the authority of each adult leader within the Youth Ministry at all events and programs on and off campus. In the event respect is not given, parents may be contacted.

Youth leaders are leaders because they are called by God, and part of that calling is to enforce ministry guidelines for the well-being of everyone within the youth ministry.

Dress

Everyone's shorts are to be no shorter than where the finger tips rest while standing with arms extended down at sides. Skirts are to be approximately 2 inches longer than where the finger tips rest. No spaghetti straps, tube tops or strapless shirts unless covered by another shirt. Shirts should cover the mid-section. Underwear must be covered. (Guys, no visible boxers.) Only modest one-piece swimsuits or "tankinis" (where the top covers the stomach when arms are raised) should be worn for all appropriate church activities. T-shirt messages are to be wholesome. Guys' tank tops should not be excessively tight or have excessively large arm holes. Youth leaders will decide on questionable attire.

P.D.A. (Public Display of Affection)

There will be no PDA allowed. We are not expressly opposing a "dating" relationship (which is between an individual and the Lord.) We are, however, not allowing displays of "romantic affection" during any youth event or activity. Our desire in this ministry is to focus on our individual relationships with the Lord AND each other as BROTHERS and SISTERS in Christ. (Guys, while at a youth function, view the girls as your sisters. Girls, view the guys as your brothers.) We don't want even the most wholesome of relationships to become a distraction to someone who wants to receive from the Lord. Also, we don't want those who struggle with relationships to be brought down by seeing someone else displaying affection. (Refer to Romans 14:19-20.) Our desire is to promote the strengthening, encouragement, and edification of EVERYONE!

A brother hugging a sister as a greeting is OK. (There is obviously a difference between these and "romantic" hugs. We want to show love, not romance/affection.) Youth leaders will determine if this becomes inappropriate.

Personal Media Players

At no time should a student use a CD player, iPod, earphones, ear buds, cell phones, PSPs, etc. during Sunday worship/teaching or during the midweek meetings: **THIS INCLUDES TEXTING!** They are allowed



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during the open fellowship time just prior to these meetings, but not once the meeting begins. When attending off-campus youth functions (retreats, camps, fun activities, etc.) personal media players are allowed during travel only as long as they do not become a distraction for the driver. Once at the function, we reserve the right to take it from them and return it when we arrive back home. NO movies should be shown at any time on any personal device unless instructed or permitted by a youth leader (this includes youtube or similar videos). We are not responsible for broken or stolen devices.

Respect / Care for Facilities

Use trash containers provided. Please do not throw / leave trash anywhere other than containers provided. All groups will clean the vehicles and facilities used before the end of the trip or event.

Trip / Event Policies

The church assumes heavy responsibility when transporting students to and from events and chaperoning them while away. While in vehicles, **students must wear seatbelts**. The noise level should be kept at a level that does not distract the driver. Passengers must respect the requests of the driver.

All drivers for youth functions will be adults (21 years or older) who have driving records that comply with the church's insurance company guidelines. Students that are old enough to drive may drive themselves to a certain event with parent's permission, but they may **not** transport other students. (Students 18 years old may ride together with parents' permission.)

If students disobey guidelines for youth events, they may need to be sent home. In this case, at the leader's discretion, it may be the responsibility of the parent to provide the transportation and to cover the cost of transporting the student home. Leaders will address individual behavior problems with the student before making this call. If there is an ongoing issue with behavior, a student may be disallowed to attend future trips/events.

During events that are multiple days, there should be no boys in girls' sleeping quarters and no girls in boys' sleeping quarters. Also, two members of the opposite sex should never be alone on any youth function. Always go as a group of three. Two girls or two guys is OK.

Worship / Teaching Environment

There should be no talking or other disruptions during times of corporate praise and worship or teaching. Even if an individual is not "receiving" anything from this time, we do not want anyone to be a distraction to someone that is receiving. Corporate praise and prayer is a time to sing, listen, pray, reflect and – if nothing else – observe others around you worship! It may be necessary to relocate if someone next to you is causing you to become a distraction to others. Individuals may be asked to leave if this becomes a problem. This is the case during any church service/meeting and for functions away from church. We encourage students and parents to sit/worship together when possible.



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Disciplining Behavior

We want to have a set of consequences for general disobedient, disruptive or disrespectful behavior displayed at any youth event or gathering. Here is a snapshot of what we desire to do when behavior becomes an issue:

- Warning #1: Student is pulled aside and the issue is addressed
 - a. While there are times when a gentle reprimand to the entire group may be warranted (such as Sunday morning), we will usually address issues on a one-on-one basis.
 - b. When appropriate, we will have youth leaders position themselves near distractions to help eliminate them.
 - c. Parents are also welcome to sit in on Sunday school any time they would like.

- Warning #2: Student is pulled aside and the issue is addressed.
 - a. His/her parent(s) is notified of this, the student's second warning. We want the parent to be aware of what is happening *before* the student is asked to leave.
 - b. We may also ask the student to sit on the front row, a way of helping them take control of their behavior.
 - c. If this is a Sunday morning issue, we may at this point invite the parent to sit in on one or more teachings with the student (before it becomes a third warning).

- Warning #3: Student is pulled aside and the issue is addressed.
 - a. His/her parent(s) is notified of this, the student's third warning.
 - b. A youth leader may meet with the student and parent when this happens to discuss the matter and pray together.
 - c. Student is asked to sit with their parents in the main sanctuary the following 2 weeks (for both Wednesday and Sunday services).
 - d. If the student's parents do not attend, they will have to sit on the front row of Sunday school (Sunday morning) or they might be asked to sit with a youth leader in the main sanctuary.
 - e. At this point, we may not allow this student to attend future studies, events, and/or activities. This decision will be at the discretion of the Youth Ministry Leader.

Our goal in having guidelines and consequences is to train and educate the students – not to take the fun and spontaneity out of our gatherings! When we have to point out a student, we will draw them back in as quickly as possible. We do not want ongoing distractions to prevent discipleship from taking place during our youth events. We ask that you discuss the contents of this section with your student(s), and make sure they know that *you* are aware of what our intent is. We love these students and want what is the very best for them!



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Student Name (Printed)

Participant Contract

I have read, and understand the behavior rules and regulations of the Youth Ministry. To the best of my ability, I will comply with all of these rules and regulations.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Contract

I have read and understand and support the rules and regulations of the Youth Ministry. I consent that my child has read the rules and regulations and will do his/her best to comply with all of these rules and regulations.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date