

FLGA District-LCMS Middle School Youth Gathering 2024 Covenant

A covenant is a promise or agreement between two or more people. This group Covenant contains our promises and commitments to each other for how we will act, interact, and react at the Gathering. You may wish to add items specific to your youth group.

We agree to honor one another as members of God's family during this Gathering experience by treating each other in the following Christian manner:

- Show concern for other's physical and emotional well being (Matt. 19:19)
- Use words that build people up, avoid put-downs and sarcasm at all times (1Thes 5:11)
- Have a positive attitude and be flexible when things go wrong or schedules change
- Deal with any problems that may arise in a Biblical manner (Matt. 18:15-17)
- Pray for one another (James 5:16)

We agree to care for each other in our group by helping each other in these ways:

- Offer to carry luggage, open doors, or assist with any job even before being asked
- Be on time for meetings, so we don't hold everyone up
- Not try to "sneak out" of commitments made in this covenant
- Be tidy in rooms and considerate of other sleep needs (not staying up all night talking)

In addition, we expect our Adult Leaders to:

- Model a Christ like, servant motivated attitude to all
- Follow all the same rules youth must follow
- Show patience and try to get the "whole story" before reacting
- Be flexible when change of plans or rules is needed
- Show a lighthearted, loving, and fun side of themselves
- Consult youth in decision making as much as possible
- Follow this covenant fairly when dealing with problems

In this Covenant, we willingly agree to abide by these rules and expectations set by Lake Yale Conference Center and the District Gathering Committee:

- Full participation in Gathering events
- Abide by quiet time and lights out guidelines.
- Always travel in groups of 2 or more
- Adults must accompany youth to dorm rooms or motel rooms
- Be respectful of all property, including the natural habitat.

I agree to dress in modest fashion. If an adult tells me to change clothes, then I will change. I will dress in agreement with the guidelines set by Lake Yale Conference Center:

- I will not wear strapless tops or midriff revealing clothing.
- I will wear modest length shorts that fit properly. (no underwear showing)
- If I wear a two-piece swimsuit, I will wear a shirt over it.
- I will not wear any clothing with inappropriate words or pictures that are not in keeping with our Christian standards.

If an individual participates in any activities or others deemed severe, he/she will be sent home immediately at the parents/guardians expense. The following are examples of severe actions.

- Possessing an alcoholic beverage, narcotic, or tobacco product

- Possessing a weapon
- Breaking the law
- Inappropriate sexual behavior

When someone fails to keep their promise this covenant, we will handle the problem with the following consequences:

- They may be asked to consult privately with the Adult Leader or other youth involved
- Youth may be required to sleep on the floor in an Adult Leader's room (same gender)
- Youth may be required to spend part or all of a day under the direct supervision of an adult leader

This covenant shall serve as my promise to the other members of the group as my commitment to abide by the guidelines of the covenant. All members are responsible for honoring and upholding this covenant, and all members are responsible to remind others of the importance of the covenant.

Participant's Signature (Youth and Adult) Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature Date

Primary Adult Leader Signature Date