

MMYG Letter of Expectations

We have a large, diverse group and value each soul as a gift to us from God! In our group there are many different perspectives on what are “necessary rules.” Our convictions are not all at the same place. We hope we can be a group that respects each other and edifies each other in spite of this. What is below are expectations for our time together in the youth group. We welcome your questions and honest feedback at any time!

Personal Integrity and Character in Group Interaction:

- **Look for ways to serve** the youth group rather than waiting to see what the youth group will do for you. Participate with the mindset of having a great time regardless of the people or activity.
- **Gather a few friends and make something good happen for ALL** when there is free time, rather than wait on youth advisors to come up with an activity. Keep in mind that getting good group discussion going is an awesome activity at any time!! This counts for Bible Studies or just hanging out time.
- **Be purposeful in including others.** While it is natural to gravitate to your best friends, be purposeful in not going off into a corner, playing your own games, or excluding others from your small group. Intentionally include those who seem least plugged in. Save your best friends for a separate time.
- **Be on the lookout for any newcomers** in our group and take the time to ask what their name is or just to tell them they are welcome and that you are glad they came! If it is a 15 year old and you are an old pro at this “youth group thing” invite them into games and activities...*they WILL remember you and love you for this!!*

Tech Use:

- **Be VERY aware of how your screen time affects others.** When it is an organized activity, limit it as much as possible, and especially during times of spiritual input and Bible study, etc.
- **Refrain from streaming movies or playing video games** unless you have gotten permission from a youth leader. (Include your parents in this discussion also.) This includes keeping our commitment of working towards Christ-like purity in anything being looked at on our phones etc.

Dress:

- **Girls: wear skirts or skorts.** No shorts, jeans, or pants at any time, unless permitted by youth leaders because of a specific need.
- **Our district churches are committed to the practice of women veiling their heads.** We are asking that all young women with our group, *who have made this commitment prior*, be consistent and keep themselves veiled at all times. This includes activities such as skiing, sledding, etc.
- **Guys: Long pants or knee length shorts should be worn** when on workweeks, etc., but we also recognize that there are varying expectations from families regarding shorts, so we ask you to be respectful of each other’s practices. There also may be dress guidelines given by the organizations we choose to serve with and are committed to honoring them as well.
- **All swimming attire** during youth activities should include T -shirts and shorts worn by guys and girls.
- **The sleeping quarters of the opposite sex are off-limits at all times** when we are at a cabin, workweek, etc. and no sleep-wear is to be worn in the vicinity of the opposite sex. When it is time to change into sleep-wear, it is also time to go to your own quarters and stay there till morning.
- **Purity and modesty are a huge deal to the Lord**, so we want it to be an important standard in our youth group. These are areas where we should do what we do, first, because we represent the name of Jesus. Second, to show self-dignity and self-respect; and third, for the sake of others.

Miscellaneous:

- **We ask that you follow state-ordained driver's license guidelines** when traveling to and from, or participating in, youth activities.
- **Permission to leave the location of the group** while at a cabin, on work week trips, or other special outings, must be first discussed with a youth leader.
- **During night time driving/traveling**, guys and girls will be seated separately on the bus.
- **Substance use/abuse of any kind will not be tolerated!** This includes alcohol, drugs, tobacco, excessive energy supplements or drinks, etc.
- **Think about your exit strategy** -- what do you want to be remembered for at the end of this time together? At the end of this year? 10 years from now? In eternity? Build your youth group time around your answer.

PERSONAL COMMITMENT for Workweek 2026

- € I commit to work at having an open and pure heart before God. See Psalm 51:10.
- € I commit to be flexible and offer grace to my teammates. I will strive to be a team player.
- € I commit to represent the Lord, my family, and my church well during the duration of this trip
- € I will guard my words carefully...trying to be a positive influence always
- € I will submit to God by following the leadership designated for this team. Knowing they care for me and are committed to my safety.
- € I know my youth leaders are open to hearing from me anytime, about anything I may need.
- € I will attempt some things that I feel uncomfortable with, and reach out beyond myself to share Christ's love.
- € I read, and am committed to the 'MMYG Letter of Expectations' even if I don't fully see the necessity of some items aforementioned.

Youth signature _____ Print Name _____

Parent(s) signature _____ Date _____

Comments _____

