

## **BEHAVIOR AND CONDUCT POLICY**

Lighthouse Student Ministries is committed to Christian behavior and is dedicated to encourage each person involved to be as Christ-like as possible. In order to attain such a high calling, we recognize the importance of a set of rules that would be ideal for each individual to behave in a Christian manner. The following list of specified acts of behavior is intended to show what kind of behavior is appropriate and inappropriate in Bible class and on all trips.

### **Appropriate Behavior:**

- Participation in group activities.
- Positive attitudes toward fellow students and activities.
- Showing proper respect for all adult sponsors and peers in a leadership role.
- Being responsible for ones own belongings.
- Being on time.
- Knowing when to have fun and when to be serious.
- Being considerate of others before we think of ourselves.
- Helping to keep facilities and vehicles maintained and clean.

### **Inappropriate Behavior:**

- Isolating oneself from the group.
- Griping and complaining.
- Overly public display of affection: Holding hands – OK, heads on shoulder – OK, lying in laps – NOT OK!
- Disrespect for authority by speech or actions.
- Tardiness
- Inappropriate clothing: extremely short shorts and skirts, midriff tops, sagging pants that show boxers, low cut tops and clothing with suggestive or rude slogans.

### **Behavior we will NOT Tolerate:**

- Crude, vulgar, obscene language, off-colored jokes, tobacco of any form, drugs, drinking, immodest dress or body movements, sexual promiscuity, and other immoral acts like gambling, stealing, cheating, lying, fighting or weapons of any type.
- Throwing anything in or from vehicles, yelling at or harassing anyone in or outside the vehicle, or doing anything from the vehicle that would reflect badly on the Church.
- Sneaking out of your room after hours or skipping events while at an activity or on a trip.
- Use of cell phones or other electronic devices during youth activities.
- Use of any illegal substance or any legal substance used other than prescribed; sharing prescription drugs with other people.

### **Youth Trip Guidelines:**

- Modest attire will be expected for all activities.
- All money for events is due upon the sign-up deadline date and is to be given to the Youth Minister.
- Medical Release Forms are to be given to the Youth Minister prior to the trip. Without one, the student will not attend any activities until one is provided.

- No Teens are allowed to drive on youth trips.
- Friends are welcomed and encouraged to attend. The inviting teen is responsible for letting friends know the guidelines and they will also be expected to follow them.
- While at activities, all decisions made by the Youth Minister and Adults are final.

If an individual chooses to behave contrary to these guidelines, the adults in authority will counsel with him/her privately and exercise appropriate disciplinary measures. The disciplinary measure could include the withholding of privileges and it may demand sending him/her home at his/her own expense or not allowing him/her to participate in the event.

I, the undersigned, have read and fully understand and agree to the expectations of behavior and the consequences of violating the rules, as outlined in this document.

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Youth Name (please print)

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Youth Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Note: A signed behavioral form is required in order to be able to attend any off-site or overnight youth events.

