

**Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church**  
**Year-Long Behavior Covenant For Youth Events**



Youth Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose**

This covenant is a commitment that you are making to God, Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, your youth leaders, and your fellow youth in order that our trip/event may be a good experience for all. Every trip/event we participate in should reflect what we understand the Christian life to be. In some ways many of these “rules” are already implied, but they are listed as a reminder that Christianity looks different.

Going on a trip with the Youth Department at Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church should be viewed as a gift. It is not to be abused. Participants ought to be encouraged to grow in their faith throughout the trip/event. If you breach the confidence of any of the following items the staff member(s) of Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church reserve the right to send you home. This is not to come across as heavy-handed but rather to demonstrate the integrity of this ministry. There are standards and expectations which we follow as we grow in our love for God and each other. By signing this document, you agree to be held accountable to these standards. You also take responsibility for any financial liabilities incurred as a result of poor behavior.

**Youth Covenant:**

I acknowledge and accept that community life at a Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church sponsored trip/event is based upon mutual trust, respect for God, myself, and others. In addition to this, I acknowledge and commit to adhere to the standards and expectations set by the leadership of this trip/event.

**Standards/Expectations:**

- The use or possession of alcohol, illegal drugs is prohibited
- The use or possession of tobacco in any form is prohibited. Lighters are also not appropriate on youth events.
- The use or possession of any weapon is prohibited (A **small** pocket knife may be allowed, but the Director of Youth Ministry must be informed and approve. Large knives will be taken until the end of the trip/event).
- Riding in or driving a motor vehicle without specific permission from the Director of Youth Ministry or another responsible adult youth leader is prohibited
- Participants are expected to remain on the property we are visiting during the time we are scheduled to be there.
- Sexual behavior, be it implied, consensual, or verbal is not acceptable.
- Inappropriate language and gestures will not be used

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_