

# Trips and Retreats Covenant

Before anything else comes "attitude"...a good attitude is crucial. REMEMBER you are a guest wherever we stay or work. On trips you represent not only yourself, but our church. On trips we encourage you to bring with you a CHRIST - LIKE attitude.

I enter into this covenant realizing that my first and foremost purpose is to experience God, come to know Jesus better, connect with others, and share the gospel with others. I also accept without any reservation the regulations below:

1. Please abide by the boundaries of all the places we stay. Be respectful of the facilities and obey the facility rules and staff. Destruction of property will be paid for by persons responsible for damage.
2. Behave appropriately towards yourself and others. Everyone (youth and adults) will respect one another and those people that we encounter.
3. Please do not leave valuables around (purse, camera, etc.). If you find something of yours missing, first make sure that it isn't misplaced. Once you have checked every possible place, come directly to Miranda or the adult in charge and he or she will take care of the matter.
4. Be responsible. Let adults know where you will be. Remember the rule of three. Know the schedule and be on time.
5. Please leave the facility clean, remembering that you are a guest wherever we stay. At Grace we have a long reputation of "leaving a place better than we found it" and want to keep it that way.
6. Proper dress is important. We are making a statement about who Christians are by what we wear. Use discernment to make these decisions, and if you have a question about proper dress ask an adult. No inappropriate logos. Swimwear: Girls – one piece or modest two piece, Guys: regular swimsuits (no speedos).
7. No girls visiting in the boys' bedrooms/bathrooms and no boys in the girls' bedrooms/bathrooms.
8. If you have a boyfriend or a girlfriend on the trip, please refrain from public displays of affection. No sexual behavior of any kind is allowed.
9. Cell phones must be turned in prior to departure and will be returned when on the bus.
10. Firecrackers and weapons of any kind are not allowed.
11. Be enthusiastic! Enter into the planned activities with an attitude of openness and joy. Participate when necessary. During quiet reflection times; please respect others, remain quiet and don't engage those still in reflection.
12. Do not bring and please abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, and/or other substances/activities that may be detrimental to the health and well-being of others and yourself.
13. No drugs, alcohol, or bad language. Nothing fancy, electronic, unwholesome or illegal!

Acknowledge that if I violate the terms of this covenant in any way there will be consequences (including the possibility of being sent home early at parent's expense) determined on an individual basis with the safety and well-being of the entire group as a primary consideration. The Youth Director is, during a camp session, the final authority on all matters pertaining to policy and rules.

Signature of youth \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and discussed this Trips and Retreats Covenant with my son/daughter and agree to support it. I will do all I can to encourage him/her to abide by the terms of it and do hereby give permission for my son/daughter to participate in Grace Lutheran Church trips.

Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_